

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, YEOVIL, SOMERSET

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Details

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of personal space for prayer. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The provision of Sunday school and youth activities with a Christian ethos. Promoting the whole mission of the Church of England. 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.
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£390,150	£411,124	-	-
2023-12-31	£361,611	£429,980	-	-
2022-12-31	£389,700	£414,320	-	-
2021-12-31	£332,271	£336,226	-	-
2020-12-31	£330,650	£340,880	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev JAMES DUDLEY-SMITH MA, BTH	Chair	
Alan Irwin		2022-04-25
Ann Thurgood		2022-04-25
Calum McFarlane		2020-10-19
Crawford Gordon Murray		2026-04-22
Doreen Maitland		2024-04-17
Ethan Howard		2025-04-30
Gordon Alistair McFarlane		2026-04-22
Gregory Steven Wright		2026-04-22
Helen Monica Truett		2026-04-22
JAMES EDWARD CARY		2014-04-09
Joy Elizabeth Neville		2026-04-22
Keith Ovenden		2022-04-25
Les Whittle		2022-04-25
Lin Hann		2015-04-14
ROB DEAN		2011-04-19
Rev Ben Graham		2020-04-01
Robert Warr		2024-04-17
Ros Bush		2014-04-17
Timothy Thurgood		2026-04-22
Varinder Kumar		2025-04-30

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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	Chairman
Associate Ministers	Revd Ben Graham Revd George Beverly	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Rob Dean Janet Dean Phil Juggins Beth Farrington	St Andrew's
Member of Diocesan Synod	Rob Dean	
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Lin Hann Keith Ovenden	St John's
Deputy Warden	Brian Gay	St Andrew's
Elected Members	Lucie Bruce Ros Bush Nick Chatwin Chris Frazer Doreen Maitland David Matthew Calum McFarlane Tim Osborn Lizzy Pudner Kate Scorer Ann Thurgood Tim Thurgood Chris Tune Robert Warr Les Whittle	
Co-opted Members	Janet Dean Alan Irwin	Secretary Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- St John's is thriving and growing after recovery from the difficult years of the Covid pandemic.
- Lin Hann and Keith Ovenden continue to serve us as Churchwardens and work extremely well as a team.
- George Beverly was ordained during the year. He continues his busy life as Chaplain of King's School, Bruton, as well as taking the occasional service in St John's when he has the time!
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected but continue to run at a deficit each year.
- Congregations at our services grew throughout the year with many newcomers attending
- Services continued to be live-streamed as this has been especially beneficial for those more elderly members of the congregation or those who are unwell at home, or even for those who are away on holiday.
- Tuesday morning communion continued.
- A new gathering was begun on Friday mornings entitled Friday at Nine, or FAN as it has become known.
- The Gone Fishing Café continues to thrive on Thursday mornings.
- Youth activities continue.
- Holiday Club took place in July and was well attended.
- First Wednesday prayers continued and remained some of the time on Zoom as this proved a popular option for many, particularly during the dark winter months.
- The various fellowship groups meet in person twice a month, though one group continues to meet via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, continue to meet each week.
- Christians Against Poverty continued to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt.
- The Tech Team, ably led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication; they also continue to livestream services for those who wish to watch services at home each week or who are unable to attend for any reason.

There is, therefore, once again a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on four occasions during the year and were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- Mission giving
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- The fabric of St John's and the ongoing repairs
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism
- Prayers of Love and Faith, regarding same sex relationships

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Church Wardens' Report

2024 has been a busy year at St Johns. Keeping a busy church like St Johns functioning involves so many people and we are truly blessed with a congregation made up of so many gifted people. The skills gifts and talents that are given by God to further his Kingdom require commitment and sacrifice on behalf of us all; organisational skills, creative skills, teaching skills, interpersonal skills are all put to good use!

The Parish Office has seen a dramatic change; as Emma went off to Maternity leave she was smoothly replaced by Chris Tune who is standing in until she returns later this year. We are so impressed and grateful for Chris who has taken up the challenge and really helped us maintain direction and pace.

We have had to say farewell to Terry Bush in his role as Facilities Coordinator which he has carried out to our benefit and his credit so well over the years and he is now enjoying his retirement in full measure. As an experiment we have recruited Andy Lane to the role of Facilities co-ordinator for a year to enable us to understand what this role now entails as the life of our church has grown so much. The Mid week welcomer role has been filled by volunteers for whom we are very grateful for, and the cleaning roles have been taken up by a professional team on a monthly basis, again as an experiment.

Quinquennial repair work is underway project managed by Phill Juggins and the newly named Buildings Repair and Maintenance team. As well as all of the groups involved in the life of the church a new group has formed who are busy refurbishing all of the pew runners headed by Claire Coulson. It is a huge task and we look forward to seeing all of the pews graced with a padded seat by the end of the year!

I cannot report without acknowledging the huge impact that our clergy make directing us spiritually and ministering to us throughout the year. James, Ben, George aided by Doug and all of the preaching team put so much work into the preaching and teaching in all sorts of ways; as James enjoys the remains of his sabbatical, we must acknowledge how much we have appreciated Ben at the helm, supported by Abi and the boys.

2024/5 has been challenging in many ways; your PCC has discussed many important topics. Prayers of love and Faith, Safeguarding including domestic abuse are just two that have challenged us prompting passionate debate in a spirit of openness, grace and respect.

As we enter a new period of activity this year, I want to share our thoughts around the challenge of providing volunteers to staff all of the regular and adhoc events that go on in our church. For example, it

may surprise you to learn that there are 23 rotas involved in just making Sunday services work! The available pool of human resource for that is changing rapidly as retired people get older and less able, younger couples are working more and have young families as well as having to work well into their 60s! As we grow in numbers (55 people were added to our number in 2024/25) the challenge in making all of our activities work will only increase and I encourage you to look hard to see where you may be able to lessen the burden on the few that do so much.

God continues to bless us in his provision to us and we can be thankful for all he has provided and will provide in the future!

Keith Ovenden
Church Warden

Sidespersons Report

One original definition of this role is “sidespeople are appointed to promote the cause of true religion in the parish, and to assist the church wardens in the discharge of their duties in maintaining order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service “.

Across the Church of England these days, churches have created two roles under the heading of sidespeople: deputy wardens and welcomers. Here at St Johns, we have two wonderful teams: eight deputy wardens and fifteen welcomers.

It has been another very busy year and it seems as if there is more and more happening in the church, both on Saturdays, Sundays, mid-week and evenings.

Deputy wardens continue to arrive early before services and leave late, ensuring that the building is open and ready for use and then closed safely afterwards. They also keep us safe during the services and will be very quick to assist, should there ever be a fire. This is very much a hidden role and the wardens on a Sunday morning can be on duty for more than four hours at a time as they are always last to leave after we have enjoyed coffee and a time fellowship together.

Apart from Sunday mornings and evenings, there are a number of other events which they cover. These include Civic services, commercial events, often running late into the evening, choir performances, weddings, funerals, school carol services and all of their rehearsals in December, as well as extra Christmas and Easter events. The deputy wardens welcome these opportunities to invite people into church and visitors who are new to the building are often blown away by its beauty. We have had many new people joining us this year.

We all know what a difference it makes to be welcomed at an event or a meeting, particularly if we are new to that meeting or anxious about attending. Our welcomers do an amazing job of welcoming every adult and child who attend on a Sunday morning or evening. Many people tell us that, as a church family, we are incredibly friendly and welcoming and our welcoming team play a huge part in that.

There are times when the church is extremely full for which we praise God, and our deputy wardens and welcomers do an amazing job at fitting everyone in.

Lin Hann
Churchwarden

Report on the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll for 2025 currently stands at 212. Forty three previous members came off and 73 new members joined St John's congregation.

Chris Tune
Temporary Church Secretary

St John's Finance Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

The statutory accounts of St John's also include the data for St Andrew's. However, this report covers only the finances of St John's, which are managed by means of several funds. The General Fund can be spent at the discretion of the PCC and mostly covers the day-to-day running costs of the church. Several Designated Funds hold money set aside for specific purposes, such as the Schoolrooms Fund. Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were originally set up, such as the Peter Wakely Community Fund and the Christians Against Poverty Fund.

The General Fund

Regular general giving to St John's in 2024 amounted to £154,567, with other donations totalling £47,066 and the tax recovered was £41,188. This makes a total for general giving of £242,821.

We also received legacy gifts of £2k. With the approval of the PCC, £30k was drawn down from the Peter Wakely investment fund in order to support our pastoral and outreach work during the year. The Friends of St Johns, which had raised many thousands of pounds for the upkeep of the church buildings over the years, closed their operations in 2024 and transferred almost £5,000 to the St John's Church Building Fund. We also received a £5,000 grant from the Horseman Trust.

Our regular expenditure in 2024 was dominated by staff costs (c.£73k), Maintenance and Cleaning (c.£15k), utilities (c.£13k) and the Parish Share, which is paid to the Diocese of Bath and Wells (c.£167k). When other costs are added, the general monthly expenditure was typically £4.5k more than our general monthly income. We donated £24k to our mission partners and a mission giving budget of £24k was set for 2025, which is 10% of the general donations received in 2024.

The balance of the St John's general fund at the end of 2024 was approximately £37k, which is slightly up on last year.

Designated Funds

The St John's Church Building Fund (previously known as the Fabric Fund) balance reduced by c.£6k to £52k, due to spending on maintenance and repairs.

During 2024, the remainder of the Youth Development Investment Fund was spent in support of our children and youth ministry. The closing balance was zero, and the fund was closed. It should be noted that this is only an administrative change. All donations to the children and youth work at St John's will continue to be reserved for that purpose, and will go towards our junior church, Friday youth club and other children's ministry activities.

Similarly, all of the monies in the Schoolrooms Fund, the Organ Fund and the Office Equipment Reserve Fund were expended in 2024. These funds have also been closed.

Restricted Funds

There are four funds categorised as restricted:

- *The Restoration Fund*

Apart from accumulated interest, there were no significant transactions in the Restoration Fund in 2024, leaving the closing balance at £13,629.

- *Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Fund*

This fund raises and spends money in support of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre, managed by Mary Irwin. A total of £64,778 was given and raised in 2024 to support this ministry. The expenditure, comprising the monthly salaries of the manager and debt coach, a monthly payment to CAP HQ, and other operating expenses, amounted to £49,932. There was a surplus in the year of £14,846 and the balance carried forward to 2025 was £52,157.

- *The Peter Wakely Community Fund*

This fund was set up with the proceeds of the legacy received from Peter Wakely. The funds are invested in a unit trust administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners. During the year we used £30,000 from this fund to help pay for our pastoral and outreach ministries. However, the fund value also benefitted from an increase in the stock market during 2024 and the closing balance was £247,725.

- *The Tom Setter Belfry Fund*

During 2024, the value of the Tom Setter hardly changed. The final balance was £11,847.

The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows where our total funds of £416,377 are invested. Most of this is accounted for by designated or restricted funds with a relatively modest £37k represented by the General Fund. A total of £305,574 is invested in unit trusts administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners; £39,683 is on deposit with CCLA; £65,120 is in three current accounts with NatWest bank, which pay some interest, and £6,000 is in National Savings.

Looking forward to the remainder of 2025, our regular expenditure continues to exceed our income and our reserves and investments must be used to fill the gap.

Operating costs are expected to continue rising this year. The PCC have approved a pay rise for our staff to help them with the rising cost of living. Utilities costs are continuing to rise, while the 2025 Parish Share remains close to the 2024 figure.

We are particularly grateful for the ongoing generous donations from church members and others. In 2025, as always, I would ask that all of us should actively and regularly review our level of giving to the work of St John's, and increase it if that is appropriate. If you can commit to regular giving by standing order, this method helps to make our income more stable. Of course, donations using the envelope scheme or in other ways are equally welcomed and appreciated. Please also ensure that you add Gift Aid to your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Last year we reclaimed more than £41,000 from HMRC and could not have managed without it.

While regular planned giving contributes to our day-to-day running costs, a legacy in your will offers the opportunity to donate to St John's out of your estate, perhaps for specific purposes. The largest legacy that we have received in the last few years is £189,895 from Peter Wakely, but of course legacies of any amount are valued. Such gifts can be invested and may provide a lasting and valuable resource for many years. We have produced a leaflet about legacies and a copy is available at the back of the church. If you are considering including a legacy to St John's in your will, please discuss this with the treasurer or a warden, who can advise you on the needs of the church.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me to continue in the job of Treasurer in 2024. In particular, I owe a large debt of thanks to Emma Handcock and Chris Tune for administrative support and to Judith Brookes for managing our Gift Aid scheme.

Alan Irwin
Treasurer of St John's

St John's Building Report for 2024 (to April 2025)

The 'Building Committee' (previously known as the Fabric Committee) is a sub-committee of the PCC which meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church building and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Surveys (the latest being in July 2023). In 2024, the committee met in February, April, July, September and November, in addition to coordination through emails and other ad hoc communication. Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through 2024, including non-routine activities as follows:

Vestry Roof damage and leaking - resulting in damp in areas of the vestry and main church. A rainwater hopper and connecting pipe had fallen (Nov 2023) and damaged the flat roof asphalt covering. Roofer Simon Hodder provided a quote to paint the flat roof with liquid rubber sealer and repair / re-fix the hopper and pipe. He was unresponsive in completing the work, which was passed to Dale Pitman of Acorn Roofing in August to (for the same quote). He repaired the hopper and downpipe but did not seal the roof, initially delayed by wet weather. Eventually (in March 2025) the damaged area of the roof was sealed by our own action.

Leaks in the vestry toilet and office ceilings should be alleviated by this work. A refurbishment of the toilet is proposed in 2025, with a quote now accepted from Tim Cracknell, comprising repairs of decorative surfaces and upgrading / renewal of existing facilities.

Internal stone damage due to damp on the north wall below the window adjacent to the organ, and by the Phelps Memorial, is thought to be caused by the vestry roof issues. These areas are being monitored – re-decorating will be required when confident the walls are no longer damp (brushing off loose plaster in advance).

Vestry and South Transept, internal decoration – The vestry work has been completed, with paintwork on one wall in the S Transept remaining to be applied, when the plaster has dried.

Salt deposits are coming out of the N/NE vestry wall new plaster. It is proposed to brush off the loose surface plaster and let the wall dry over the coming Summer. The plasterer is to be consulted too.

Stonework Repairs (including South Transept Parapet stone fracture) – Requests for quotations were made to 10 contractors for a parapet coving block repair and a package of other stonework repairs identified for completion in 12-24 months by the 2023 Quinquennial Inspection. Initial quotes were obtained from Cliveden Conservation (£26k) and Gary Sayer of Crowstep (£7.5k) after visits to the church. Stonemason Luke Grafton also visited and requested a more detailed specification, which was obtained from the church architect and will also support the List B application for the Diocese. Gary Sayer visited the church on March 2025 to review his quote in the light of the specification. Significant further erosion of exterior (north) window frames was identified, which Gary will consider when quoting. Tim Cracknell has quoted £11k but is unable to do the work. Luke Grafton is now unavailable until 2026. Quotes were to be confirmed for completion of the work in Summer 2025, with cost expected around £10k. List B application is to be made to the Diocese (initiated). At time of writing, we await Gary Sayer's revised quote.

Miscellaneous – Quotes for an alarm system to protect the **roof lead sheeting** have been collated. A project to replace all **light bulbs** (including internal and external spotlights) with low-energy LED bulbs is being scoped for completion in Summer 2025. Roger Fox has identified work required to improve **the bells** and a quote from Nicholson Engineering (£2.8k) has been accepted, for completion in 2025.

At the end of 2024 we said goodbye and a **big thank you** to Terry Bush and welcomed Andy Lane in his new role; in March 2025 **more thanks** and a farewell to Tim Thurgood. **Many thanks** too to Lin for her brilliant support, as warden on the team, with Keith now swapping over from her.

With thanks to all who care for our building!

Phil Juggins (Building Committee Chair)

St John's Bell Ringers

We have had some encouraging developments at St John's recently; due to increasing involvement from other bands and individuals in the area we have many opportunities to help us improve our ringing.

The focus for our Monday practices was originally to teach beginners and to give newer ringers an extra opportunity to practice rounds, call changes and place-making. Four new ringers, based in Odcombe, now ring for services and support both bands along with others from the village. We are currently teaching three other beginners at Odcombe and St John's. As outlined below, we are fortunate to come together with ringers from other towers on a regular basis.

In addition to this, a Wednesday session with six tied bells at the start of the practice has proved popular, as improvers can be practising skills particular to them and developing more confidence in bell handling. Individuals from other towers, especially Martock and Odcombe, support this practice and the open ringing at the end is often appreciated by visitors to the town. We are improving one step at a time!

Our links with other bands is invaluable. We work very closely with Odcombe Clangers; teaching of beginners takes place at both venues and we support each other at practices and service ringing. Towards the end of last year, Pen Hooper and Taunton Minster ringers kindly started coming to help - on the first Monday of the month - so we have the opportunity to ring all 12 bells. This year we have arranged to hold another of our Monday practices - the third Monday of the month - at East Coker, where there are a number of people keen to ring but not enough to form a steady band.

We are fortunate to have these opportunities to go regularly to other towers as it offers a breadth of experience and develops strong local bonds so we can support each other in local ringing commitments. There are too many individuals to thank personally, but we are very particularly grateful to Dave Hammonds and Lawrence Bignell as well as Pen Hooper and her band, who have freely given their time and experience to encourage us in our efforts. Lawrence's expert work on the simulator at St John's adds a valuable asset to the practices. It means that we can tie clappers on a number of bells so they do not sound outside, but can listen to them strike using a computer programme. We hope it will help to improve the consistency of our striking - once we have learned how to use it!

Unfortunately it has become increasingly difficult for Roger to access the ringing at St John's and we miss his guidance there. However, he is very active 'behind the scenes' in coordinating activities and we are all so glad to benefit from his continuing leadership and involvement.

Annette Organ
Bell Captain

St John's Young Adults - SJYA

St John's Young Adults meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We do a range of social activities which change through the seasons, but we often end up having a good old chat in the pub! Bowling, games nights, bring and share dinners, walks and BBQs all feature throughout the year.

Each month we have plenty of great conversations and encouraging fellowship together. This year we have been in a wonderful time of growth in numbers with many young adults moving to the area recently and we have been encouraged to see new friendships form in the group and a growing sense of community. We are lucky to have a mixture of individuals - those who are from other churches, those who are curious about faith, and others who are regular church goers. We hope in the next year to continue to see more new faces - if you find yourself talking to someone you might class as a young adult who may be interested

in the group, please feel free to pass on either of our email addresses to them and we can make sure that they get all the information that they need to get involved.

Tim and Hannah Osborn

Youth Ministry

Our work with young people continues to be one of the things I thank and praise God for the most. Although we have seen slightly lower numbers this year due to our large group of older youth becoming busy with exams and jobs and other things, there has been no decrease in the spiritual engagement, quite the opposite in fact!

“Friday Youth” is a big highlight for me each week, as it is for many young people. We meet on Friday evenings in term time with 15-20 young people and a team of 4 leaders. We serve them a snack as they arrive to energise them for the organised activity which varies from week to week – sports, games, crafty challenges, giant hungry hippos, water fights, task master, baking and much more. We then gather round for a talk from the Bible before splitting into smaller groups to discuss what we’ve heard and to pray for each other. In 2024 we started with a topical series on Big Questions in the spring. We worked our way through the I AM statements in John’s gospel in the summer term, and then did a series on prayer in the Autumn term. We made our annual trip to Heatree Activity Centre, which continues to be a highlight for youth and leaders alike. George Beverly helped us to see what God says to us about our identity, which prompted many hours of discussion that the youth wanted to continue into leisure and mealtimes! I’m not sure who had more fun acting out our murder mystery; the youth watching or the leaders who got to act and ad lib hilarious antics! Throughout the year, we also had some local trips, including a trip to the Cary’s for a bonfire and (surprisingly good) fireworks, an evening at Tesco for the Tesco Challenge, an evening walking around Yeovil judging the quality of chips (oh, the life of a youth leader!)

Please continue to pray for our precious young people who are under so much pressure at school and in the secular world they live in. Pray that this gathering would continue to be time to unwind after a busy week with friends, but that it would also be a place where they are spurred on to live for Jesus. Please also pray for the youth team as we seek to make it a space where they feel increasingly comfortable inviting friends. And please pray on for God to provide someone with a heart for serving youth and a desire to lead this ministry.

“Pathfinders” is our group for young people in school years 7-11. We meet in the crypt during St John’s 10:30 service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays to study God’s word together. This group varies from a quiet group of 2 or 3 to a sparky group of as many as 15! We have enjoyed working through Mark’s gospel in the first half of 2024 and then did a series called Back to Basics where we looked at what it means to live our lives for Jesus. Please pray for Jam as he works hard writing the material for this group. Please also pray for us as we navigate group dynamics when the people present can vary so much from week to week. Pray those in their final year of GCSE’s as they also adjust to staying in the service each week by the end of the academic year.

“JOY Group” (=Just Older Youth) continues to be a joy! Jam and I meet with a group of half a dozen youth in their GCSE and A level years for a Bible study and a game. And, of course, cake. We now meet monthly on a Monday evening. In 2024 we finished Colossians, worked through the Back to Basics series and also started a series in the Psalms. I always leave this group thanking God for the depth of our discussions and the abundance of laughter. Please pray for this group as we wrestle with what faith looks like in practice; pray that their faith would be real and deep and that it would sustain them as they go out into the wider world.

Candy Price
Minister for Children and Youth

Junior Church Report 2024

2024 was another busy year in Junior Church. We had 30 regular children, many visitors and over 20 adults helping in the different groups along with four teenage assistants.

Scramblers (3 years old to Reception) was led by Melissa Cary, Abi Graham and Chris Pavey. They were assisted by Ellie Bradley, Jayne Watson and Doreen Maitland. Our teenage helper was Ronel Fossi Bakam and in the autumn term, due to increased numbers, we were joined by Davina Fossi Bakam and Emelia Smith. There were 9 regular Scramblers in the Spring and Summer terms, rising to 12 in the autumn term. In fact, there were so many children at the beginning of the autumn term that we had to have an extra adult each week on standby in case we surpassed our safeguarding ratio of one adult to every four children (the teenage helpers counted as children). Many thanks to all those who agreed to be on call for us each week. It was such a squeeze in the downstairs school room with the children, teenage helpers and adults that we had to swap rooms with the creche. Thank you very much to the creche team for accommodating our needs. We really appreciate the extra room to move around and play games.

We have a rolling two-year curriculum for the children in Scramblers, circling through five different topics: **God Made** which introduces God as the universal Creator of all things, **Thank You God** which teaches the appropriate response of gratitude for all that God has made including who we are as human beings, **God Cares** which teaches that the Creator God knows everything about us. He is intimately involved in the details of our lives, **Friends with God** which teaches how we can be friends with God because of Jesus' death on the cross and what that friendship involves, and **The Life of Jesus** which introduces Jesus as the Son of God who came to rescue us from sin and death. As the children are in Scramblers for two years they get a thorough grounding on all these topics before going up to Climbers.

Climbers (Years 1 to 3) was led by Chris Tune, Becky Dudley-Smith and James Maitland and assisted by Emma Handcock, Helen Peace, and Victoria Bradley. Becky Lukins joined the team to replace Emma Handcock in the autumn term. There were 8 in this group throughout the year.

Explorers (Year 4 to 6) was led by Rowena Murray, Candy Price and Anne Wickes. They were assisted by Tim Neville, Jo-Anne Smith and JJ Bidwell. Davina Fossi Bakam, Harry Dudley-Smith and Emelia Smith were the teenage helpers in the first part of the year. This started out as the biggest group in Junior Church with 13 children, but after 8 children moved up to Pathfinders, there were just 6 children in the autumn term.

Together Climbers and Explorers started the year with a series exploring the Sermon on the Mount and learning what it means to be a member of God's Kingdom, then they studied Jesus' death and resurrection from Matthew 27-28, in the summer they explored the lives of Elijah, Daniel and Esther and in the autumn term alongside learning about God's sovereignty and grace in Jonah, and the true meaning of Christmas according to Luke, we took a break from Mustard Seeds material to explore the question of 'Who am I?' with Faith in Kids. The children discovered from the Bible that their true identity is in Christ.

Very many thanks to all our fantastic leaders and assistants for all they do to share the gospel with the children at St. John's, and to the parents for their support of this work.

Melissa Cary

Tiny Toes

Tiny Toes Baby Group meets on a Thursday morning in the School Rooms to provide support to families in the first year of their baby's life. We welcome an average of 6 families per week. It is mostly mums who attend but we have had one or two dads. We put out a variety of sensory toys which the parent can use to engage the children while enjoying "adult conversation" and home-made cake. These conversations inevitably veer towards parenting and the attendees find it a great help to chat through parenting joys

and challenges with others in the same boat. We end by singing a few nursery rhymes and always try to include one or two which point to God. We also keep them informed and invited to church events.

It is our aim that they will feel loved and supported and make friends with others who attend. To that end we work hard to encourage conversation within the group. It is also our prayer that the relationships we build with these families will be the beginning of a relationship they will have with the church and ultimately with God Himself. We have seen many families move on to the Footprints toddler group when their child is older, and some have joined the church family.

Did you know that 75% of all children under the age of 5 in the UK have links with a church toddler group. It is a HUGE opportunity for outreach in our community. Please give God thanks and praise for the opportunity and pray for more visible fruit!

St John's is grateful to Ann Thurgood who stepped down from leading this group at Easter 2024. Please join me in praying for the Tiny Toes team. We give great thanks for the committed team which serves these families so faithfully, and we pray on for one more team member to share the load and for someone with a heart for outreach willing to lead this vital ministry. Speak to Candy if you'd like to learn more.

Candy Price
Minister for Children and Youth

Footprints Toddler Group

We meet in the Church Rooms on term-time Monday mornings from 10 – 11.30 am. The team is made up of 10 willing volunteers, some of them new to the role and others seasoned helpers.

We start with playtime which is followed by a time together for a Christian song and Bible story before children sit for a snack and adults enjoy cakes home-baked by generous members of our Church family. More playtime, before songs together and our goodbye "blessing" song. Our theme for the coming term is "Our Great Big Loving God".

We regularly have around 14 children, many of whom come up from Tiny Toes and so we are privileged to watch them grow into more confident children ready for school and pre-school. We get to know the families who come from all over Yeovil and surrounding areas and are able to support them and share the gospel with them through our programme of stories and invitation to church events. We recently have parent who has started re-attending church and asking questions about faith and several come to Carol Services and Easter Family events.

We would value prayers for the continued effectiveness of building good relationships with and among the families and for the ability to share the gospel and the love of Jesus in an accessible and joyful way.

Rowena Murray

Survival Squad Holiday Club 2024

Our 2024 Holiday Club in August was attended by around 70 children aged 4-11 years old. The central theme was exploring the Lord's Prayer linked with God's provision for our survival. The teaching programme put together by Ben Graham and Candy Price who divided the prayer into five sections, which we looked at in more detail each day.

We were blessed to have a wonderful team of almost 60 Adult and Young Leaders who made it all possible. We could not run the Club without the time and dedication of these people.

Prior to the main week Candy Price organised a training session. She also laid on a social event for our Young Leaders during the week.

After many years as our artistic director Jennifer Matthew stood down. We thank her for the extraordinary contribution she has made to this event, creating some amazing sets in the church.

We welcomed Kate Gillam and Emily Gilham to our team, who came forward and ably filled the breach, with much enthusiasm. Under their direction our church became a forest, complete with a waterfall, trees, woodland animals and life-sized eagle (thanks to Claire Coulson) flying above the pulpit/mountain.

We were immensely grateful to all the church family who helped transform the building on set up Sunday.

George Beverly wrote, directed and acted in the daily drama, aided valiantly by Harry Dudley-Smith, Emelia Smith, Abi Graham and a bear! Children and leaders alike were enthralled by the antics of the cast which captured and reinforced the day's teaching.

We sang to a wonderful band, under the musical direction of Becky Dudley-Smith including a song to the tune of "Bare Necessities" (lyrics penned by our very own Rector James!)

There were jokes, prayers, messy games, outdoor games and other activities in the schoolrooms which included crafts, bread making, a Lego challenge and water filtering.

On Friday the whole club went outside to take part in a shelter- building challenge which proved to be a time of organised chaos and laughter.

The whole week went by with much fun and joy. All the children were really invested in the club with many leaving on the Friday expressing a strong wish to return next year.

The Holiday Club Sunday Service saw many children returning with their family, allowing them the opportunity to show them some of the things we had done together over the week.

Planning for 'Knights of the King' Holiday Club 2025 is now well under way.

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report

The priority of pastoral care in our churches is that of encouraging and supporting, praying for and with others, to help them retain their hope and faith in the God who is holding on to them, and remember His great love for them during often difficult, unexpected, and inexplicable situations. This work is for all of us to be engaged in, and the care of others is often found in practical ways - the lift to church or to an appointment, in the making of a meal or doing some shopping, meeting for a coffee to listen and chat and pray, and a host of all different things. It is so wonderful to see a church family caring for one another, and it is a joy to be able to help co-ordinate some of this support when needed.

As with all years, for many of us there have been joys and sorrows: babies, new jobs, new homes, new illnesses, new treatment, and inevitably, death of loved ones. Through it all, God is faithful and gracious, and cares for us, and this is often shown in practical and prayerful ways through the support and love within the community of our church family.

As always, my grateful thanks to the **Pastoral Team** – Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Hannah Osborn, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Keith Stevens, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey. It has been a joy to add Lizzy Pudner and Anne Wickes to the team. We have met across the year and prayed together and sought to use the gifts we have in the pastoral setting, with many home visits undertaken, hospital visits, lifts given and practical help too. Thank you to Keith Stevens who does a tremendous amount of work in the Hospital Chaplaincy Team and in the care homes around Yeovil. With James and Keith leading services, and visits from the members of the Pastoral Team, we have an active presence in the Knoll, Ivelhurst, Cooksons Court, Grovelands and Pearson House.

The **Gone Fishing Café** operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon, and sometimes it is the first point of contact for newcomers to our church. Companionship and friendship are still at the very heart of the café and our strapline is 'nobody alone'. The CAP team – Rowena, Mary, Paul (CAP money coach), Les, Paula, Jennifer and other helpers and befrienders are often there to welcome and engage with CAP clients who come along. We enjoy delicious home-made cake and good fair-trade coffee. Laughter, prayer, listening, merriment – it all happens at the café. It's good. Why not join us? As always, a huge thank you to all who bake cakes and those who come and serve at the café. Thank you to Ann Johnson for organising the rota – if you'd like to join it to bake or to help out please do contact her or speak with me.

Fellowship Groups

These are a key aspect of our church life and growth together as Christians, as we meet and read the Bible and pray together, as we drink coffee and laugh and chat and share life together. We have 14 groups meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (most in the evenings). This year we have been looking at church life in 'Six Sunday Essentials – what has the church done for you?!' – featuring welcome, fellowship, praise, prayer, learning and Holy Communion. Reports at Fellowship Group leaders' meeting have revealed great conversations and encouragement from the groups. We are currently studying a series in Luke's Gospel. **We are seriously short of spaces in any of the groups and would like to encourage new people to join – so please do speak with me if you are able to lead or host a group.**

Caring for the Carers: We have continued to meet every couple of months, with the aim of supporting one another in the role of caregivers: those who look after relatives – both near and far. I am grateful to those who have come and shared openly about the joys and stresses of this role and who support one another so kindly, as we have prayed and listened to one another.

Captain's Table

The Captain's Table lunch club continues to be a source of joy to many, and we meet for lunch on the 1st Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church Hall, where 40 guests are provided with an excellent 2 course lunch with tea/coffee, entertainment and a Gospel message.

The lunch club has not been without its challenges over this past year for a variety of reasons. A heated metal hostess trolley was eventually purchased with money from a community grant, and this has been a very useful addition, keeping food and plates hot. The challenges of cooking in a very small kitchen space on a domestic sized oven for 40 people is not for the faint hearted, and I am very grateful to the resilience of the team of cooks: Jennifer Matthew, Roz Chatwin, Gill Brookes and Sarah Blake, who do an amazing job.

It is very much a team effort, so thank you if you have given up a few hours on a Saturday to lay tables and set up, wait on tables, wash up, make tea, provide transport, bring God's word, provide entertainment. It is always lovely to have families involved, and the older folk enjoy conversation with the children and young people who have occasionally come along and helped with their parent(s). A special thank you to Ann Beable, for all the tablecloths, T-towels, aprons and any other laundry that she has washed, ironed and returned to us.

We desperately need more helpers, especially to take a lead in cooking. With a few more cooks signed up, there would be a much better division of the work and only require help every couple of months. Could this be you?

The **Holiday at Home** in September 2024 went to **the Ukraine**, during which we enjoyed borscht and fruit pancakes. We learned some Ukrainian language with our guests – a teacher, parent and child from Preston School, accompanied by local linguist, Jonathan Peace. We learned many facts about the country and about the war, personal and emotive stories of hardship and separation that made the conflict more real to us all.

Church Family News

We have lost some dear church family members this year from St John's and St Andrew's, and since last reporting: Jose Brookes, Alan Reeves, Margo Down, Peter Poulton, Diana Rose, Rachael Maynard-Griffin, Roderick Baker (former Reader at St John's) and Tony Kirkland. Many of our church family members have suffered bereavements this year: the loss of parent, child, family member and friends.

We have said a warm 'hello' to babies Jessica (to the Handcock family), Estelle (to Lucie and Sam Bruce), Hannah (to the Ellis family), Eloria (to the Smalley family) and very recently to baby Leah (to the Deering-Wood family). It has been a joy to provide the family with meals in the early days of having a new baby in the home. Congratulations to Lizzy and Ashley on their wedding at St John's, and also to Ebuka and Miracle, and Manni and Deborah.

As I started this report, I conclude again by saying that the pastoral work is for all of us to be involved in, and a **big thank you** for all that you are doing, however big or small, however visible or invisible. It is a work that the Lord has instructed us all to do: to love one another.

Helen Peace, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Prayer Chain Report

I'm delighted to say that the parish prayer chain has increased from 24 to 31 people, mainly due to the messages being communicated via WhatsApp, which enables the message to be communicated succinctly and enabling all to receive the same message. It's great to know that there is lots of praying going on!

It is an amazing opportunity we have to provide prayer support for the specific needs of church family members as and when they arise. All requests are dealt with in a sensitive manner. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, then you can contact me and I will send out a WhatsApp notification and people will bring the situation to the Lord and ask for His help and strength.

Very recently one person on the prayer chain was being prayed for and wrote 'there is something so comforting about knowing people are praying'.

Philippians reminds us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God".

Helen Peace

The mission group met in July and November and comprises Doug Johnson (Chair), Ben Graham, Judith Brookes, Chris Salberg, Mary Irwin, Ann Johnson

Events

Barnabas *food.gives* appeal

Hilary Deneufchatel translation seminar *First Wednesday*

Visit of Pastor Constantine and launch of family sponsorship for Moldova

First Wednesday

The Mission Group provide information and prayer points for First Wednesday from our five main mission partners in rotation. Other people and needs abroad are prayed for as we receive news.

Giving

St John's PCC has agreed to give 10% of its income to support Christian training, education and compassion ministries overseas and in the UK.

The budget for 2024 was £24,000 and £20,000 was divided equally between our main mission partners:

- SIM for the work of Hilary Deneufchâtel
- Servants of the Word Bible College in The Gambia
- The Christian Institute
- Emmanuel Church, Lapusna, Moldova
- Barnabas Aid

Additional giving (£4000)

£800	Mission Direct
£800	UCCF
£800	Mike Ovey Fund (Oak Hill College)
£800	Tear Fund (Emergency Appeal)
£600	SOW Staff training
£200	Hilary Deneufchâtel (seminar expenses)

The Mission Group are grateful for the privilege of serving fellow Christians around the world and for the support and generosity of the members of St John's.

Doug Johnson

Fellowship Groups

This year our groups have studied "Six Sunday Essentials"

- Welcome – How (and why) do we make non-Christians or newcomers welcome?
- Praise – Role of music and musicians, how to focus our hearts on God
- Prayer – Especially a focus on confession and intercession. What should the church pray for?
- Learning – What are Bible readings and sermons for? Why do we do this the way we do it?
- Communion – What does Jesus intend for us through this?
- Fellowship – Is it just a chat over a cup of coffee? How do we express our 'body life' on Sundays?

Then we dug deep into Jesus teaching from Luke 11-12.

Our fellowship groups are a key part of our pastoral care, they are the first port of call in our church as we seek to love one another.

Ben Graham

Ladies Bible Study Group

The Ladies' Bible Study Group has continued to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month during term time, and our meetings always conclude with a time of prayer.

In the Summer we watched several speakers on the internet, studied the letter to Philemon, and ended the term by sharing favourite Bible verses.

During the Autumn and Spring we studied 2 Samuel, and for our last meeting before Christmas we talked about our favourite Carols.

In the lead up to Easter we shared thoughts on Bible passages on the Cross and Resurrection, not only from the Gospels, but from the Old and New Testaments, bearing in mind how Jesus, "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

We have also met socially for a meal on a couple of occasions.

Jean Conley and Helen Truett

Safeguarding report

At the end of 2024 there were approximately 126 people who were volunteering in our churches in roles which require Safer Recruitment. They all have current, satisfactory DBS checks which are repeated every 3 years, and those recently recruited have all participated in an informal interview, completed a declaration that they have no cautions or convictions, and have provided satisfactory references. Everyone has attended either online or in person safeguarding training to a level appropriate to their role, which is refreshed every three years. Our thanks go to all those who carry out these roles and especially for complying with these expectations. We cannot be too careful about ensuring that only suitable adults work with our children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The church continues to use the Safeguarding Dashboard audit tool to ensure we are following best practice. This has recently become an expectation for all churches within Bath and Wells Diocese, so it is satisfying to know that we had a head start on this and are working to the highest level of the dashboard.

In addition to the general safeguarding training thirty-nine church members have now completed the Church of England Awareness of Domestic Abuse course. We have prioritised people for this training who serve in activities such as Tiny Toes, Footprints, CAP, and the Pastoral Team but we plan to widen this further in the coming year. Nationally there has been a huge rise in cases of such abuse over the past few years, making this a very valuable topic for all to be aware of, and those who have attended report that they have found it very informative and thought provoking.

The change in 2023 to DBS checks being completed through Thirtyone:eight has brought greater clarity but also some challenges. They have emphasised that it is illegal to require someone to apply for a DBS check unless it is fully justified, checks can be purely for children, for adults or for both, and there are also different levels of check depending on the expectations of the role. We obviously must comply with law but it is sometimes hard to decide both when a check is needed and which type, however this is gradually becoming clearer.

The national headlines this year about past cases of abuse in the Church of England and discussions about independence of safeguarding, means that we need to pray for all who work to plan and implement our national Church of England processes and practices – the National Safeguarding Team, Bishops, the various Synods and the Diocesan Teams. Within St John's and St Andrews please continue to pray that we maintain the highest possible standards, making wise decisions when issues arise, and that we will be sensitive and supportive to those attending our churches who have been, or are, victims of abuse.

Ann Thurgood

Life Skills Manager's Report

Our Cap Life Skills team has run eight courses since we started in 2022 and we have helped 55 group members (who all finished the course).

The team currently consists of one Life Skills manager, five coaches (including the LS manager) and eight additional team members, two of whom are past LS group members. Our team ebbs and flows, each course depending on availability. Two team members stepped back in the past year and two new team members joined us. We also have 22 prayer supporters who pray for us each time we run a course, receiving a prayer email the day before the session and updated with the needs of the group members as well as our wider LS community.

I give thanks for all those who give their time, energy and friendship to this ministry, which immensely blesses those who join us for our courses - building friendships, providing hope, and opening the door into our church family, along with a renewed relationship, or new awareness of our Father God.

In our connected events and outreach, this past year has seen continued strengthening of friendships and changed lives within the sUpper Room group. From within CAP we also started the Food 4 Thought group for the faith explorers that we had met through our work. So far, our numbers have moved between 5-9 attendees (plus group leaders and cooks) as we follow the Glen Scrivener 3 2 1 course. A sound start, with wide-ranging discussions and interest from the group.

Our wider Life Skills community continues to grow with each course, and it is very rare to call into the Gone Fishing Café without seeing a range of familiar faces, for whom the café has become the place to come each week for a friendly welcome, companionship and the chance for conversation. We saw very good turn-outs for the CAP summer BBQ, the autumn fish and chip supper, and the Christmas tea which were, as always, great events and the combined church/CAP Beetledrive was a lot of fun with a blended mix of attendees. We even had entertainment this year with one of our very talented LS members playing the keyboard for us as the many dice flew through the air at speed!

If you would like to be part of our team, our work, or our outreach please do contact Mary Irwin or me and we will gladly talk with you about the opportunities to serve God through our CAP ministry.

Finally, we pray that in everything we do within CAP we will be examples to our CAP friends. That our Lord God will answer them if they call out, he will relieve them of their fears, show them that they have no need to be ashamed, and demonstrate the refuge he provides when the storms of life rage. More than anything we pray that they will taste and see that he is good!

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Jennifer Matthew
Life Skills Manager

St John's Website

St John's website was upgraded in 2021. The new look was intended to be fresh, modern and eye-catching while its content was tailored towards those not familiar with our Church family. We have some basic analytics running on the website looking at web traffic so I can provide the following stats.

Since the website was re-launched it has attracted over 22550 page views with 80% of our visitors being new or on a different device to a previous visit. We see 65% of people viewing the website from their phone and 33% on their desktop or laptop computers. The average time of any user remaining on the website is 55 seconds, which is actually slightly above average for websites in general (52s is average). Most of our views come from the UK but we have also had hits from the US, Nigeria and Norway in recent months. Our top 10 viewed pages in the last 30 days may surprise you:

1. Home - St John's Church - 163 views
2. Meet the team - St John's Church - 77 views
3. Sundays - St John's Church - 53 views
4. Contact - St John's Church - 34 views
5. About - St John's Church - 32 views
6. On-line Sundays - 25 views
7. Church news and updates - 18 views
8. St Andrew's Home - 14 views
9. James Dudley-Smith - 14 views
10. Upcoming Events - 11 views

A great deal of thanks must go to Emma and Chris in the Church office who have kept the website well updated with news and events and created the lovely eye-catching banners that appear on the front page.

Calum McFarlane

TCP (*Tea, coffee, croissants, and prayer*)

TCP meets on the 4th Saturday of the month in the Lower Schoolrooms between 9 and 10.30 am.

The group continues to thrive, with up to 20 members from both our churches. This is a great way of staying connected and gives us the opportunity to support one another. During our breakfast meetings we enjoy croissants, hot drinks, chatting and plenty of laughter. We keep a prayer diary and always finish the morning with a time of prayer which we all value greatly. We would always welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

In March this year, 17 of us went on a Quiet Day to Lox Farm Christian Centre near Shaftesbury. We had a wonderful, sunny and peaceful day of reflection and prayer led by Alison Handcock. We all returned home feeling blessed and refreshed. We were all in agreement that we would like to repeat this another year.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies Fellowship Group

We continue to meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7.30-9.00pm in the Lower Schoolrooms.

During the last year we have completed two banners for the autumn/harvest season which we very much enjoyed designing and making. Currently we are working on a pair of new banners which we hope will be ready for spring next year.

At present the group consists of around nine members. We welcome anyone new people who would like to be creative with us; come equipped with enthusiasm.

Roz Chatwin

St John's Band Report 2024-25

During 2024-25 the Band continued to grow in technical knowledge and repertoire. We had a committed team of: vocalists, musicians (keyboard, guitar, flute, recorder, sax, drums) and tech.

We practised on a Monday evening in the Church building and an hour before each morning and evening service. This enabled us to: pray together, get to know each other, learn from each other, go through service songs, try new ones and become more knowledgeable, comfortable with the technical side.

Each service has a different combination of musicians and vocalists. This is on a rota dependent on an individual's availability. Numbers varied from two to up to seven for each service.

We led worship in song for morning services: Together for Worship (first Sunday), Communion (fourth Sunday) and two Communions (fifth Sunday). As well as every evening service. For 2024-25 this numbered seventy services. For the Weekend @ Home: 11th, 12th, 13th October a small number of us led worship in song for each session. Also, a large Band was formed for the Carol Service.

If on reading this you are interested in adding to the Band with your gift of music or tech please speak to: Keith, Becky, Judy or myself. The four of us oversee the planning and running of the Band. We all sign up to a Band commitment membership document.

It is a privilege and blessing to serve our Church Family. Jesus is the centre and in Him we trust.

Jane Hiscock

St John's Model Railway Group

St John's Model Railway Group continues to meet every third Thursday evening of the month in the Schoolrooms, with a typical attendance of up to around 10 people. We also have the occasional session on a Saturday.

Our aim is to offer a creative fellowship activity in which we can enjoy our hobby together, being thankful for God's goodness, while welcoming anyone who wants to join us, whether having a faith or not. There's also quite a lot of tea drinking and chatting. Anyone is welcome to come and see what we're up to!

Please pray that we would honour God in our times together and have conversations that point us to Jesus and help us all to acknowledge him in our lives.

Tim Neville

Prodigal Bikes

Prodigal Bikes is a charity set up in 2017 by a small group including Tim Neville and Calum McFarlane from St John's, with the aim of "bringing hope and changing lives in both Africa and the UK" through bicycles. In our workshop near Merriott we refurbish old bikes donated to us, teaching engineering skills and giving work experience to those who need a "second chance". These bikes are then either shipped to Africa or given to refugees and asylum seekers here in the UK (some of these being paid for through the Lords Larder Community Fund). In Africa our bikes are used by patients to access healthcare, and by school children and teachers to get to schools. We also provide tools, spare parts and training to keep the bikes working.

In the southwest we now average around eight bikes a month to refugees or those who cannot afford one and to date East African countries have received 630 bikes. This year we have managed two shipments, one to Malawi in which we sent 58 bikes and a large amount of spares and our largest shipment ever to Tanzania, which received 315 bikes and spares. It has been a year of many ups and downs which reminds us of God's grace in our work and makes us ever grateful for the continued support and prayers of members of St John's.

Calum McFarlane

St John's Bookstall (SJB)

I am very pleased that SJB is appreciated by so many people, but particularly thrilled that books are purchased by people coming into the church during the week.

Populate titles 'fly off the shelf' and recent flyers include:

The Air We Breathe
Have You Ever Wondered?
Radical Reconciler

It is now possible to pay by card as the Church's card reader has an SJB option.

In the last year, some £600 worth of books have been bought and sold. We buy mainly from '10 of Those' Christian books. I am always happy to discuss books that could be sold by SJB, but do insist that titles point people to Jesus.

Iain Maitland

Yeovil College Chaplaincy

Praise God for an encouraging year in Yeovil College. God has continued to open doors to sharing the good news of Jesus amongst students and staff, and offering support in a wider context. This last year has been made up of the following opportunities...

College Tutorials - Every student has an hour tutorial a week on a different topic. I've been given the opportunity to deliver one at both Christmas and Easter. This means for half of the students creating teaching material for tutors to use in their tutor groups and for the other half delivering in person tutorials. At Easter I encouraged the students to consider what makes a leader trustworthy, then told stories of Jesus and how he is deeply trustworthy.

Life Groups - These are the college Christian Union groups, I run 2 at different times of the week. Each one now averages about 4 students. The greatest joy from this year is watching believing students seeking to encourage others and reach their friends with the gospel.

Staff support - I've been given opportunity to offer staff 1-1 support for various issues.

Hockey Coaching - This year Yeovil College fielded a hockey team which competed against other colleges.

Ben Graham

Report of meetings of Deanery Synod

Synod met three times in 2024, a year which welcomed four new clergy to the Yeovil area.

- a) Rev Sarah Sanderson has been appointed Pioneer Associate Vicar for St James, Preston Plucknett, Thorne Coffin and Lufton.
- b) Rev Richard Horner joined Mudford, Chilton Cantello, Marston Magna, Rimpton and Ashington on 1st January 2025.
- c) Rev Phil McCauley has been appointed Rector of Coker Ridge.
- d) Farhad Chermahini was ordained deacon Holy Trinity with Barwick. He will maintain his pioneer work in Birchfield field.

Presentations during the year were received from:

1. Deanery Environmental Champion

Kris Emmett is new in this role and is available to help PCCs look at reducing carbon footprint, encouraging biodiversity in churchyards, and creation care. Email: decyeovil@gmail.com

2. Developing Lay Ministry

Preb Ronnie Crossman, Ministry Training Team Leader at the Diocese, gave an interesting presentation on the new lay ministry training pathways, outlining points such as:

- Shared local ministry with lay and ordained people working in collaboration
- The Diocesan vision regarding development of local gifts and skills
- On-going:
 - LWA and LPA training
 - Local ministry and local preaching
 - Healing ministry
 - Funeral Assistants – a role currently being explored

3. Street Pastors.

Chris Thomas, Co-ordinator of Street Pastors, gave a presentation on their work which has been going on for the past fifteen years in Yeovil. The organisation consists of churches of several denominations working together and is currently growing internationally. They are in town on a Saturday night to look out for young adults in particular: if they need help, they will be there for them: for example, giving out flip-flops to girls whose high heels are not suitable, putting them into taxis to get them home. They listen and are non-judgemental. They are supported by a prayer team. In some situations they are asked to work with the police.

They are seeking new volunteers to join the team which would involve about 40 hours of training but Chris wanted to stress that the work is fun.

4. Youth Work

Ruth, who is Youth Worker at St Peter's Church and Community Centre, gave us an interesting insight into the work she has been doing for the past five years. We were shown videos about:

- “Tea & Toast’ which is aimed at girls in Years 6-13 which meets after school on Tuesdays when between 13 and 18 girls attend but this number is evolving.
- “HangOut” which meets on Wednesdays after school for Years 3-7 – some of the Year 7s help.
- “DropInto” meets on Thursdays after school for Years 7-13. This group had become quite disruptive and the police advised her to stop, but this has recently started up again.
- Anti-social behaviour has decreased by 75% as a result of this work!

5. **Pioneering.** Rev Tina Hodgett, who is linked to St Michael’s and to CMS, explained that the term ‘Pioneer’ is a term used to describe trying to reach the unreached by various means.

She showed some slides of Ali, on the Isle of Wight, who began by clearing her local churchyard where people now gather for outdoor services: it is a place which has become a meeting place in the heart of the community. Pioneers love the Gospel, love people and want to serve the community. She encouraged people to think of those who might become pioneers in their communities and mentioned future taster sessions taking place for those who might be interested.

6. **Diocesan Finance.** Matthew Pinnock, Diocesan Head of Finance and Operations began his talk by informing us that the Church of England as a whole has a deficit of £60m, of which Bath and Wells has a deficit of £2m, and of course there is an urgent need to get back to a financially stable position! The good news is that, since Covid, the Church is growing.

After much consultation the method of calculating Parish (Benefice) Share has been modified and will be phased in over the next three years. Matthew summarized how our parish share is spent:

- a) To cover the costs of stipendiary ministers to the benefices, about £56K per minister
- b) To cover other Diocesan-wide costs, such as archdeacons and the mission support team, education, etc.
- c) A mutuality and generosity fund to support churches and communities that cannot fully cover the cost of their ministry.

There is a five-year recovery plan in place with the hope and expectation that the Diocese’s accounts will break-even after that time. In the meantime, they are looking at ways to make it easier for people to give.

7. On a more positive note:
- a) Synod discussed items on *Lament to Action* to atone racial injustice, ecological stewardship, encouraging progress on the Diocesan Strategy and the fundamental need to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus.
 - b) Yeovil College had a freshers’ week stall manned by Christian students for the first time!
 - c) Lufton are still collecting candles and clean tins for Ukraine and encouraged others to do the same.

Rob Dean

Yeovil CAP Centre Report 2024-5

Debt Centre

The Christians Against Poverty Debt centre at St John’s church is now in its 14th year. In that time, we have been contacted by over 600 local households to access our free service to help with unmanageable debt. We have now seen 176 households go debt free, including a record 26 households in 2024. Debt centre clients receive face to face home visits from a local debt coach and befriender to gather information on their finances, expert advice and debt management from the team in Bradford and ongoing support from the local church as they journey out of debt.

We are so privileged to be invited into the homes of strangers at some of the most difficult times of their lives, offer practical help to deal with their finances, as well as sharing our own hope in Jesus, as Christians, and offering to pray with our clients and connect them to the church. We thank the Lord that CAP and the local centre have good standing amongst the local agencies, and we regularly have clients who have been signposted to us from local services including DWP, the probation service and GP health coaches as well as recommendation from existing clients.

Anne Charlotte retired at the end of December, after six years serving as a debt coach. We are so grateful for her years of service and thankful that she remains on our Management Committee and as a befriender. Steve Hart took over from Rick Pudner as chair of our management committee in January and also featured in this year's national CAP Easter appeal. Emma Handcock began maternity leave in October within her role as our Service Support Administrator.

Rowena Murray has now completed her first year as a Debt Coach and is now fully trained and signed off. She is a gifted and pro-active colleague who connects easily with her clients and is a great asset to the team. Between us, Rowena and I have 4 new client referrals a month, totally nearly 50 a year.

Befrienders

Our home visits rely on our debt coaches being accompanied by one of our wonderful volunteer befrienders, who then offers ongoing support and friendship to the client, in terms of checking in with them occasionally, meeting up for a coffee or helping with practical tasks such as form filling and attending appointments. They also encourage clients on their faith journeys. Our befrienders have an amazing ministry, showing Christ-like sacrificial love, patience, resilience, and kindness to those in difficult circumstances. We currently have 14 befrienders, some of whom may see one new client a year, and others who see many more.

Christmas Hampers

Our Debt Centre households were each provided with a Christmas Hamper in December, stocked full of Christmas goodies, along with a gospel pamphlet, Christmas card and Christmas story book for those with young children. These Hampers were provided through the generosity of around 35 individuals and small groups from at least 8 churches in the area. They were delivered alongside meat and fresh fruit and vegetables. This year we were also supported by Yeovil Tesco who donated 'pigs in blankets' and cheese selection boxes.

The Extra Mile

We always try to go the extra mile in supporting our CAP clients. This would not be possible without the generosity of many of our supporters. In the last year this has included delivering food parcels, supplied by the Lord's Larder; fresh food shops; gas and electricity top ups; help to upgrade a car; providing (second-hand) fridge/ microwave/ furniture; repairing washing machines; accompanying clients to court and advocating for clients facing unfair charges on their services, when they are unable to do this for themselves.

CAP Money

This year, Paul Hiscutt joined the team as a CAP befriender, after seeing an article about us in the Yeovil Press. He went on to train as a Money Coach. Alongside Peter Gibson, Paul has run Money Coaching courses in the Autumn and Spring terms at St John's church. Course delegates gained knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to manage their finances.

Events

We held four client events in the last year. In July our Summer BBQ was well attended with around 70 guests and helpers enjoying food and hearing a gospel message. In September, our Fish, Chips and Fun event saw a similar number and was held at St Peter's Community Centre –Adrian and Yvonne Bright of Reborne Church spoke about God's love. In December, we held our traditional CAP Christmas tea for CAP families and friends at which Candy gave an interactive gospel talk. In February '25 we held a Beetle Drive

as a joint event with St John's. All of these events were opportunities to demonstrate the Lord's love and generosity through hospitality, friendship, and sharing our faith in Jesus.

We were thrilled that ten children from our CAP families, who did not have other church connections, attended the St John's Holiday club in July.

Church engagement

St John's is our lead church, and we are so grateful for the financial, practical, and prayerful support from both St John's and St Andrews. Our supporter base covers many other local churches, and this year we spoke at various services including Crewkerne Community Church, God's House International, St Mary's church, Thornford and Haselbury Bible Christian Church. We continue to have a regular contact with past, current and potential clients at the Thursday morning Gone Fishing Café, which last year launched a monthly 'Catch of the Day' slot for a short Bible message. We are so grateful to Helen and her amazing team who run the café each week.

We hold prayer meetings on the last Tuesday of each month, and send out a prayer and praise update - Turning the Tide - to over 170 supporters.

Food for Thought

In January, we started a new initiative, Food for Thought; a lunchtime, weekday, explorer group for anyone with questions about the meaning of life, God and Jesus. This fortnightly group, run by Jennifer Matthew, Ruth Drapper and myself, has seen a core of regular attendees with others joining us occasionally, to eat delicious homemade soup, watch a Glen Scrivener 3-2-1 video and then discuss and pray. We are grateful to the Lord for this opportunity to meet with those from the CAP family and further afield who may be curious about faith, or have responded to a gospel message at one of our events, in an accessible friendly group to help them grow in faith.

Fundraising

We thank the Lord for his financial provision for our work. We are blessed to have around 50 regular financial donors who give by standing order to the work of the local CAP centre. In addition, we hold fundraising events to cover the running costs of the centre, which include salaries, Head Office fees, expenses and client blessings. In May we held a fabulous, and showery, garden party hosted by Rick and Lizzie Pudner. Amongst the guests were our MP, our Mayor and CAP CEO Stewart McCullough. Guests enjoyed delicious food and listened to our guest of honour Neil share his experience as a CAP client. We invited donations, which were match funded, raising a total of £20K including new standing orders and gift aid. We also ran two online Aviva community fund campaigns (with matched giving) raising a total of around £15K.

We pray that the Lord's name will be honoured as the Yeovil CAP Centre continues to work in partnership with the local church and that we will continue to *proclaim good news to the poor*.

Mary Irwin
Debt Centre Manager

The Lords Larder (Yeovil Christian Support Trust)

To everyone in St John's who gives to The Lord's Larder and The Lord's Larder Community Fund: Thank you for all your continued support of Yeovil Christian Support Trust over 2024. It was no surprise that last year was another busy year for the Lord's Larder Food Bank and we were able to help over 9,300 people through the year.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

Over 2024 with the support from St Johns, along with other churches and the wider community, we were able to **give out over 163,000 items of food** which went into **4,206 emergency food parcels** to help **9,342 local people in our community**, that figure breaks down as: -

5,678 adults 3,684 children 1,993 families

Through the three weeks leading up to Christmas in December, the Lord's Larder Food Bank, helped 1,000 people, placing 18,500 food items including Christmas puddings, mince pies and salmon and ham into 384 food parcels up to Christmas 2024.

We continue to give thanks to God for his faithfulness over the years; next year we will celebrate 35 years of operating as the Lord's Larder Food Bank having served the local community for over three decades. Over that time we have found we always have enough food donated to make up the increasing number of food parcels requested. Last year we were able to give out over 163,000 items of food to ensure that 9,300 people did not go without food, and didn't go hungry.

The Lord's Larder Community Fund continued to make a huge difference to 114 people's lives last year. By using the fund to make small grants available for agency clients, these clients are families and single people have no other way of buying essential household items, like beds, furniture and cookers; their only other option would be to go to loan sharks, or into debt.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in St John's for choosing to continue to support the valuable work of Yeovil Christian Support Trust (YCST), The Lord's Larder and Lord's Larder Community Fund and to pass on the heart-felt gratitude from all those we are able to help throughout the year.

Mat Callaghan

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024,
which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year
(under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that
an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts
and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given
by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting
records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented
with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or
disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees
concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the
evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given
as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited
to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached

CH Howes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 27.9.25

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	287,057	8,417	65,013	360,487	293,436	975	51,441	345,852
Other Incoming Resources	2b	3,500	0	0	3,500	9,725	0	0	9,725
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	7,855	0	0	7,855	2,619	0	0	2,619
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	2,347	814	942	4,102	2,027	836	551	3,414
Total Incoming Resources		300,759	9,230	65,955	375,944	307,807	1,811	51,992	361,611
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	31,821	0	0	31,821	28,122	0	0	28,122
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	218,357	14,790	50,166	283,313	265,866	585	42,994	309,445
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	36,821	28,169	31,000	95,990	42,412	20,000	30,000	92,412
Total Resources Used		286,999	42,959	81,166	411,124	336,401	20,585	72,994	429,980
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		13,760	(33,729)	(15,211)	(35,180)	(28,594)	(18,773)	(21,002)	(68,369)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement on Debtors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gains	2f	0	0	1,052	1,052	0	0	4,510	4,510
Unrealised Gains		0	1,442	11,711	13,154	0	5,418	24,685	30,104
Net Movement in Funds		13,760	(32,287)	(2,448)	(20,975)	(28,594)	(13,355)	8,194	(33,755)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2024									
General Fund St Johns		32,868			32,868	53,744			53,744
St Andrews Funds		7,096			7,096	14,813			14,813
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
St John's Building Fund			57,491		57,491		51,943		51,943
Flower Guild Investment Fund			793		793		666		666
Youth Development Investment Fund			25,718		25,718		44,893		44,893
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			182		182		36		36
Restoration Fund				13,394	13,394			13,246	13,246
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,067	12,067			12,078	12,078
Peter Wakely Community Fund				265,922	265,922			266,702	266,702
Christians Against Poverty Fund				36,424	36,424			27,584	27,584
Total Balance Brought Forward		39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862	68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2024									
General Fund St Johns		37,215			37,215	32,868			32,868
St Andrews Funds		16,510			16,510	7,096			7,096
Organ Fund			0		0		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			0		0		271		271
St John's Building Fund			51,717		51,717		57,491		57,491
Flower Guild Investment Fund			883		883		793		793
Youth Development Investment Fund			0		0		25,718		25,718
Equipment Replacement Reserve			0		0		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			1,204		1,204		182		182
Restoration Fund				13,629	13,629			13,394	13,394
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				11,847	11,847			12,067	12,067
Peter Wakely Community Fund				247,725	247,725			265,922	265,922
Christians Against Poverty Fund				52,157	52,157			36,424	36,424
Total Balance Carried Forward		53,725	53,805	325,357	432,887	39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible		0	0
Investment Assets		305,574	321,368
		<u>305,574</u>	<u>321,368</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors and Prepayments		0	0
Short Term Deposits and Bonds		45,683	51,581
Cash at Hand and in Bank		81,629	80,912
		<u>127,312</u>	<u>132,493</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>127,312</u>	<u>132,493</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>432,887</u>	<u>453,861</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		53,725	39,964
Dedicated		53,805	86,093
Restricted		325,357	327,806
		<u>432,887</u>	<u>453,862</u>

These accounts were approved on 30TH April 2025 by:


Alan Irwin – Treasurer


Keith Ovenden – Churchwarden

PCC of St JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Cash Flow Statement

For the year to 31st December 2024

**Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources
to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before investment changes	(35,180)	(71,783)
Investment Income	4,102	0
Roundings	0	0
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(39,282)</u>	<u>(71,783)</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(39,282)	(71,783)
Movements on Debtors	0	0
Movements on Creditors	0	0
Sale of Investments	30,000	20,000
Investment Income	4,102	3,414
Cash Flow / Decrease in Cash	<u>(5,180)</u>	<u>(48,369)</u>

Net Funds at 1st January 2024

132,493 180,862

Net Funds at 31st December 2024

127,312	132,493
<u>(5,180)</u>	<u>(48,369)</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31st December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on an accrual basis, except as stated below (Para.iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St Andrews church.

The accounts for 2024 show that the total income is £390,150
and the total expenditure is £411,124

(ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as "Designated Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Schoolrooms Fund ***
Office Equipment Reserve Fund ***
Organ Fund ***
St John's Building Fund (formerly known as the Fabric Fund)
Youth Minister Investment Fund ***
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as "Reserved Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty Fund
Peter Wakely Community Fund

***** As all monies in the Schoolrooms Fund, the Office Equipment Reserve Fund, the Organ Fund and the Youth Minister Investment Fund were expended during 2024, the final balances of these funds at the end of 2024 were zero and the funds have been closed.**

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

(iii) A full analysis of investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement). All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

(iv) Tangible Fixed Assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2024.
Any fixed assets acquired by the PCC, which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.
Both the decision to capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.
No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held in the following funds -
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares
Fabric Investment Fund – CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

	Cost	Value at 31 st Dec 2024
	£	£
	144,097	241,121
	36,519	64,453
	<u>180,616</u>	<u>305,574</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
2a. Incoming Resources from Donors								
Regular Giving	173,123	0	0	173,123	170,350	130	0	170,480
Income Tax Recovered	46,547	0	0	46,547	48,859	0	0	48,859
Dedicated Collections	4,695	0	0	4,695	19,931	0	0	19,931
Other Collections	57,692	1,042	235	58,969	46,180	145	147	46,472
Grants Received	5,000	4,886	0	9,886	8,116	0	0	8,116
Directed Giving	0	1,898	0	1,898	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	591	0	591	0	700	0	700
Floral Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	64,778	64,778	0	0	51,294	51,294
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>287,057</u>	<u>8,417</u>	<u>65,013</u>	<u>360,487</u>	<u>293,436</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>51,441</u>	<u>345,852</u>
2b. Other Incoming Resources								
Legacy – General Fund	2,000	0	0	2,000	8,225	0	0	8,225
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,725</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,725</u>
2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
Church Hall Lettings	6,870	0	0	6,870	1,769	0	0	1,769
Fees and Church Lettings	985	0	0	985	850	0	0	850
	<u>7,855</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,855</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,619</u>
2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources								
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2e. Income from Investments								
General Fund	2,347	0	0	2,347	2,027	0	0	2,027
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St John's Building Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	887	887	0	0	519	519
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	14	14	0	0	8	8
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	40	40	0	0	24	24
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	794	0	794	0	825	0	825
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	19	0	19	0	11	0	11
	<u>2,347</u>	<u>814</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>4,102</u>	<u>2,027</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>3,414</u>
2f. Change in Value of Investments								
Realised Gain/(Loss)			1,052	1,052			4,510	4,510
Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		1,442	11,711	13,154		5,418	24,685	30,104
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>12,763</u>	<u>14,205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,418</u>	<u>29,196</u>	<u>34,614</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>300,759</u>	<u>10,673</u>	<u>78,718</u>	<u>390,150</u>	<u>307,807</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>81,188</u>	<u>396,225</u>

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3.RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
3a. Grants								
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	7071	0	0	7071	3752	0	0	3752
External Donations from Church Funds	24750	0	0	24750	24370	0	0	24370
	<u>31821</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31821</u>	<u>28122</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28122</u>
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church								
Ministry								
Parish Share	177070	0	0	177070	167511	0	0	167511
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5292	0	0	5292	8167	0	0	8167
Clergy Housing	137	0	0	137	105	0	0	105
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	13072	0	0	13072	10344	0	0	10344
Telephone & Broadband	762	0	0	762	1236	0	0	1236
Insurance	5552	271	0	5823	5543	0	0	5543
Repairs and Maintenance	941	14000	234	15175	50471	0	20	50491
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altar Requisites	141	519	0	661	316	585	0	901
Music	2174	0	0	2174	2012	0	0	2012
St Andrews Church & Hall	8390	0	0	8390	15318	0	0	15318
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	49932	49932	0	0	42974	42974
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	4826	0	0	4826	4810	0	0	4810
Mother & Baby Group	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	34
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>218357</u>	<u>14790</u>	<u>50166</u>	<u>283313</u>	<u>265866</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>42994</u>	<u>309445</u>
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	6131	1637	0	7768	4521	0	0	4521
Wages and Fees	28211	26532	31000	85743	33168	20000	30000	83168
Printing and Stationery	257	0	0	257	358	0	0	358
Books	132	0	0	132	450	0	0	450
Sundries	2090	0	0	2090	3915	0	0	3915
	<u>36821</u>	<u>28169</u>	<u>31000</u>	<u>95990</u>	<u>42412</u>	<u>20000</u>	<u>30000</u>	<u>92412</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>286999</u>	<u>42959</u>	<u>81166</u>	<u>411124</u>	<u>336401</u>	<u>20585</u>	<u>72994</u>	<u>429980</u>

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4. STAFF COSTS	2024	2023
Salaries, Taxes and Pensions	£	£
Facilities Manager	17,188	16,304
CAP Centre Manager	20,012	18,043
CAP Centre Debt Coach	8,824	8,050
Children and Youth Minister	30,554	29,040
Pastoral Care Coordinator	15,431	14,635
Parish Administrator	27,441	18,595
Organ Services (bought out)	0	1,440
Cleaning Services (bought out)	2,640	2,604

During the year the PCC employed

Facilities Manager (25 hrs p.w. - retired in Dec24)	1	1
Facilities Manager (c.500 hrs per year – from Nov24)	1	0
CAP Centre Manager (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
CAP Centre Debt Coach (15 hrs p.w. - from Mar. 24)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (maternity cover – from Sep24)	1	0
Parish Administrator (36 hrs p.w.)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2024				as at - 31st December 2023			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	51,717	247,725	299,442	0	63,011	258,358	321,368
Current Assets	53,725	2,088	77,632	133,445	39,964	23,082	69,448	132,493
Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>53,725</u>	<u>53,805</u>	<u>325,357</u>	<u>432,887</u>	<u>39,964</u>	<u>86,093</u>	<u>327,806</u>	<u>453,862</u>

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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Note: The full Annual Report for 2024 including a Finance Report is available separately and will be filed together with these accounts with the Charity Commission.

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024,
which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year
(under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that
an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts
and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given
by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting
records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented
with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or
disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees
concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the
evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given
as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited
to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached

CH Howes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 27.9.25

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	287,057	8,417	65,013	360,487	293,436	975	51,441	345,852
Other Incoming Resources	2b	3,500	0	0	3,500	9,725	0	0	9,725
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	7,855	0	0	7,855	2,619	0	0	2,619
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	2,347	814	942	4,102	2,027	836	551	3,414
Total Incoming Resources		300,759	9,230	65,955	375,944	307,807	1,811	51,992	361,611
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	31,821	0	0	31,821	28,122	0	0	28,122
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	218,357	14,790	50,166	283,313	265,866	585	42,994	309,445
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	36,821	28,169	31,000	95,990	42,412	20,000	30,000	92,412
Total Resources Used		286,999	42,959	81,166	411,124	336,401	20,585	72,994	429,980
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		13,760	(33,729)	(15,211)	(35,180)	(28,594)	(18,773)	(21,002)	(68,369)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement on Debtors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gains	2f	0	0	1,052	1,052	0	0	4,510	4,510
Unrealised Gains		0	1,442	11,711	13,154	0	5,418	24,685	30,104
Net Movement in Funds		13,760	(32,287)	(2,448)	(20,975)	(28,594)	(13,355)	8,194	(33,755)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2024									
General Fund St Johns		32,868			32,868	53,744			53,744
St Andrews Funds		7,096			7,096	14,813			14,813
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
St John's Building Fund			57,491		57,491		51,943		51,943
Flower Guild Investment Fund			793		793		666		666
Youth Development Investment Fund			25,718		25,718		44,893		44,893
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			182		182		36		36
Restoration Fund				13,394	13,394			13,246	13,246
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,067	12,067			12,078	12,078
Peter Wakely Community Fund				265,922	265,922			266,702	266,702
Christians Against Poverty Fund				36,424	36,424			27,584	27,584
Total Balance Brought Forward		39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862	68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2024									
General Fund St Johns		37,215			37,215	32,868			32,868
St Andrews Funds		16,510			16,510	7,096			7,096
Organ Fund			0		0		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			0		0		271		271
St John's Building Fund			51,717		51,717		57,491		57,491
Flower Guild Investment Fund			883		883		793		793
Youth Development Investment Fund			0		0		25,718		25,718
Equipment Replacement Reserve			0		0		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			1,204		1,204		182		182
Restoration Fund				13,629	13,629			13,394	13,394
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				11,847	11,847			12,067	12,067
Peter Wakely Community Fund				247,725	247,725			265,922	265,922
Christians Against Poverty Fund				52,157	52,157			36,424	36,424
Total Balance Carried Forward		53,725	53,805	325,357	432,887	39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible		0	0
Investment Assets		305,574	321,368
		<u>305,574</u>	<u>321,368</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors and Prepayments		0	0
Short Term Deposits and Bonds		45,683	51,581
Cash at Hand and in Bank		81,629	80,912
		<u>127,312</u>	<u>132,493</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>127,312</u>	<u>132,493</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>432,887</u>	<u>453,861</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		53,725	39,964
Dedicated		53,805	86,093
Restricted		325,357	327,806
		<u>432,887</u>	<u>453,862</u>

These accounts were approved on 30TH April 2025 by:


Alan Irwin – Treasurer


Keith Ovenden – Churchwarden

PCC of St JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Cash Flow Statement

For the year to 31st December 2024

**Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources
to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before investment changes	(35,180)	(71,783)
Investment Income	4,102	0
Roundings	0	0
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(39,282)</u>	<u>(71,783)</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(39,282)	(71,783)
Movements on Debtors	0	0
Movements on Creditors	0	0
Sale of Investments	30,000	20,000
Investment Income	4,102	3,414
Cash Flow / Decrease in Cash	<u>(5,180)</u>	<u>(48,369)</u>

Net Funds at 1st January 2024

132,493 180,862

Net Funds at 31st December 2024

127,312	132,493
<u>(5,180)</u>	<u>(48,369)</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on an accrual basis, except as stated below (Para.iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St Andrews church.

The accounts for 2024 show that the total income is £390,150
and the total expenditure is £411,124

(ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as "Designated Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Schoolrooms Fund ***
Office Equipment Reserve Fund ***
Organ Fund ***
St John's Building Fund (formerly known as the Fabric Fund)
Youth Minister Investment Fund ***
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as "Reserved Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty Fund
Peter Wakely Community Fund

***** As all monies in the Schoolrooms Fund, the Office Equipment Reserve Fund, the Organ Fund and the Youth Minister Investment Fund were expended during 2024, the final balances of these funds at the end of 2024 were zero and the funds have been closed.**

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

(iii) A full analysis of investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement). All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

(iv) Tangible Fixed Assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2024.
Any fixed assets acquired by the PCC, which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.
Both the decision to capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.
No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held in the following funds -
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares
Fabric Investment Fund – CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

	Cost	Value at 31 st Dec 2024
	£	£
	144,097	241,121
	36,519	64,453
	<u>180,616</u>	<u>305,574</u>

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Incoming Resources from Donors								
Regular Giving	173,123	0	0	173,123	170,350	130	0	170,480
Income Tax Recovered	46,547	0	0	46,547	48,859	0	0	48,859
Dedicated Collections	4,695	0	0	4,695	19,931	0	0	19,931
Other Collections	57,692	1,042	235	58,969	46,180	145	147	46,472
Grants Received	5,000	4,886	0	9,886	8,116	0	0	8,116
Directed Giving	0	1,898	0	1,898	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	591	0	591	0	700	0	700
Floral Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	64,778	64,778	0	0	51,294	51,294
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>287,057</u>	<u>8,417</u>	<u>65,013</u>	<u>360,487</u>	<u>293,436</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>51,441</u>	<u>345,852</u>
2b. Other Incoming Resources								
Legacy – General Fund	2,000	0	0	2,000	8,225	0	0	8,225
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,725</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,725</u>
2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
Church Hall Lettings	6,870	0	0	6,870	1,769	0	0	1,769
Fees and Church Lettings	985	0	0	985	850	0	0	850
	<u>7,855</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,855</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,619</u>
2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources								
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2e. Income from Investments								
General Fund	2,347	0	0	2,347	2,027	0	0	2,027
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St John's Building Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	887	887	0	0	519	519
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	14	14	0	0	8	8
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	40	40	0	0	24	24
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	794	0	794	0	825	0	825
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	19	0	19	0	11	0	11
	<u>2,347</u>	<u>814</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>4,102</u>	<u>2,027</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>3,414</u>
2f. Change in Value of Investments								
Realised Gain/(Loss)			1,052	1,052			4,510	4,510
Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		1,442	11,711	13,154		5,418	24,685	30,104
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>12,763</u>	<u>14,205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,418</u>	<u>29,196</u>	<u>34,614</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>300,759</u>	<u>10,673</u>	<u>78,718</u>	<u>390,150</u>	<u>307,807</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>81,188</u>	<u>396,225</u>

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3c. Fund Raising and Publicity	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Sundries	2090	0	0	2090	3915	0	0	3915
	<u>36821</u>	<u>28169</u>	<u>31000</u>	<u>95990</u>	<u>42412</u>	<u>20000</u>	<u>30000</u>	<u>92412</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>286999</u>	<u>42959</u>	<u>81166</u>	<u>411124</u>	<u>336401</u>	<u>20585</u>	<u>72994</u>	<u>429980</u>

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil
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For the year to 31st December 2024

4. STAFF COSTS	2024	2023
Salaries, Taxes and Pensions	£	£
Facilities Manager	17,188	16,304
CAP Centre Manager	20,012	18,043
CAP Centre Debt Coach	8,824	8,050
Children and Youth Minister	30,554	29,040
Pastoral Care Coordinator	15,431	14,635
Parish Administrator	27,441	18,595
Organ Services (bought out)	0	1,440
Cleaning Services (bought out)	2,640	2,604

During the year the PCC employed

Facilities Manager (25 hrs p.w. - retired in Dec24)	1	1
Facilities Manager (c.500 hrs per year – from Nov24)	1	0
CAP Centre Manager (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
CAP Centre Debt Coach (15 hrs p.w. - from Mar. 24)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (maternity cover – from Sep24)	1	0
Parish Administrator (36 hrs p.w.)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2024				as at - 31st December 2023			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	51,717	247,725	299,442	0	63,011	258,358	321,368
Current Assets	53,725	2,088	77,632	133,445	39,964	23,082	69,448	132,493
Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>53,725</u>	<u>53,805</u>	<u>325,357</u>	<u>432,887</u>	<u>39,964</u>	<u>86,093</u>	<u>327,806</u>	<u>453,862</u>

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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	Chairman
Associate Minister	Revd Ben Graham	
Curate	Revd George Beverly	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Rob Dean Janet Dean Kate Scorer Phil Juggins Beth Farrington	St Andrew's
Member of Diocesan Synod	Rob Dean	
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Lin Hann Keith Ovenden	St John's
Deputy Wardens	Brian Gay	St Andrew's
Elected Members	Lucie Bruce Nick Chatwin Chris Frazer Roger Fox Phil Juggins David Matthew Calum McFarlane Tim Osborn Lizzy Pudner Kate Scorer Ann Thurgood Tim Thurgood Chris Tune Les Whittle	
Co-opted Members	Janet Dean Alan Irwin	Secretary Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- St John's is thriving again after the difficult years of the Covid pandemic.
- Lin Hann and Keith Ovenden continue to serve us as Churchwardens and work extremely well as a team.
- George Beverly remains as our curate.
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected but continue to run at a deficit each year.
- Congregations at our services grew throughout the year with many newcomers attending
- Services continued to be live-streamed as this has been especially beneficial for those more elderly members of the congregation or those who are unwell at home, or for those who are on holiday.
- Tuesday morning communion continued.
- A new gathering was begun on Friday mornings entitled Friday at Nine, or FAN as it has become known.
- The Gone Fishing Café continues to thrive on Thursday mornings.
- Youth activities continue.
- Holiday Club took place in July and was well attended.
- First Wednesday prayers continues but has remained largely on Zoom as this proved a popular option for many.
- Fellowship groups were able to meet in person once again though one group continues to meet via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, continue to meet each week.
- Christians Against Poverty continued to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt.
- The Tech Team, ably led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication; they also continue to livestream services for those who wish to watch services at home each week.

There is, therefore, once again a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on four occasions during the year and were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- Mission giving
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- The fabric of St John's and the ongoing repairs required as a result of the Quinquennial Report in the Summer
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism
- Prayers of Love and Faith, regarding same sex relationships

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Church Wardens' Report

2022 finished and 2023 began with a huge challenge for us when the boiler gave its last breath in November 22 and had to be condemned. A chilly Christmas ensued and thanks to God's grace and some nifty footwork with the Diocese we managed to find and fit a replacement boiler and finally got heat back in the building in February. We are so grateful for all the wonderful gifts of financial support that enabled us to be agile and react quickly.

We have also been very fortunate in replacing the staging with a state-of-the-art lightweight collapsible stage and have also re-purposed the old staging, built so well by Roger Fox, into the new raised platform for the band. Although a temporary structure, the band platform looks totally in-keeping and also enables our worship group to have a better connection with the congregation when leading worship. The new staging has dramatically reduced the manpower and effort required to set it up for holiday club in particular, and also enables other church users to benefit for concerts/performances and the like.

Various faculties have been raised and among them is a request to return a wonderful flagon, presented to our church by a local family in grateful thanks for the safe return of their son from the D-Day landings. This is ongoing and we hope and pray that the response from the Diocese will be favourable. Others include a proposal for re-ordering which we have decided to put on hold for the time being.

The church has been used throughout the year for various concerts: Peoples Choir, Pheonix Band, an Acoustic Folk Roots and Blues night, all of which raised good sums of money for our chosen funds. We wish to develop this aspect of our Church use in 2024 and see it as a real outreach opportunity.

Work is ongoing through our energy working group to find ways to cut our carbon emissions, and at the same time reduce costs. We have been pleased to receive a Bronze Award for the Arocha Charity recognising our progress in this area and thanks go to Pauline Kibblewhite for championing that. As part of this, a new initiative is being introduced in April 2024, placing our Parish Directory online and so enabling us to remove the large printer in the office, saving us both substantial sums of money each year and also dramatically reducing our carbon footprint. More of that to come in 2024!

Our Quinquennial survey has highlighted some works but on the whole nothing too major and all within the resources we have set aside for the work. Our thanks go to the Fabric Committee for their hard work in keeping our building in good order. Of course this task never stops and we do value your ongoing financial support in this area.

We are so grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to enable our church to function operationally. Without them the church would remain closed and unable to engage in all of the activities we currently provide. Being part of a team that is so passionate is rewarding in itself and to use our gifts in the service of our Lord is a real privilege and life-affirming.

I cannot write this report without saying how much we appreciate and value the spiritual and practical leadership that James, Ben and George give us. 2023 has been a hard year in all sorts of ways and the same can be said for the challenges it has presented to our clergy, ably supported by our wonderful Readers and Preachers. We are so blessed in St Johns and want to say a heartfelt thank you for the way they have led, taught, encouraged and supported us in following our Lord through 2023.

Keith Ovenden
Churchwarden

Sidespersons Report

Throughout 2023 we continued to have a wonderful team of Welcomers (sidespersons) who welcomed people to services on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and special events. Their cheerful welcoming faces made all the difference during the early months of the year when the boiler was not working when it was very cold in the church.

The Welcomers work alongside the duty Warden to welcome each and every one, and make sure everyone finds a seat. Many people who arrive on a Sunday have been coming for a long time and are very familiar with what happens, but most Sundays we see people arrive who have either never been to St John's or have never been in church before. For some, it takes enormous courage to come through the door. The welcome they receive, makes such a huge difference to the way they experience us as a church family.

A very encouraging challenge that the Welcomers face, is trying to fit very one in, especially families, for whom it is especially important to sit together.

In July we had our annual breakfast together as a team. It is always wonderful to hear how privileged everyone feels when welcoming people. The skills required, are in fact similar to the skills we all aim to demonstrate in welcoming everyone into our wonderful church family.

Lin Hann
Churchwarden

Report on the Electoral Roll

Following the 2024 revision of the electoral roll for St. John's, the total on the roll currently stands at 178.

Emma Handcock

St John's Finance Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

The statutory accounts of St John's also include the data for St Andrew's. However, this report covers only the finances of St John's, which are managed by means of several funds. The General Fund can be spent at the discretion of the PCC and mostly covers the day-to-day running costs of the church. Several Designated Funds hold money set aside for specific purposes, such as the Schoolrooms and the Fabric Fund. Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were originally set up, such as the Peter Wakely Community Fund and the Christians Against Poverty Fund.

The General Fund

Regular general giving to St John's in 2022 amounted to £149,865, with other donations totalling £52,236 and the tax recovered was £43,840. This makes a total for general giving of £245,940. In addition, our new boiler fund received donations of £16k to top up those received in 2022. We also received legacy gifts of £8k and generous grants from the Friends of St Johns and the Feoffees towards refurbishment projects. With the approval of the PCC, £20k was drawn down from the Peter Wakely investment fund, and £10k from the Youth Worker fund, in order to support our pastoral and outreach work during the year.

Our regular expenditure in 2023 was dominated by staff costs (c.£74k), Repairs and Cleaning (c.£51k, of which £35k was payment for the new boiler) and the Parish Share, which is paid to the Diocese of Bath and Wells (c.£151k). When other costs are added, the general monthly expenditure was typically £3k-£4k more than our general monthly income. We donated £24k to our mission partners and a mission giving budget of £24k was set for 2024, which is 10% of the general donations received in 2023.

The balance of the St John's general fund at the end of 2023 was approximately £33k, which is slightly up on last year.

Designated Funds

The Fabric Fund balance increased by c.£6k to £58k, mainly due to a rise in the value of investments.

Due to our excess expenditure over income, the Youth Development Investment Fund was used to provide approx. £19k for our children and youth ministry, leaving a balance of £26k.

Restricted Funds

There are four funds categorised as restricted:

The Restoration Fund

Apart from accumulated interest, there were no significant transactions in the Restoration Fund in 2023, leaving the closing balance at £13,394.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Fund

This fund raises and spends money in support of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre, managed by Mary Irwin. A total of £51,294 was given and raised in 2023 to support this ministry. The expenditure, comprising the monthly salaries of the manager and debt coach, a monthly payment to CAP HQ, and other operating expenses, amounted to £42,974. There was a surplus in the year of £8,320 and the balance carried forward to 2024 was £36,424.

The Peter Wakely Community Fund

This fund was set up with the proceeds of the legacy received from Peter Wakely. The funds are invested in a unit trust administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners. During the year we used £30,000 from this fund to help pay for our pastoral and outreach ministries. However, the fund value also benefitted from an increase in the stock market during 2023 and the closing balance was £265,922 – practically unchanged from the end of 2022.

The Tom Setter Belfry Fund

During 2023, the value of the Tom Setter hardly changed. The final balance was £12,067.

The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows where our total funds of £446,766 are invested. Most of this is accounted for by designated or restricted funds with a relatively modest £33k represented by the General Fund. A total of £321,368 is invested in unit trusts administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners; £45,581 is on deposit with CCLA; £73,816 is in three current accounts with NatWest bank, which pay some interest, and £6,000 is in National Savings.

Looking forward to the remainder of 2024, our regular expenditure continues to exceed our income and our reserves and investments must be used to fill the gap.

Operating costs are expected to continue rising this year. The PCC have approved a pay rise for our staff to help them with the rising cost of living. Utilities costs are easing slightly, but are still considerably higher than over the past few years. The 2024 Parish Share has increased by 10% compared to last year, although we are hopeful that a review of finances across the Bath and Wells diocese may provide a welcome reduction in 2025.

We are particularly grateful for the ongoing generous donations from church members and others. In 2024, as always, I would ask that all of us should actively and regularly review our level of giving to the work of St John's, and increase it if that is appropriate. If you can commit to regular giving by standing order, this method helps to make our income more stable. Of course, donations using the envelope scheme or in other ways are equally welcomed and appreciated. Please also ensure that you add Gift Aid to your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Last year we reclaimed almost £44,000 from HMRC and could not have managed without it.

While regular planned giving contributes to our day-to-day running costs, a legacy in your will offers the opportunity to donate to St John's out of your estate, perhaps for specific purposes. The largest legacy that we have received in the last few years is £189,895 from Peter Wakely, but of course legacies of any amount are valued. It was wonderful to receive more than £8k in this way during 2023. Such gifts can be invested and may provide a lasting and valuable resource for many years. We have produced a leaflet about legacies and a copy is available at the back of the church. If you are considering including a legacy to St John's in your will, please discuss this with the treasurer or a warden who can advise you on the needs of the church.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me to continue in the job of Treasurer in 2023. In particular, I owe a large debt of thanks to Emma Handcock for her administrative support and to Judith Brookes for managing our Gift Aid scheme.

Alan Irwin
Treasurer of St John's

Gift Aid Officer's Report

Thank you for your generous giving to the work of St John's through 2023. I am pleased to report we were able to reclaim £41,354.45 from the government through the gift aid scheme. You will appreciate this represents an enormous help to our church finances.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet added Gift Aid to your church giving, please contact me to find out how you can boost your donations at no extra cost to yourselves.

Judith Brookes

St John's Fabric Report for 2023

The 'Fabric Committee' is a sub-committee of the PCC which meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church fabric and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Surveys (the latest being in July 2023). In 2023, the committee met in March, May, August, October and December, in addition to coordination through emails and other ad hoc communication.

Church Boiler – Following the failure of the church heating boiler in 2022, the new boiler was delivered in early 2023 and commissioned, enabling the heating to be switched on again on 6th February. The boiler is

installed in the vestry toilet, with the defunct old boiler remaining in place in the old boiler room, to be disposed of.

Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through 2023, including non-routine activities as follows: Fire Extinguisher Leaflets obtained; Handle added to Schoolrooms kitchen door; Vestry roof repaired to address ceiling leak; Blocked drain by North Door cleared; Turret door draught excluder added (N Transept); Anti-climb paint on Vestry downpipes renewed; Vestry, Organ Loft and South Porch roofs cleared of debris; Temporary repair made to cracked lead on Organ Loft roof; Fan replaced in west end toilet; Safety lock fitted to Vestry toilet door; Pull handle added to upstairs emergency exit door in Schoolrooms; **Quote obtained** for repairs to damaged Vestry roof and downpipe/hopper – to be started; Harbin Vault slab inspected and **quote obtained** for securing this plus other repair and maintenance tasks from the Quinquennial Report – to be started.

S Transept Walls and Vestry E Wall (internal): In addition, work to address damp on these walls has continued, with plastering completed in the vestry. The plasterer is waiting for the final wall in the S Transept to dry, to apply one final coat. The cupboards in the Vestry were put back in February 2024 and the decorator is to be booked to do everything at once when the S Transept wall is ready.

The Quinquennial Survey of the church building was carried out in July 2023 by the new church architect, Michael Vaughan, who visited the church in January to review some items for the survey in advance. In a Summary of Structural Condition, the report from the survey includes the statement: *The PCC and congregation are very attentive to the fabric and the church is generally in very good condition throughout.* The items for attention in the (40-page) survey report include:

- one job for immediate action – debris on South Porch – completed
- six jobs should be done within the first twelve months but three of them can be attributed to the local council. NB: we are to write to the council requesting that these works in the churchyard be carried out – Of the remaining three jobs, one has been completed so far.
- Eleven jobs should be done in the next 12 to 24 months, including one for the council.
- Seven jobs should be done within the five-year period.
- There are also three 'desirable' items to be carried out, one for the council, two for St John's

Schoolrooms: Actions are required to improve roof drainage and debris netting to prevent a re-occurrence of leaks. Dry rot has also been detected. These items are the responsibility of the Landlord, subject to an on-going dispute over the lease, concerning maintenance payments and building use restrictions, for which solicitors have been engaged at Diocese level.

The review of Health and Safety risk assessments has continued, with Lin Hann. The two-year programme was completed and will repeat, to review and update all risk assessments, present them progressively to the PCC for approval and make them available on-line. A Permit to Work text for contractors has been trialled and is now available for use.

With thanks to all who continue to take care of our building!

Phil Jiggins
Fabric Committee Chair

St John's Bell Ringers

We have managed to ring for most Sunday Morning Services through the year. This is partly thanks to several of the ringers from Odcombe and other villages who join us. As a quid pro quo some of us skip ringing on the second Sunday of the month at St John's and go to Odcombe to ring for their 11am service. This is much appreciated.

For the second year running we have had royal occasions to ring specially for. This year was for the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla, on May 6th. Nationally, a campaign "Ring for The King" was

launched. Response was sparse in this area, but we did attract one learner from St John's and another in Yeovil. Both made enough progress to take part in ringing, assisted by their teacher, on the big day. Sadly, for personal and family reasons, both have now had to give up. By combining a team from St John's, Odcombe, East and West Coker starting at 9am we were able to tour around and ring in all four places. Very few towers have enough ringers on their own.

However, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of my deputy ringing master, here at St Johns, Mrs Annette Organ, quite a few new adults from Yeovil and other places are learning to ring at the beginning of 2024. Some daytime lessons happen here, particularly on Wednesday mornings, - you may have heard odd sounds coming from the tower. Strangely, none of these learners are from our congregation. We would very much like to see some St John's folk taking an interest, so please come along to see what is involved. I often get comments after services saying how nice it was to hear the bells! Besides just ringing, there are other roles in the tower – maintenance of the belfry and ringing room, attending to the clock, organising social events for example.

Roger Fox
Bell Captain

St John's Young Adults

SIYA meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We do a range of social activities based around the seasons, but we nearly always end up at the pub! Bowling, games nights, bring and share dinners, walks, all with plenty of great conversations and encouraging fellowship. We are in an exciting phase of growth in numbers which allows for lots of strong friendships to form in the group. We are lucky to have a mixture of individuals - those who are from other churches, those who are curious about faith, and others who are regular church goers. We hope in the next year to continue to see more new faces - if you find yourself talking to someone in the 18-30s age bracket who may be interested in the group, please feel free to pass on either of our email addresses to them and we can make sure that they get all the information that they need to get involved."

Tim and Hannah Osborn

Youth Ministry

We are praising God for another exciting year serving young people at St Johns's. It has been wonderful to see young people wrestle with God's truth, and also to see friendships develop and deepen.

"Friday Youth" continues to meet on Friday evenings in term time and is the highlight of my week! An average of 20-25 secondary school youth come bounding through the School Rooms doors at 7pm ready for fun and fellowship. We start with an organised activity which varies from week to week – sports games, talent nights, giant hungry hippos, water fights, task master, the chip shop challenge and much more. We then (attempt to) slow things down for a snack followed by a talk from the Bible and small groups to discuss and pray for each other. In 2023 we started with a topical series on Christians and the Media, worked our way through 1 Thessalonians in the summer term, and in the autumn we had a series where we traced Jesus through the Old Testament. We also had the privilege of taking 24 young people (and 5 little people) away for a weekend at Heatree Activity Centre. Ben came and gave us our talks and the weekend forever changed our attitudes towards peas, especially peas on the floor (ask a young person why...)

Please pray on for our precious young people who are under so much pressure at school and in the secular world they live in. Praise God for this haven that they have after a busy week to relax with friends and to hear and experience the good news of God's love for them. Please also pray for the team as we adjust to 3 of our leaders moving on to other things, and for God to provide someone with a heart for serving youth and a desire to lead this ministry into the next phase.

"Pathfinders" is our group for young people in school years 7-11. We meet in the crypt during St John's 10:30 service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays to study God's word together. It's a much smaller group than on Fridays but still lively with lots of laughs. In September we started using material which Jam is writing, taking us through Mark's gospel with interludes in Micah and Kings. It's been fantastic and I look forward to him publishing a book one day for others to enjoy.

In January of 2023 we started a new group for older youth in school years 10 and up (so GCSE and A levels). It's called "Just Older Youth", and is truly a JOY! We meet at the Cary's house monthly, alternating between Sunday and Monday evenings to accommodate other groups. We've worked through Paul's letters to the Ephesians and Colossians, have fought many attacks of the giggles, and have eaten vast quantities of Rosie's amazing home-baked delights. It's tough being a youth leader, but someone has to do it!

Candy Price
Minister for Children and Youth

Junior Church Report 2023

2023 was a busy year in Junior Church. We had 32 regular children, many visitors and over 20 adults helping in the different groups along with four teenage assistants. In total, the children studied more than ten books of the Bible over 32 weeks of the year.

Scramblers (3 years old to Reception) was led by Melissa Cary, Katie Pavey and Abi Graham who joined the team in the summer term. They were ably assisted by Ellie Bradley, Jayne Watson, James and Doreen Maitland. James stepped up to teach Climbers in the autumn term. Our teenage helper was Ronel Fossi Bakam. There were 9 regular Scramblers so it was at times a squeeze to fit downstairs in the School Rooms. Together the Scramblers learnt about all the different things that God created as recorded in Genesis chapter 1. They also had a series called Thank You God which explored the need for each individual to live in gratitude for the life that God has given them. Scramblers also learnt about the Easter and Christmas stories. The children were encouraged to praise Jesus for who he is and to know him personally as king and rescuer.

Climbers (Years 1 to 3) was led by Chris Tune, Becky Dudley-Smith and James Maitland and assisted by Helen Peace, Victoria Bradley, Doreen Maitland and Emma Handcock. Until the end of the academic year, there were 10 children in this group.

Explorers (Year 4 to 6) was led by Alex Emery, who stepped down in the spring, Rowena Murray, Candy Price and Anne Wickes who joined the team in the autumn term. They were assisted by Tim Neville, Andrew Dunn, who moved away during the year, Jo-Anne Smith and JJ Bidwell, who joined in the autumn term. Davina Fossi Bakam, Harry Dudley-Smith and Emelia Smith were the fantastic teenage helpers. This was the biggest group in Junior Church this year with 13 children.

Together Climbers and Explorers started the year with looking at Psalm 1, then they studied the book of Ruth. They learnt about the Easter story through the eyes of Peter, then two series on the lives of Saul and David. In the autumn term the children explored the seven signs in John's Gospel which prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. They finished the year with Beyond the Manger, which looked at the significance of the incarnation and the real meaning of Christmas today in passages from John, Colossians, Philippians and Hebrews.

Many thanks to all our leaders and assistants for all they do to share the gospel with the children at St John's, and to the parents for their support of this work.

Melissa Cary

Tiny Toes report for APCM 2024

It is a privilege through Tiny Toes to serve parents with babies up to around 12 months old. During the year approximately 30 parents attended, and we had an average of 8 joining us each week we were open.

The parents usually come because they want to make friends with others who have children of similar age to their own, to pick up parenting tips and sometimes simply to get out of the house. They have time to chat, enjoy coffee/tea and cake and we finish with a singing time suitable for babies. We use it as an opportunity to advertise church events such as the Children's Christmas Service, Pancake event and Holiday Club and several of the parents have attended as a result.

When the children are around 12 months and are mobile, we encourage them to start attending Footprints Toddler Group. Some are able to do this, but it is often the time when parents are finishing their maternity leave and have to return to work. We sometimes receive 'thank you' cards when they finish and the following quotes are from these.

'I'm very sad to be leaving Tiny Toes. I am very grateful for all your support and kindness, particularly in the early days when A struggled with colic and digestion problems. You really made a difference and helped me through.' (B & A)

'Thank you so much for all you do at Tiny Toes. E loves it and we look forward to coming every week.' (J & E)

'Thank you to all the ladies who help at Tiny Toes. We have really enjoyed coming on Thursday mornings.' (L & AR)

Ann Thurgood

Footprints Toddler Group

We meet in the Church Rooms during term-time on Monday mornings from 10 – 11.30 am. The team is made up of ten willing volunteers, some of them new to the role and others seasoned helpers. Doreen Maitland has stepped back from co-ordinating the team, and Rowena Murray has stepped in to replace her.

We start with playtime which is followed by a time together for a Christian song and Bible story before children sit for a snack and adults enjoy cakes home-baked by generous members of our Church family. More playtime, before songs together and our goodbye "blessing" song. Our theme for the coming term is "God to the rescue" and we will be telling the families about Noah, Joseph, Moses, and David to name but a few.

We regularly have around 14 children, many of whom come up from Tiny Toes and so we are privileged to watch them grow into more confident children ready for school and pre-school. We get to know the families who come from all over Yeovil and surrounding areas and are able to support them and share the gospel with them through our programme of stories and invitation to church events. It was with great joy that several of the families recently attended our Good Friday family event.

We would value prayers for the continued effectiveness of building good relationships with and among the families and for the ability to share the gospel and the love of Jesus in an accessible and joyful way.

Rowena Murray

St John's Holiday Club

Memory Verse: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" 1 Peter 3:18

2023 holiday club took place between 24th and 28th July in St John's church. Over 50 fantastic leaders and 60+ wonderful children aged 4-11 years took part.

The planning team of Emma Handcock, Candy Price, Rowena Murray, Anne Wicks, and me got together in January to devise a theme and programme. The theme of the week was 'underwater' and with the church decorated with sea creatures, we set sail in a submarine each day. The stage set depicted a submarine control room, complete with periscope. Huge thanks go to Jennifer and David Matthew.

Water themed bible passages were prepared by Ben Graham and Candy Price to be used in conjunction with the memory verse for "up front" and group teaching.

Worship led by Becky-Dudley Smith, the youth band and our Actioneers, included a great deal of exercise, enthusiasm and singing. The favourite song of the week being set to the Disney "Under the Sea" tune with lyrics penned by our Rector.

A drama, which included the main points of the teaching was written and performed by George Beverley aided and abetted by his cast, facilitated by Emma Handcock. The children absolutely loved the session at the end of each morning.

Each day the children took part games led by Anne Wicks (some of which left people rather damp) both outside and one day inside. Activities were led by Sarah Blake *crafts*, Jonathon Coulson *construction* and Emma Handcock *drama* in the lower school rooms. David Matthew and the tech team supported all the proceedings, including filming a lovely video of the week shown in the Sunday service.

Our adult and young leaders gave an unrivalled support with a myriad of other tasks: Registration, refreshments, admin, safeguarding, first aid, leading group sessions, first aid, bathroom duties, listening, comforting, encouraging, praying and so much else!

It must be said that by the Wednesday we are often flagging a little, but despite this I know that people are enjoying themselves because they say, "when we do this next year we need to"
It is a real privilege to work with the church family and be a part of God's work.

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report

The priority of pastoral care in our churches is that of encouraging and supporting, praying for and with others, to enable them to keep their hope and faith in the God who is holding on to them, and remember His great love for them during often difficult, unexpected, and inexplicable situations. This work is for all of us to be engaged in, and the care of others is often found in practical ways - the lift to church or to an appointment, in the making of a meal or doing some shopping, meeting for a coffee to listen and chat and pray, and a host of all different things. It is so wonderful to see a church family caring for one another, and it is a joy to be able to help co-ordinate some of this support when needed.

As with all years, for many of us there have been joys and sorrows: babies, new jobs, new homes, new illnesses, new treatment, loss and separation. Through it all, our God is faithful and kind, and cares for us, and this is often shown in practical and prayerful ways through the support and love within the community of our church family.

As always, my grateful thanks to the **Pastoral Team** – Abi Graham, Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Hannah Osborn, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Keith Stevens, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey. We have met across the year and prayed together and sought to use the gifts we have in the pastoral setting, with many home visits undertaken, hospital visits, lifts given and practical help too. Thank you to Keith Stevens who does a tremendous amount of work in the Hospital Chaplaincy Team and in visiting and taking Communion to those who are housebound or in residential care homes, and we have an active presence in the Knoll, Ivelhurst, Cooksons Court, Grovelands and Pearson House.

New Ventures:

Women's evenings: we have had two this year, and it has been lovely to get women from different generations across the church family to meet, socialise and encourage and support one another in the different stages of life. Our first evening was entitled '**MENO-PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**', led by Christian GP, Anna Williams, who talked us through not only the aspects of the menopause from a biological and medical point of view, but also led us to reflect on Jesus and his love for the woman suffering from long term bleeding who touched his cloak. The pros and cons of HRT were discussed, and we had interviews and testimonies from different women in our church family. It was a very informative and interesting, well attended evening.

The second evening was a gift exchange in January 2024, great fun and time again for mixing across the age range of the church family.

The '**Fishing Forecast**' is our new weekly notices session at the Gone Fishing Café which lasts a few minutes and is an opportunity to give information and invite people to our church services and other events in our church life. We now have a monthly '**catch of the day**' slot, where different ones have given a short Bible thought. The Gone Fishing family often is full of 'regulars' from our church family and non-church folk who have made it home on a Thursday morning. We have tried to engage a bit further on the spoken message of Christian faith. Companionship and friendship are still at the very heart of the café and our strapline is 'nobody alone'. We enjoy delicious home-made cake and good fair-trade coffee. Laughter, prayer, listening, merriment – it all happens at the café. It's good. Why not join us? Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. We have also accommodated a student from Lufton College to come and assist at the café for a short time on a Thursday morning.

A huge thank you to all who bake cakes and those who come and serve at the café, and to Terry for setting it out every week and for the CAP team's presence there. If you'd like to get involved, do contact me.

Fellowship Groups

These are a key aspect of our church life and growth together as Christians, as we meet and read the Bible and pray together, as we drink coffee and laugh and chat and share life together. We have 14 groups meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (most in the evenings). This year we have studied 1 Kings looking at the life of Solomon and are currently in the book of Malachi. **We are looking to expand the groups – so if you are able to host or lead a group, do let me know.**

Caring for the Carers: We have continued to meet every couple of months, with the aim of supporting one another in the role of caregivers: those who look after relatives – both near and far. I am grateful to those who have come and shared openly about the joys and stresses of this role and who support one another so kindly. If this is for you, let me know and come to the next meeting (in May).

Captain's Table

The Captain's Table lunch club continues to be a source of joy to many, and we meet for lunch on the 1st Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church Hall. It has been a delight to work alongside such a gracious and kind team who are unflappable and get on with serving Christ by looking after the elderly and more fragile members in our church families, providing an excellent 2 course meal, coffee and tea and chocolates, entertainment and a Gospel message (all in 2 hours!).

The **Holiday at Home** in September 2023 went to **China**, during which we enjoyed prawn crackers and spring rolls and a sweet and sour chicken lunch. We learned some Cantonese with Elaine Mitchell's mum, Moy. Thank you to James who spoke about Hudson Taylor, a 19th century missionary who started the China Inland Mission and enabled many people to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One of the most exciting things about this venture is the link between young and old, with families and young people coming to lay tables, serve food, and eat together. If you have hidden talents and want to entertain us, then do let me know. There are also lots of behind-the-scenes jobs if that's more your thing: washing up, laundering the tablecloths/napkins, setting up, providing transport ... all important tasks that need doing! Thank you to all who come and volunteer in any way, especially to those who provide a means of people getting to St Andrew's and especially to those who have their hands in the sink, you are amazing!

Church Family News

We have lost some dear church family members this year, and since last reporting: John Brookes, Mavis Preston, Bruce Penney, Sylvia Pool, Eileen Bartlett, Grace Martis, Margaret Dove, Jo Dodwell, John Bailie, Ron Blake, Barbara Stroud and connected to the café – Sonia Batten, Alan Thomas, Lisa Dodwell. Many of our church family members have suffered bereavements this year: the loss of parent, daughter, nephew, family member and friends. We recognise it has been a hard year of loss for the church family and wonder if there is scope for a bereavement support group to start up in the next year. If you are interested in this, please let me know.

We have said a warm 'hello' to baby Melody (to the Cairncross family) and very recently to baby Tabitha (to the Pavey family). It has been a joy to provide the family with meals in the early days of having a new baby in the home. Congratulations to Victoria and Daniel Sanders-Brown on their wedding and to Lizzy and Ashley on their engagement. Congratulations to the Cresswells who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and to the Chatwins, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Some have moved house – namely the Osborns and the Paveys, and the Lamberts moved away to Taunton.

So as I started this report, I conclude again by saying that the pastoral work is for all of us to be involved in, and a **big thank you** for all that you are doing, however big or small, however visible or invisible it is. I spoke with someone who is not currently able to work due to ill health and asked how supportive the church family had been. I was told of meals out, invitations to events, coffee meet ups, support from the fellowship group and a host of invites from a wide variety of friends and acquaintances, demonstrating that in their illness they are not alone, but part of something much bigger, and the love and care shown reflects the love and care our God shows to us. My prayer is that we will never tire of doing good and loving one another as we love and serve the Lord.

*Helen Peace
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator*

Parish Prayer Chain Report

I'm delighted to say that the parish prayer chain has increased from 12 to 24 people, mainly due to the messages being communicated via WhatsApp instead of the previous system of individual phone conversations. This means the message is succinct and unchanged, and everyone gets it at the same time, and also nobody misses out from being unable to answer the phone. This should mean lots more praying going on!

It is an amazing opportunity we have to provide prayer support for the specific needs of church family members as and when they arise. All requests are dealt with in a sensitive manner. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, then you can contact me and I will send out a WhatsApp notification and people will bring the situation to the Lord and ask for His help and strength.

Each request made is treated confidentially within the boundaries of the prayer chain, and there is no 'follow-up' or further contact with you to find out the outcome.

Philippians reminds us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God".

Helen Peace

Mission Group report 2023

The group comprises Doug Johnson (Chair), Ben Graham, Judith Brookes, Chris Salberg, Mary Irwin and Ann Johnson, and they meet three times a year.

Events

The major event organised by the Mission group in 2023 was the visit of Steven and Helen Musa Kormayea from the *Servants of the Word* in The Gambia. Steven and Helen were interviewed at the Captains Table, and the 'Pudding and Coffee' evening in Schoolrooms. On Sunday Steven preached at both morning services and was interviewed at the 6.30 service.

First Wednesday

The Mission Group provide information and prayer points for First Wednesday from our five main mission partners in rotation. Other people and needs abroad are prayed for as we receive news.

Giving

St John's PCC has agreed to give 10% of its income to support Christian training, education and compassion ministries overseas and in the UK.

The budget for 2023 was £24,000. £20,000 was divided equally between our main mission partners:

- SIM for the work of Hilary Deneufchâtel
- Servants of the Word Bible College in The Gambia
- The Christian Institute
- Emmanuel Church, Lapusna, Moldova
- Barnabas Aid

The remaining £4,000 was allocated to the following causes as 'one off' gifts.

- £1000 - Travel and expenses for Pastor Steven's visit from The Gambia
- £750 - UCCF to support their student work. (*We have students at university now and others planning to go.*)
- £750 - The Bible Society for literacy work among Muslim women in West Africa
- £500 - Muyunda in Zambia to help with his church building project
- £1000 - Oak Hill College for the Mike Ovey Fund

A big thankyou to all who gave to the SOW Student sponsorship project. The final figure raised was £4490. Two students are already benefiting from bursaries from this fund. This appeal was separate from the PCC budget.

Ann Johnson

Fellowship Groups Report 2023 - 2024

The Fellowship Groups are a vital part of our church and parish life. They are not very 'visible' as they meet midweek, in homes, and often after dark! But to those who attend they function alongside Sunday services as a really core feature of church life. For that reason, I am glad of an opportunity to express – on behalf of all of us – our enormous gratitude to those who lead the groups. They work hard for the good of us all, nurturing our corporate life on towards maturity in Christ. Thank you also to those who host the groups in their homes, lead the studies or prayer times often or occasionally, and who take an active part in the life of the group they belong to.

In 2023 the FGs covered some studies in 'Certain truths for uncertain times', and in the life of King Solomon from 1 Kings, and most recently in the book of the prophet Malachi. Ben, George and I have all been involved in writing different studies through the year, and Helen Peace oversees the membership lists of who is in which group – a very significant and pastoral task! Helen and I meet with the group leaders three times a year, and we are always so encouraged by the news from the groups, and by the way the leaders pray for one another.

Many churches refer to their small groups as 'Growth Groups' – and I think that emphasizes an important aim. We are called to grow in our faith (2 Cor 10:15), to grow up in our salvation (1 Peter 2:2), to grow in the knowledge of God (Colossian 1:10), to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18). But not to grow weary! (Hebrews 12:3).

We call our groups 'Fellowship Groups' – because true spiritual fellowship is around God's word, in dependence on God in prayer, and in the joy of belonging to one another in Christian care and love. Groups meet fortnightly in homes (though there is one group – men only – that meets on a Wednesday in the Schoolrooms). They mostly meet in the evenings (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), though three groups meet during the daytime. Two groups meet in Sherborne. One group meets on Zoom. One group is more a St. Andrew's group than a St. John's group. All together, we have thirteen groups.

And to be honest, we probably need more groups – which would mean having more group leaders. Is there anyone in your group that you think would make a brilliant leader of a new or different group??! God works in these groups. He speaks, he unites, he builds, he encourages, sometimes he rebukes and corrects, he gives support, he sends many blessings of his Spirit. If you're not in a group, why not join one? If you're in a group, Praise God!

James Dudley-Smith

Safeguarding

There are currently 112 people who volunteer in church roles with children, young people or vulnerable adults. They are safely recruited before they start to help, ie. they have satisfactory DBS checks (repeated every three years), have a (very informal) interview and provide two references. During 2023 a total of 69 checks were therefore completed or renewed.

Safeguarding is an item on every PCC agenda and a list of new and repeated DBS checks is provided to the meeting. There were an unusually high number of checks during 2023 because the requirement to repeat them was every 5 years but has now changed to every third year. This year was therefore a 'catch up' year.

A major change that happened was that the Diocese is now working closely with a Christian organisation called Thirtyone:eight. They specialise in supporting churches of various denominations about safeguarding matters and are now providing weekend and out of hours advice rather than the Diocese, and DBS checks are being completed through them.

The Church of England requires people who volunteer to complete training at a level appropriate to their role, with most courses available online. We thank everyone for complying with this. A few (mainly staff) have undertaken the higher level called 'Leadership in Safeguarding' and have reported they have found it to be a beneficial course. At every interview there needs to be at least one person who has completed Safer Recruitment training so there are now several people who have done this.

Over recent years there has been a huge rise across the country in cases of Domestic Abuse. We are therefore being asked to use a Domestic Abuse Awareness course to increase understanding of why and how this happens, principles of how to help in this situation and the long-term effects it can have. The PCC have all agreed to do the course, and both the Tiny Toes and Footprints teams are also doing so. Others will be approached in due course.

Please continue to pray for the safety of our churches, for wisdom when there are tricky decisions to be made and for our case of abuse survivors in all its forms.

Ann Thurgood

Life Skills Manager's Report

One of the things I love so much about CAP is the generosity of heart and spirit that is so prevalent within the organisation. Visible within and through the lives of those who work for CAP as staff, coaches, befrienders and volunteers. And of course, that generosity of heart and spirit is there because God our Father has placed it within us, growing it in each of us as we do his work. But even more exciting is the effect that his generosity and love has on those with whom we work.

Our 6th Life Skills course finished mid-March and, as always, the team and I arrived with excitement and expectation, because each new course marks the start of new relationships and friendships. New things that we learn, new ways to grow and be changed, new opportunities to see God at work. We thank and praise God for his graciousness towards us and our group members, because he never lets us down and always surprises us afresh with the works he brings to bear.

And at the time this comes out we will already be thinking about and planning for the next course which starts on April 29th. And we are particularly aware that the work never stops as, alongside the LS course, we continue to see past LS members at Gone Fishing Café, at the sUpper Room and at various other church events and services. Friendships are deepened and we have a strong and growing community of those who have completed LS courses. This is very visible at CAP social/outreach events where numbers are significantly higher, and the members very much enjoy all aspects of the events. Long may that continue, and we pray that the message and experience of God's love will become real for those we journey alongside.

Lastly, I would like to give thanks for the wonderful group of volunteers who come along each week to support, befriend and serve the group, living out God's love at every session and in every encounter. Also, for the trusty team of pray-ers who hold us in prayer each week that the course is running. I particularly give thanks for Jonathan Coulson who is going to become one of our life skills coaches and will be starting his training in coming weeks. This will take our coaches to 5 which will give us even greater flexibility. And so to finish, cannibalising a verse from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians,

'may we commit to our God and Father, our work produced by faith, our labour prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Jennifer Matthew
Life Skills Manager

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

A group of about twelve meet on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month, excluding school holidays, to study the Bible and pray together. We try to balance our studies between the Old and New Testaments, and in the past year we have completed the first 12 chapters of Luke's Gospel, studied the book of Judges and read the letter to Titus. In our studies, which different people volunteer to lead, we mostly use study guides produced by The Good Book Company, which we find helpful in enabling us to participate in discussion.

At the end of each study we pray about what we have learnt, share our personal concerns, and pray for these and for church activities. Our aim is to encourage one another in our knowledge of God so that, "in every way we will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive."

Twice a year, usually in January and in the summer, we have a social get together, often 'down the pub'!

Helen Truett and Jean Conley

TCP (*Tea, coffee, croissants, and prayer*)

Meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month, downstairs in the Schoolrooms 9.00 am -10.30 am for an informal breakfast, fellowship, and prayer.

Between eight to fifteen ladies, from both our churches, get together, over coffee/tea, croissants, and occasional crumpet and festive fare in December. There is a friendly relaxed, atmosphere with much laughter, conversation, and time to share our concerns.

Getting together for breakfast, provides us with the opportunity to encourage one another, offer our support and join together in prayer

All ladies are more than welcome to join us.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies (Craft Fellowship)

The group meets fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month downstairs in the Schoolrooms from 7.30 pm. to 9.00 pm. The atmosphere is very relaxed we share a cuppa, enjoying chatting and stitching.

To date, we have made several of the banners which hang in the church, including ones for Christmas that are displayed throughout December. We also stitched the hangings on the stands for the music group.

Last year we began work on a Harvest Festival themed project. The first banner was displayed in the church in the Autumn. Currently we are stitching a second one to hang with it, which we hope will be ready by next Harvest.

In October and November, we met every week to make Christmas crafts. These were sold in church at the beginning of December in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. The group was thrilled to find the sale had raised £222.20.

We always welcome new members. There is no need to come with anything other than enthusiasm as all the materials are supplied. No level of skill is required, just the ability to thread a needle.

Roz Chatwin

St John's Music Group

During 2023-24 the Band continued to grow in number, repertoire and technical knowledge.

We practise on a Monday evening in the Church building and an hour before each morning and evening service. This allows us to be able to pray together, go through service songs, learn new ones and become more knowledgeable with the technical side.

We had and still have a committed team of twenty-two during the year. We are blessed with a large skill set: vocal, keyboard, guitar, flute, recorder, sax, trumpet, drums and tech.

Each service we have a different combination of musicians and singers. This is on a rota system dependant on individuals' availability. For some services, the Band has been small with maybe two others but can be up to seven. We have been grateful to have had a constant, dedicated Tech Team without whom a lot of what we put together would be not be possible.

We continue to lead worship in song for morning Together for Worship and fourth Sunday Communion Services, as well as all Evening Services. For the year 2023-24 this numbered seventy. Many of us joined the choir for the Carol Service also putting together a separate Band song.

If on reading this, you feel that you have gift to add to the Band then please speak to Keith, Becky, Judy or myself. The four of us oversee the running and planning of the Band. We also sign up to a Band and Tech Membership document.

It is a privilege and blessing to serve our Church family: Jesus is the centre and in Him we trust.

Jane Hiscock

Floral Group

In 2023 the floral group comprised 13 members who ensured there were beautiful floral displays in St John's each week of the year, apart from during Lent. As usual the Easter, Harvest and Christmas displays were stunning, aiding us in our worship. Mary Brooks co-ordinated the displays for these festivals with the help of many of the group. Jennifer Matthew co-ordinated flowers for the weddings of Victoria Sanders and Rebekah Emery, helped by others from the group.

The floral group received £700 donations, mainly from wedding flowers, and claimed costs of £585 leaving our final account balance of £793.

We are grateful to Terry Bush who helps maintain stock of consumables such as oasis.

We remember Sonia Batten who joined the team during the year, having previously arranged flowers at Sherborne Abbey. Initially coming to St John's one Thursday morning, to enquire about the flowers, she soon found friendship and became a regular at the Gone Fishing café and other church groups. Sadly Sonia passed away in February 2024.

If you would like to join the group to help with flower arrangements, please do get in touch: whether you would like to learn how to arrange flowers alongside someone else, or you are an experienced flower arranger who prefers to work alone – you would be made very welcome. Also, if you would like to help with the administration of the group, please let me know.

Mary Irwin

St John's Model Railway Group

St John's Model Railway Group meets every third Thursday evening of the month in the Schoolrooms, with a typical attendance of up to around 6 to 10 people. We also have the occasional session on a Saturday. Our aim is to offer a creative fellowship and low level outreach activity in which we can share our hobby together, aware that God has blessed us with all good things.

Membership is very informal but remains roughly at the ten to fifteen mark. We welcome any newcomers regardless of any church connection, and anyone can drop in and see what we're up to! We pray that we would honour God in our times together and have conversations that point to Jesus.

Tim Neville

Prodigal Bikes

Prodigal Bikes is a charity set up in 2017 by a small group including Tim Neville and Calum McFarlane from St John's, with the aim of "bringing hope and changing lives in both Africa and the UK" through bicycles. In our workshop near Merriott we refurbish old bikes donated to us, teach engineering skills and give work experience to those who need a "second chance". These bikes are then either shipped to Africa or given to refugees and asylum seekers here in the UK (Some of these being paid for through the Lord's Larder Community Fund).

In Africa our bikes are used by patients to access healthcare, and by school children and teachers to get to schools. We also provide tools, spare parts and training to keep the bikes working. To date we have shipped over 450 bikes to Kenya and 130 to Malawi. This year we hope to send our largest shipment yet – over 300 bikes – to Tanzania. We are very grateful for the continued support and prayers of members of St John's.

Calum McFarlane

Friends of St John's Report, 2023

In the 30 years since the Friends started in 1994, we have raised approximately £100,000 towards the fabric of St John's, but in 2023 a change in how future funds will be raised was initiated. We were unable to continue as a separate charity without replacements for the Chair and Treasurer of the Committee, which had not been forthcoming, despite appeals for help. Hence the dissolution of the Friends of St John's was proposed at the Annual General Meeting in June and confirmed by a Special General Meeting in September, in accordance with the rules of the charity.

A letter was sent to all on the current Friends supporters list, explaining the change and providing details of how to switch giving to the St John's PCC Bank Account and designate it for the Fabric Fund. This was also communicated to the wider church. A transition period to the end of November 2023 was allowed, after which the Friends charity and bank account would be closed, and remaining funds transferred. All such funds have now been transferred to the Fabric Fund, totalling £4885.90. Formal closure of the charity via the Charities Commission Register awaits a final financial statement, which is in preparation.

Earlier in the year we had the pleasure of an evening in St John's church with the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir on 25th March, an enjoyable time attended by 55 or so in the audience (and 30 in the choir), which raised £421 for our funds.

The need to support work on the magnificent St John's building continues. With this support now directly via the Fabric Fund, a very encouraging start to fund-raising events took place in the church on 24 February 2024. A total of £1333.42 was raised from the Acoustic Night concert, organised by Keith Ovenden. This will be divided equally between the CAP Centre and the Fabric Fund. Thanks to all who organised, performed in, or enjoyed that excellent event! A further event is planned for 27 April, when the Phoenix Brass Band and the People's Choir will be performing in a joint concert, organised by Robert Warr. A very enjoyable evening is anticipated in support of our Fabric Fund.

Many thanks to all supporters and past committee members!

Phil Juggins (Acting Chair)

St John's Bookstall

The bookstall stocks books that 'Point people to Jesus' and I am thrilled to report that during the year we have bought and sold c. £366 worth of Christian books. The wonderful help from Emma in the church office advertising these books is so appreciated as is the help of Karen Stokes actually running the stall. We are now stocking booklets about every-day pressures ranging from depression/anxiety to coping with a cancer diagnosis as seen from a Christian perspective.

In October 2023 we were awarded a grant of £500 by 10GIVING (a division of 10 Of Those Books - we get almost all our books from them). CAP clients are now given a New Living Translation Bible supplied by this fund. We also have many free Christian books on the stall which are proving popular. Terry Bush has also got a supply of evangelistic tracts to give to people who visit St John's - via this grant.

People within the church family do ask me about stocking 'broader' books and my response is always to look at what they are suggesting and keep any titles firmly pointing people to Jesus.

Iain Maitland

Yeovil College Chaplaincy

During the last year at college, some doors have closed and others have opened:

- Opportunities to run enrichment groups such as walking for well-being and hockey have closed.
- But an opportunity to run two tutorials a year have opened. Every higher education student takes part in the tutorials, either through engaging with pre-recorded videos or through live lectures that I run. This has proven a great opportunity to teach the story of Christmas and Easter. Several students have expressed interest in knowing more about Jesus.

There are two Christian groups which I now run, each with two students. Several other students prefer to meet one-to-one for Bible study. There is growing interest in exploring faith.

A big thank you to those who have been praying for the chaplaincy at college.

Ben Graham

Report of meetings of Deanery Synod

Rev David Keen of St James' took over as Area Dean last October and Val Barker remains as the Lay Chair. Janet Dean continues as secretary. Each meeting usually has a theme determined by the main visiting speaker. This year there have been presentations on:

1. Pioneer Ministry.

Farhad Chermahini leads pioneer ministry in the Birchfield area of Yeovil and gave us a fascinating insight into his work trying to reach people who have nothing to do with church. His work is all about building relationships within the community.

He works in the parish of St Michael's within the Birchfield community where he arrived to commence work in 2020, just prior to lockdown, so he began to 'walk and talk' with people he met. The local park was in an overgrown state and being misused by local drug users, so he began to clear and freshly plant some of the land. This was much appreciated by the local community.

- Two days a week there were activities in the park for children and this helped build relationships within the community.
- In the summer months, there had been a cricket programme over six weeks led by Somerset County Cricket Club.
- Mid-September, Church in the Park was begun with the theme 'Love of God'.
- In December, they moved indoors to make Christmas crafts.
- A coffee morning is held once a month
- Stay & Play café is a venture for mothers and toddlers.
- And Farhad was starting a Dad's club, hoping to reach the young men in the community.

2. Environment

Deanery Environmental Champion – Kris Emmett is new in this role and is available to help PCCs look at reducing carbon footprint, encouraging biodiversity in churchyards, and creation care in the drive to achieve net-zero carbon. St John's has recently been awarded eco church bronze status as part of this initiative.

3. Developing Lay Ministry

With the decrease in the number of stipendiary clergy in the Diocese there will be an increasing need for non-clergy lay ministry. Prebendary Ronnie Crossman, Ministry Training Team Leader at the Diocese, gave an interesting slide presentation on the new lay ministry training pathways, outlining points such as:

- Shared local ministry with lay and ordained people working in collaboration.
- The Diocesan vision regarding development local gifts and skills
- Bishop Michael's recommendation regarding the new pathways
- Resourcing for Ministry packs and Lay Ministry Pathway leaflets are available.
- Equipping and experiencing different ways of being equipped
- Living out one's ministry and the courses for being equipped
- Courses can be run by the Deanery to demonstrate the different ways the resources can be used.
- Apprentice style of learning
- Also, LWA and LPA training, local ministry and local preaching, Healing ministry, and Funeral Assistants – a role currently being explored.

4. The Deanery Mission Planning Group (DMPG) have been working on the Deanery Plan and Deanery Deployment Plan over the previous two years to advise the Archdeacon on stipendiary clergy deployment in the Deanery in response to the need to reduce numbers of clergy in the Diocese. This was approved by Synod in June after much debate and difficult conversations.

5. A regular feature is a round-up of news from the parishes in the Deanery which are always encouraging reflecting the good work happening in our area. It was highlighted in his review of

the entire Diocese by Bishop Michael in his recent Presidential address to the Diocesan Synod after his visits to all the deaneries in the diocese earlier in the year.

- 6. Common Fund Consultation.** A new system for the calculation of how money is raised for the work of our Diocese, not least how clergy are paid, housed, and supported. It will be phased in over the next three years. The new basis for calculation will be based on the cost of ministry, with three components: clergy costs, Diocesan support costs, and a 'generosity' pot to help parishes in areas of financial need.
- 7. Bishop Michael** asked to meet with all deaneries in the diocese to listen and learn about what is happening locally and where God is at work. The Yeovil meeting took place on Tuesday 17th October in St John's Church. There were 70 people present, representing Deanery Synod and PCC members from all the churches within the Yeovil Deanery. The Bishop was accompanied by four members of his staff from Wells:
- Jenny Hollingsworth, Diocesan Secretary
 - Richard Priestley, Christian Communities Development Lead and Deanery Accompanier
 - Julia Hill, Head of Deanery and Parish Support
 - Louise Willmott, Communications and Engagement Manager

He was there to hear about all the good things taking place in the various churches. He encouraged us to discuss the many and various positive aspects of church life. It was clear that there is a lot going on within our various communities, each church and benefice doing something different and beneficial to their communities. He was also interested to hear about any negative feedback from those present and to advise where he was able.

Rob Dean

Yeovil CAP Centre Report 2023

Debt Centre

The vision of Christians Against Poverty is **Transformed Lives- Thriving Churches – An end to UK Poverty**. Yeovil CAP Centre offers an award winning free service, in the name of Christ, to help people find a route out of debt. Within this process we share our own faith in God who created us and his son Jesus Christ who died that we might have eternal life within his family.

In 2023 the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre was contacted by nearly 40 local households for help with unmanageable debt, and we delivered around 100 face to face home visits. We saw a record *19 households* go debt free this year, bring the total to **145 households going debt free** since the Debt Centre started - which is great cause for celebration.

We never pay people's debts off for them, but rather find a route out of debt and work alongside them in their journey out of debt. In addition, we will try and bless them with practical gifts when finances are tight. These client blessings may include a food parcel from the Lord's Larder or fresh food shop, helping repair or replace white goods which break or topping up gas and electricity when unexpected bills arise and money is very tight.

After nine years as Debt Centre Manager, Steve Hart retired in November, planning to continue as a volunteer debt coach for one more year. We are so grateful to him for his excellent and faithful servant hearted leadership and the favour the Lord has given him with other agencies – meaning that the Yeovil CAP centre is now recognised and respected locally by many churches and secular organisations including the DWP, the probation service, local schools and GP surgeries.

Mary Irwin took over as Debt Centre Manager in November, and continues to work alongside Steve and Anne-Charlotte as debt coaches. We are also pleased to have appointed Rowena Murray as a new debt coach, currently training and planning to see clients in April 2024. We have no doubt she will be a valuable addition to the team.

This year saw many changes from Head Office with our CEO Paula Stringer stepping down after 5 years at the helm; Stewart McCulloch has taken on that role. There has also been a noticeable shift towards clients needing to go through insolvency (such as Bankruptcy or Debt Relief Orders) rather than being able to repay their debts, owing to the increased cost of living. Some of our clients have more complex mental health needs, with the sobering statistic that one in two people who contact CAP for debt help previously considered or attempted to take their own lives. It is heart-breaking that in September, we lost one of our dear friends from the Yeovil CAP family in this way.

CAP Money

This year Peter Gibson and Bridget Turner ran two CAP Money courses at Yeovil Community Church. These short courses provide budgeting skills and are suitable for anyone to learn how to spend and save. At present we are in need of another CAP Money coach as Bridget has stepped down from this work.

Events

We held four client events. In March, at our Ladies' Pamper afternoon, our guests were treated to foot spas, manicures, hand massages, nibbles, and then heard Hannah Osborn share her testimony. Our July Summer BBQ was a great event with Ben Graham sharing the gospel. Fish, Chips and Tricks was held at St Peter's Community Centre in September – with our guests entertained by James Dudley-Smith's magic tricks, and challenged by his gospel presentation; we rejoice that three people made a public response to the gospel message. We also held our Christmas Tea in the Schoolrooms where there was a wonderful sense of fellowship and George Beverley spoke about the birth of Christ. These were all well attended and an opportunity to show God's love and generosity to our growing CAP family through friendship, hospitality and a gospel presentation.

Befrienders

We are so grateful for our amazing and dedicated team of volunteers who accompany debt coaches on home visits and seek to build supportive relationships with our clients, praying for them, occasionally offering lifts to appointments, helping fill out forms, or meeting for a coffee to encourage them on their journey out of debt. This is a challenging job but can lead to wonderful rewards as we see clients blossom and transform, with some choosing to follow Jesus for themselves.

Prayer

'Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain' Ps 127:1

We strive to keep the Lord Jesus at the centre of all we do, and acknowledge our complete reliance on him to guide and strengthen us. The CAP team meet each week to pray. We also have 20 people who receive an email with our upcoming home visit appointments so they can pray while we are with our clients. We continue to hold a CAP Hour of Prayer on the last Tuesday of the month both in person and online. In addition, our CAP Praise and Prayer update 'Turning the Tide' is sent to over 160 supporters every 3 weeks.

St John's Church

We have links with supporters from many local churches, but as the lead church, St John's continues to provide the core of our support, for which we are so grateful. So many of the congregation join with us through various roles – praying, befriending, offering lifts, helping with courses, catering for events, giving financially, signposting others to CAP to name but a few. As a centre **we are so grateful** for the invaluable support of St John's church and our Rector James, alongside Rick Pudner who chairs our Management Committee and all the members of the management committee.

Each Thursday morning, Gone Fishing Café is an excellent opportunity to meet with our growing CAP Family, as well as those thinking about contacting CAP. Over the years we have seen many grow in faith and confidence as they integrate into the life of the church.

Finances

The finances of the CAP centre are separate from the general St John's fund, and we raise our own running costs to cover salaries, Head Office fees, office expenses and client blessings. In 2023 we received regular donations by standing order from 40 individuals and 2 churches, covering nearly 40% of our expenditure.

The remainder is made up from one off donations and fundraising. This year we also received gifts left in wills, as well as £6K (before gift aid) which came in through the Aviva matched funded online campaign. The Yeovil CAP Centre is now in its 13th year. We pray that with the help of the Lord, and the support of St John's, we will continue to play our part in demonstrating the compassion and love of Christ to those in our community, as we seek to **Serve the Poor – Save the Lost- with the Church - across the nation.**

Mary Irwin
Debt Centre Manager

The Lord's Larder

To everyone in St John's who gives to The Lord's Larder and The Lord's Larder Community Fund, thank you for your continued support of Yeovil Christian Support Trust over the last 12 months. Again, it was another busy year for the Lord's Larder Food Bank helping over 9,600 local people last year.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

Over 2023 with the support from St Johns, other local churches, and the wider community, we were able to give out over 170,000 items of food which went into 4,202 emergency food parcels to help 9,684 people, that figure breaks down as: -.

5,651 adults 4,033 children 2,160 families

Through December the Lord's Larder Food Bank in that month alone helped 1,000 people, 560 adults and 440 children with food over Christmas 2023.

The Lord's Larder Community Fund - continued to make a huge difference to 127 people's lives last year. By using donations, to fund small grants that agency workers apply for on behalf of their clients, these clients are families and single people have no other way of buying essential household items, like beds, furniture and cookers, their only other option would be to go to loan sharks, or go into debt.

We continue to give thanks to God for his faithfulness over the years; as the Lord's Larder Food Bank has served the local community for over three decades, and over that time we have always found we always have enough food donated to make up food parcel requests. Last year we were able to give out over 170,000 items of food so that 9,600 people did not go without food, and didn't go hungry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in St. John's for choosing to continue to support the valuable work of Yeovil Christian Support Trust (YCST), The Lord's Larder and Lord's Larder Community Fund; and we would like to pass on the heart-felt gratitude from all those we are able to help throughout the year.

Mat Callaghan

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

CHHowes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 21.09.24

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	293,436	975	51,441	345,852	328,161	235	53,633	382,029
Other Incoming Resources	2b	9,725	0	0	9,725	1,500	0	0	1,500
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	2,619	0	0	2,619	3,578	0	0	3,578
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	2,027	836	551	3,414	327	2,052	223	2,602
Total Incoming Resources		307,807	1,811	51,992	361,611	333,566	2,287	53,857	389,709
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	28,122	0	0	28,122	63,004	0	0	63,004
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	265,866	585	42,994	309,445	209,366	120	54,370	263,856
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	42,412	20,000	30,000	92,412	39,439	20	48,000	87,459
Total Resources Used		336,401	20,585	72,994	429,980	311,808	140	102,370	414,318
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(28,594)	(18,773)	(21,002)	(68,369)	21,758	2,147	(48,513)	(24,609)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		0	0	0	0	24,309	0	0	24,309
Movement on Debtors		0	0	0	0	(20,282)	0	0	(20,282)
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gains	2f	0	0	4,510	4,510	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)
Unrealised Gains		0	5,418	24,685	30,104	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)
Net Movement in Funds		(28,594)	(13,355)	8,194	(33,755)	25,785	(5,537)	(77,159)	(56,912)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2023									
General Fund St Johns		53,744			53,744	27,607			27,607
St Andrews Funds		14,813			14,813	15,108			15,108
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
Fabric Fund			51,943		51,943		57,824		57,824
Flower Guild Investment Fund			666		666		702		702
Youth Development Investment Fund			44,893		44,893		44,559		44,559
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			36		36		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,246	13,246			12,992	12,992
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,078	12,078			14,588	14,588
Peter Wakely Community Fund				266,702	266,702			343,339	343,339
Christians Against Poverty Fund				27,584	27,584			25,852	25,852
Total Balance Brought Forward		68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616	42,715	105,010	396,771	544,496
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023									
General Fund St Johns		32,868			32,868	53,744			53,744
St Andrews Funds		7,096			7,096	14,813			14,813
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
Fabric Fund			57,491		57,491		51,943		51,943
Flower Guild Investment Fund			793		793		666		666
Youth Development Investment Fund			25,718		25,718		44,893		44,893
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			182		182		36		36
Restoration Fund				13,394	13,394			13,246	13,246
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,067	12,067			12,078	12,078
Peter Wakely Community Fund				265,922	265,922			266,702	266,702
Christians Against Poverty Fund				36,424	36,424			27,584	27,584
Total Balance Carried Forward		39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862	68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible		0	0
Investment Assets		321,368	306,754
		<u>321,368</u>	<u>306,754</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors and Prepayments		0	0
Short Term Deposits and Bonds		51,581	58,875
Cash at Hand and in Bank		80,912	121,987
		<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>453,861</u>	<u>487,616</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		39,964	68,557
Dedicated		86,093	99,448
Restricted		327,806	319,612
		<u>453,862</u>	<u>487,616</u>

These accounts were approved on 25th September 2024 by:



Alan Irwin – Treasurer



Keith Ovenden – Churchwarden

PCC of St JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Cash Flow Statement

For the year to 31st December 2023

Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	2023 £	2022 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before investment changes	(71,783)	(24,609)
Investment Income		(899)
Roundings	0	0
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(71,783)</u>	<u>(23,710)</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(71,783)	(23,710)
Movements on Debtors	0	(20,282)
Movements on Creditors	0	24,309
Sale of Investments	20,000	48,000
Investment Income	3,414	2,602
Cash Flow / Decrease in Cash	<u>(48,369)</u>	<u>30,919</u>

Net Funds at 1st January 2023	180,862	157,439
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Net Funds at 31st December 2023	<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
	<u>(48,369)</u>	<u>23,423</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31st December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on an accrual basis, except as stated below (Para.iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St Andrews church.

The accounts for 2023 show that the total income is £396,225
and the total expenditure is £429,980

(ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as "Designated Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Schoolrooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as "Reserved Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty Fund
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

(iii) A full analysis of investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement). All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

(iv) Tangible Fixed Assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2023.

Any fixed assets acquired by the PCC, which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held in the following funds -

Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

	Cost	Value at 31 st Dec 2023
	£	£
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares	144,097	258,358
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares	36,519	63,011
	<u>180,616</u>	<u>321,368</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

2a. Incoming Resources from Donors

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular Giving	170,350	130	0	170,480	161,794	90	0	161,884
Income Tax Recovered	48,859	0	0	48,859	52,565	0	0	52,565
Dedicated Collections	19,931	0	0	19,931	45,107	0	0	45,107
Other Collections	46,180	145	147	46,472	63,446	145	2,346	65,937
Grants Received	8,116	0	0	8,116	5,250	0	0	5,250
Casual Giving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group	0	700	0	700	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	51,294	51,294	0	0	51,287	51,287
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	293,436	975	51,441	345,852	328,161	235	53,633	382,029

2b. Other Incoming Resources

Legacy – General Fund	8,225	0	0	8,225	0	0	0	0
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	9,725	0	0	9,725	1,500	0	0	1,500

2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading

Church Hall Lettings	1,769	0	0	1,769	2,728	0	0	2,728
Fees and Church Lettings	850	0	0	850	850	0	0	850
	2,619	0	0	2,619	3,578	0	0	3,578

2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2e. Income from Investments

General Fund	2,027	0	0	2,027	327	0	0	327
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund	0	0	0	0	0	1,713	0	1,713
Ringer Investment Fund	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	519	519	0	0	210	210
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	8	8	0	0	3	3
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	24	24	0	0	10	10
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	825	0	825	0	334	0	334
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	11	0	11	0	4	0	4
	2,027	836	551	3,414	327	2,052	223	2,602

2f. Change in Value of Investments

Realised Gain/(Loss)			4,510	4,510	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)
Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		5,418	24,685	30,104	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)
	0	5,418	29,196	34,614	0	(7,684)	(28,646)	(36,330)

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

	307,807	7,230	81,188	396,225	333,566	(5,397)	25,211	353,379
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PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31st December 2023

3.RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3a. Grants								
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	3752	0	0	3752	17504	0	0	17504
External Donations from Church Funds	24370	0	0	24370	45500	0	0	45500
	28122	0	0	28122	63004	0	0	63004
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church Ministry								
Parish Share	167511	0	0	167511	166501	0	0	166501
Clergy & Staff Expenses	8167	0	0	8167	5795	0	0	5795
Clergy Housing	105	0	0	105	309	0	0	309
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	10344	0	0	10344	7914	0	0	7914
Telephone & Broadband	1236	0	0	1236	1489	0	0	1489
Insurance	5543	0	0	5543	5191	0	0	5191
Repairs and Maintenance	50471	0	20	50491	9333	0	4605	13937
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altar Requisites	316	585	0	901	220	120	0	340
Music	2012	0	0	2012	1383	0	0	1383
St Andrews Church & Hall	15318	0	0	15318	8087	0	0	8087
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	42974	42974	0	0	49765	49765
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	4810	0	0	4810	3095	0	0	3095
Mother & Baby Group	34	0	0	34	50	0	0	50
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	265866	585	42994	309445	209366	120	54370	263856
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	4521	0	0	4521	3452	0	0	3452
Wages and Fees	33168	20000	30000	83168	33227	20	48000	81247
Printing and Stationery	358	0	0	358	682	0	0	682
Books	450	0	0	450	425	0	0	425
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Pastoral Care Coordinator (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (part time – retired in Feb 22)	0	1
Parish Administrator (30 hrs p.w.)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2023			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	63,011	258,358	321,368
Current Assets	39,964	23,082	69,448	132,493
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	0	0	0	0
	<u>68,557</u>	<u>99,447</u>	<u>319,612</u>	<u>487,616</u>

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

CHHowes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 21.09.24

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	293,436	975	51,441	345,852	328,161	235	53,633	382,029
Other Incoming Resources	2b	9,725	0	0	9,725	1,500	0	0	1,500
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	2,619	0	0	2,619	3,578	0	0	3,578
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	2,027	836	551	3,414	327	2,052	223	2,602
Total Incoming Resources		307,807	1,811	51,992	361,611	333,566	2,287	53,857	389,709
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	28,122	0	0	28,122	63,004	0	0	63,004
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	265,866	585	42,994	309,445	209,366	120	54,370	263,856
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	42,412	20,000	30,000	92,412	39,439	20	48,000	87,459
Total Resources Used		336,401	20,585	72,994	429,980	311,808	140	102,370	414,318
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(28,594)	(18,773)	(21,002)	(68,369)	21,758	2,147	(48,513)	(24,609)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		0	0	0	0	24,309	0	0	24,309
Movement on Debtors		0	0	0	0	(20,282)	0	0	(20,282)
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gains	2f	0	0	4,510	4,510	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)
Unrealised Gains		0	5,418	24,685	30,104	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)
Net Movement in Funds		(28,594)	(13,355)	8,194	(33,755)	25,785	(5,537)	(77,159)	(56,912)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2023									
General Fund St Johns		53,744			53,744	27,607			27,607
St Andrews Funds		14,813			14,813	15,108			15,108
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
Fabric Fund			51,943		51,943		57,824		57,824
Flower Guild Investment Fund			666		666		702		702
Youth Development Investment Fund			44,893		44,893		44,559		44,559
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			36		36		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,246	13,246			12,992	12,992
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,078	12,078			14,588	14,588
Peter Wakely Community Fund				266,702	266,702			343,339	343,339
Christians Against Poverty Fund				27,584	27,584			25,852	25,852
Total Balance Brought Forward		68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616	42,715	105,010	396,771	544,496
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023									
General Fund St Johns		32,868			32,868	53,744			53,744
St Andrews Funds		7,096			7,096	14,813			14,813
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		271		271
Fabric Fund			57,491		57,491		51,943		51,943
Flower Guild Investment Fund			793		793		666		666
Youth Development Investment Fund			25,718		25,718		44,893		44,893
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			182		182		36		36
Restoration Fund				13,394	13,394			13,246	13,246
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				12,067	12,067			12,078	12,078
Peter Wakely Community Fund				265,922	265,922			266,702	266,702
Christians Against Poverty Fund				36,424	36,424			27,584	27,584
Total Balance Carried Forward		39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862	68,557	99,448	319,612	487,616

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible		0	0
Investment Assets		321,368	306,754
		<u>321,368</u>	<u>306,754</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors and Prepayments		0	0
Short Term Deposits and Bonds		51,581	58,875
Cash at Hand and in Bank		80,912	121,987
		<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
		<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>453,861</u>	<u>487,616</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		39,964	68,557
Dedicated		86,093	99,448
Restricted		327,806	319,612
		<u>453,862</u>	<u>487,616</u>

These accounts were approved on 25th September 2024 by:



Alan Irwin – Treasurer



Keith Ovenden – Churchwarden

PCC of St JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Cash Flow Statement

For the year to 31st December 2023

Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	2023 £	2022 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before investment changes	(71,783)	(24,609)
Investment Income		(899)
Roundings	0	0
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(71,783)</u>	<u>(23,710)</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(71,783)	(23,710)
Movements on Debtors	0	(20,282)
Movements on Creditors	0	24,309
Sale of Investments	20,000	48,000
Investment Income	3,414	2,602
Cash Flow / Decrease in Cash	<u>(48,369)</u>	<u>30,919</u>

Net Funds at 1st January 2023	180,862	157,439
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Net Funds at 31st December 2023	<u>132,493</u>	<u>180,862</u>
	<u>(48,369)</u>	<u>23,423</u>

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31st December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on an accrual basis, except as stated below (Para.iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St Andrews church.

The accounts for 2023 show that the total income is £396,225
and the total expenditure is £429,980

(ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as "Designated Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Schoolrooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as "Reserved Funds" within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty Fund
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

(iii) A full analysis of investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement). All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

(iv) Tangible Fixed Assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2023.

Any fixed assets acquired by the PCC, which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held in the following funds -

Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

	Cost	Value at 31 st Dec 2023
	£	£
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares	144,097	258,358
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares	36,519	63,011
	<u>180,616</u>	<u>321,368</u>

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

2a. Incoming Resources from Donors

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular Giving	170,350	130	0	170,480	161,794	90	0	161,884
Income Tax Recovered	48,859	0	0	48,859	52,565	0	0	52,565
Dedicated Collections	19,931	0	0	19,931	45,107	0	0	45,107
Other Collections	46,180	145	147	46,472	63,446	145	2,346	65,937
Grants Received	8,116	0	0	8,116	5,250	0	0	5,250
Casual Giving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group	0	700	0	700	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	51,294	51,294	0	0	51,287	51,287
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	293,436	975	51,441	345,852	328,161	235	53,633	382,029

2b. Other Incoming Resources

Legacy – General Fund	8,225	0	0	8,225	0	0	0	0
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	9,725	0	0	9,725	1,500	0	0	1,500

2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading

Church Hall Lettings	1,769	0	0	1,769	2,728	0	0	2,728
Fees and Church Lettings	850	0	0	850	850	0	0	850
	2,619	0	0	2,619	3,578	0	0	3,578

2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2e. Income from Investments

General Fund	2,027	0	0	2,027	327	0	0	327
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund	0	0	0	0	0	1,713	0	1,713
Ringer Investment Fund	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	519	519	0	0	210	210
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	8	8	0	0	3	3
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	24	24	0	0	10	10
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	825	0	825	0	334	0	334
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	11	0	11	0	4	0	4
	2,027	836	551	3,414	327	2,052	223	2,602

2f. Change in Value of Investments

Realised Gain/(Loss)			4,510	4,510	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)
Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		5,418	24,685	30,104	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)
	0	5,418	29,196	34,614	0	(7,684)	(28,646)	(36,330)

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

	307,807	7,230	81,188	396,225	333,566	(5,397)	25,211	353,379
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PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
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3.RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3a. Grants								
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	3752	0	0	3752	17504	0	0	17504
External Donations from Church Funds	24370	0	0	24370	45500	0	0	45500
	28122	0	0	28122	63004	0	0	63004
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church Ministry								
Parish Share	167511	0	0	167511	166501	0	0	166501
Clergy & Staff Expenses	8167	0	0	8167	5795	0	0	5795
Clergy Housing	105	0	0	105	309	0	0	309
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	10344	0	0	10344	7914	0	0	7914
Telephone & Broadband	1236	0	0	1236	1489	0	0	1489
Insurance	5543	0	0	5543	5191	0	0	5191
Repairs and Maintenance	50471	0	20	50491	9333	0	4605	13937
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altar Requisites	316	585	0	901	220	120	0	340
Music	2012	0	0	2012	1383	0	0	1383
St Andrews Church & Hall	15318	0	0	15318	8087	0	0	8087
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	42974	42974	0	0	49765	49765
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	4810	0	0	4810	3095	0	0	3095
Mother & Baby Group	34	0	0	34	50	0	0	50
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	265866	585	42994	309445	209366	120	54370	263856
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	4521	0	0	4521	3452	0	0	3452
Wages and Fees	33168	20000	30000	83168	33227	20	48000	81247
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CAP Centre Debt Coach (15 hrs p.w. - ended Oct. 23)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (part time – retired in Feb 22)	0	1
Parish Administrator (30 hrs p.w.)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

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General Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2023			
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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	Chairman
Associate Minister	Revd Ben Graham	
Curate	Revd George Beverly	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Rob Dean Janet Dean Kate Scorer Phil Juggins Beth Farrington	St Andrew's
Member of Diocesan Synod	Rob Dean	
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Lin Hann Keith Ovenden	St John's
Deputy Wardens	Brian Gay	St Andrew's
Elected Members	Nick Chatwin Chris Frazer Roger Fox Mary Irwin Caroline Jeeves Phil Juggins Tom Oaks David Matthew Calum McFarlane Tim Osborn Ann Thurgood Tim Thurgood Helen Truett Chris Tune Les Whittle	
Co-opted Members	Janet Dean Alan Irwin	Secretary Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- 2022 has been a year of recovery after the difficult years of the Covid pandemic.
- Keith Ovenden stepped into the breach as churchwarden to replace Rob Dean who had served for seven years in the role.
- We were delighted that George Beverly was ordained priest in July and remains as our curate.
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected after the unusual circumstances of the pandemic.
- Congregations at our services grew throughout the year as people regained confidence regarding meeting in public places.
- Services continued to be live-streamed as this has been especially beneficial for those more elderly members of the congregation or those who are unwell at home.
- Tuesday morning communion continued.
- A new gathering was begun on Friday mornings entitled Friday at Nine, or FAN as it has become known.
- The Gone Fishing Café is once again thriving on Thursday mornings.
- Youth activities continue.
- Holiday Club took place in July and was well attended.
- First Wednesday prayers continues but has remained on Zoom as this proved a popular option for many.
- Fellowship groups were able to meet in person once again though one group continues to meet via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, were able to meet again during the year.
- Christians Against Poverty continued to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt.
- The Tech Team, ably led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication; they continue to livestream services for those who wish to watch services at home each week.

There is, therefore, once again a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on four occasions during the year and were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- The future reordering of the church
- Mission giving
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- The fabric of St John's and the repairs to various areas
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

St John's Wardens Report

It is a real privilege to serve the church as Church Wardens. I started the year alongside Rob Dean, who stopped in March after a very lengthy and much appreciated time of service and was then joined by Keith Ovenden in November. 2022 did feel as if we had finally surfaced from the Covid pandemic and were getting back on track. We would probably all say that we learnt a lot through that time and found ourselves having to depend on God both spiritually and practically in ways we had not before.

The role would not of course be possible without the help of a large number of other people. Terry has continued faithfully as Facilities Manager, Emma as Church Administrator and Shauna who keeps the schoolrooms spotless.

Help also comes from three amazingly helpful Committees: Standing Committee, Fabric Committee and Finance Committee. This help is a real testimony of how the church family is made up of so many gifted people willing to give their time and energy to support church life in so many different ways.

Last but not least, we should mention the eleven deputy wards who faithfully open up the church and close, twice each Sunday and for special events, weddings and funerals. This is an often unseen role, but we would grind to a halt without them.

We should of course mention the church boiler at the end of 2022 which finally ceased to work and left us without heating in the church for a considerable length of time. We are hugely grateful to Keith for both obtaining a Faculty so quickly and for overseeing the installation of a new boiler.

Lin Hann, Church Warden

Sidepersons Report

2022 saw all of our church services return to what felt like normal after the Covid pandemic and the need for Sidepersons (which we now call Welcomers) was ever more evident. We continued to recruit to the role for both Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings as well as for special events like Easter and Christmas events and carol services. Throughout 2022 we had 25 Welcomers which included two families. We saw a number of new people attending our services post pandemic and it was very important that they received a welcome on arrival.

In July we had breakfast together, partly in order to say thank you to the team for the wonderful job they do, but also to share the joys and challenges and any changes that might be useful. It was a really useful time, and so many people present expressed what a joy the role is. James joined us and shared with us how important he believes this role to be. We have such a diverse number of people coming through the doors each Sunday, what a privilege it is to make them all feel welcome as soon as they arrive. Taking those first steps of coming through the door can be really hard for both visitors and also for members of our church family. Lots of very useful suggestions were made and it was agreed that we would meet annually.

Lin Hann, Church Warden

Report on the Electoral Roll

Following the 2023 revision of the electoral roll for St John's, the total on the roll currently stands at 181. Five members either died or left the area in 2022 and a number of people have joined St John's during the last year.

Emma Handcock, Parish Administrator

St John's Finance Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

The statutory accounts of St John's also include the accounts of St Andrew's. However, this report covers only the finances of St John's, which are managed by means of several funds. The General Fund can be spent at the discretion of the PCC and mostly covers the day-to-day running costs of the church. Several Designated Funds hold money set aside for specific purposes, such as the Schoolrooms and the Fabric Fund. Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were originally set up, such as the Peter Wakely Community Fund and the Christians Against Poverty Fund.

The General Fund

Regular general giving to St John's in 2022 amounted to £142,587, with other donations totalling £50,166 and the tax recovered was £48,437. This makes a total for general giving of £241,190.

In addition, we also received hugely generous responses to several specific appeals through the year; two separate appeals for our mission partners in Moldova (c.£16k) and one appeal for funds to replace our expired boiler (c.£26k in 2022, supplemented by c.£16k in 2023). With approval of the PCC, £48k was drawn down from the Peter Wakely fund in order to support our pastoral and outreach work in 2022 (and 2021).

Our regular expenditure in 2022 was dominated by staff costs (c.£70k), Repairs and Cleaning (c.£11k) and the Parish Share, which is paid to the Diocese of Bath and Wells (c.£148k). When other costs are added, the general monthly expenditure was around £2,500 more than our general monthly income. We donated £22k to our mission partners and a further £22k in mission giving to catch up with our commitments from 2021. A mission giving budget of £24k was set for 2023, which is 10% of the general donations received in 2022.

Excluding the donations received for the boiler appeal and not yet spent, the balance of the St John's general fund at the end of 2022 was approximately £27k, which is basically unchanged from 2021.

Designated Funds

Movements in most of our designated funds were not major in 2022.

The Fabric Fund balance reduced by c.£6k to £52k, mainly due to a fall in the value of investments.

The Youth Development Investment Fund increased by approx. £300 interest to almost £46k.

Restricted Funds

There are four funds categorised as restricted:

The Restoration Fund

Apart from accumulated interest, there were no significant transactions in the Restoration Fund in 2022, leaving the closing balance at £13,246.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Fund

This fund raises and spends money in support of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre, managed by Steve Hart. A total of £51,287 was given and raised to support this ministry. The expenditure, comprising the monthly salaries of the manager and debt coach, a monthly payment to CAP HQ, and other operating expenses, amounted to £49,765. There was a surplus in the year of £1,522 and the balance carried forward to 2023 was £27,584.

The Peter Wakely Community Fund

This fund was set up with the proceeds of the legacy received from Peter Wakely. The funds are invested in a unit trust administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners. During the year we sold shares amounting to £48,000, which was used to help pay for our pastoral and outreach ministries. The fund value was also affected by a significant fall in the stock market during 2022 and the closing balance was £266,702.

The Tom Setter Belfry Fund

During 2022, the Tom Setter fund paid for some general and electrical repair work in the bell tower. The final balance was £12,078.

The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows where our total funds of £472,802 are invested. Most of this is accounted for by designated or restricted funds with a relatively modest £27k represented by the General Fund. A total of £306,754 is invested in unit trusts administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners, £52,167 is on deposit with CCLA, £107,882 is in three current accounts with NatWest bank, which pay some interest, and £6,000 in National Savings.

Looking forward to the remainder of 2023, James Dudley-Smith, our rector, has already spoken to church members about the challenge that we face in the need to increase our income. While our regular expenditure continues to exceed our income, our reserves and investments must be used to fill the gap.

Operating costs are expected to continue rising this year. Our staff need a pay rise to help them with the rising cost of living. Utilities costs will jump sharply when our very advantageous fixed price contracts expire during 2023, and the Parish Share continues to increase (although at a more gradual rate than in past years).

Of course, our own individual domestic finances are being pressurised in a similar way and for that reason, we are particularly grateful for the ongoing generous donations from church members and others. My request to all in 2023 is that we should actively and regularly review our level of giving to the work of St John's, and increase it if that is appropriate. If you can commit to regular giving by standing order, this method helps to make our income more stable. Of course, donations using the envelope scheme or in other ways are equally welcomed and appreciated. Please also ensure that you add Gift Aid to your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Last year we reclaimed more than £48,000 from HMRC and could not have managed without it.

While regular planned giving meets our day-to-day running costs, a legacy in your will offers the opportunity to donate to St John's out of your estate, perhaps for specific purposes. The largest legacy that we have received in the last few years is £189,895 from Peter Wakely, but of course legacies of any amount are valued. Such gifts can be invested and may provide a lasting and valuable resource for many years. We have produced a leaflet about legacies and a copy is available at the back of the church. If you

are considering including a legacy to St John's in your will, please discuss this with the treasurer or a warden who can advise you on the needs of the church.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me to settle into the job of Treasurer in 2022. In particular, I owe a large debt of thanks to Emma Handcock for her administrative support and to Judith Brookes for managing our Gift Aid scheme.

Alan Irwin -Treasurer of St John's

Gift Aid Report

Thank you for your generous giving to the work of St John's through 2022. I am pleased to report we were able to reclaim £45,379.09 from the government through the gift aid scheme – broken down as follows.

£ 36,855.58	General
£ 3,012.25	CAP
£ 2,557.50	MOLDOVA
£ 2,447.50	Boiler
£ 427.50	Youth
£ 30.00	Bellringers Investment Fund
£ 26.25	Floral Group

You will appreciate this represents an enormous help to our church finances.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet added Gift Aid to your church giving, please contact me to find out how you can boost your donations at no extra cost.

Judith Brookes

St John's Fabric Report 2022

The 'Fabric Committee' is a sub-committee of the PCC which normally meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church fabric and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Surveys (the last being in 2017). In 2022, the committee met in January, March, May, July, October and December, in addition to coordination through emails and other ad hoc communication.

Church Boiler

The most significant item associated with the church building in 2022 was the failure of the heating boiler. The problem was first identified on 12th October by Bamfords in the annual boiler inspection. The boiler failed a gas leakage test and a warning notice was issued, with the boiler not to be used with immediate effect, and hence no heating available in church until further notice.

Bamfords provided a quote for a new door seal, but warned that there were no longer spare parts available for the boiler, so if that repair did not work, it would be condemned. The new door seal was fitted on 27th October and a repeat leakage test carried out on 4th November, which showed that the new seal was insufficient to solve the leakage. Bamfords advised that the (40 year old) boiler was beyond economic repair.

The replacement is a condensing high efficiency boiler, small enough to be located in the vestry toilet rather than the old boiler room, with the exhaust flue routed through what had been a skylight over the boiler room entrance (with glass awaiting repair after vandalism), avoiding the expense of re-lining the old flue chimney. The defunct old boiler remains in place currently.

Quotes for the boiler replacement were obtained in November and Faculty permission granted by the Diocese. After delivery of the new boiler in early 2023, it was commissioned and the heating switched on again on 6th February.

Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through 2021, including activities as follows:

- Plant growth was cut back on the South Chancel external wall
- Battery packs in all overhead nave lights were replaced and a switch added to extinguish bulbs that shine on the Nave main screen
- The Schoolrooms doorbell/intercom was replaced
- Church roof cleaning was completed with assistance from a young group (20-somethings! Thanks!)
- Extra lights in the tower and an additional Crypt stairs mains light were fitted
- Clock access hazards were addressed in the tower by a grab-rope at the top of steps and a split trap door
- Floodlights were re-instated after wiring in the schoolrooms building had been disturbed by builders.

The church continues to be generally in good material condition. Several more significant items were deferred to the Quinquennial Survey for architect's advice. These included the re-plastering and decorating of the Vestry internal east wall, following water damage in 2020 (addressed by roof drainage improvements in 2021). There also remains the task to put the fitted cupboards (1908 originals) back into place in the office, which awaits confirmation from the Survey that the walls have dried out satisfactorily. The architect has advised that quotes can be pursued for this work, following his visit in January, together with re-plastering work in the South Transept, required after water damage behind a banner board (now removed).

Schoolrooms - After previous major flooding and damage in the foyer/toilet following a downpour, re-plastering and decorating have been completed, with actions required to improve roof drainage and debris netting to prevent a re-occurrence. This is a responsibility of the Landlord, but is subject to an on-going dispute over the lease, concerning maintenance payments and building use restrictions, for which solicitors have been engaged at Diocese level.

The review of Health and Safety risk assessments has continued, with Lin Hann. The two-year programme starting in 2022 has progressed, to update all risk assessments to a common format, present them progressively to the PCC for approval and make them available on-line.

The next Quinquennial Survey of the church building was due in June 2022, to be undertaken by the church architect John Beauchamp. The architect's office has not been able to support this timescale. We are now expecting the Quinquennial Survey in May 2023, with a new church architect (from the same practice), Michael Vaughan. Michael, who had already been involved in re-ordering discussions for St John's, visited the church in January 2023 to review some items for the survey in advance. The full survey (and the initial review) generates renewed actions for maintaining the fabric of the church.

With thanks to all who continue to take care of our building!

Phil Juggins, Fabric Committee Chair

St John's Reordering Project

Back in 2017 the reordering project was initiated with the fundamental vision to remove pews from the church to modernise, increase flexibility of use of the church space and to improve our welcome to all but mainly to new worshippers and visitors.

To do so would also require a review and modification to heating due to need to remove some radiators, provide opportunity to upgrade the server area and to improve our creche.

We engaged church architects ***benjamin and beauchamp*** to develop the plans and consulted with the DAC and others on the way forward, And then COVID hit, followed by the cost of living crisis and uncertainty within the Church of England.

At its meeting on 29 March the PCC decided that in the current climate and considering the factors above that the project would, sadly, be put on hold.

Rob Dean

St John's Bell Ringers

Some sense of normality has been felt since the restrictions around Covid have relaxed in that we have managed to ring the bells on most Sunday Mornings. But that normality hasn't been ideal. In recent years the number of ringers has fallen, generally through moving away for genuine family reasons, but we have failed to attract new ringers from members of St John's. The only way we can manage to ring on Sundays, or for weddings, etc, is to welcome ringers from nearby towers, Odcombe in particular, and East and West Coker. In return, we have deserted St John's once a month, to help those Churches hear their bells.

This year has been particularly busy ensuring that as many bells as possible could be rung for the Queen's Jubilee in the Summer and for her funeral in September. The public in general expects bells to be rung for such occasions. In fact, Operation London Bridge, the code of practice put in place for the death of the Queen, included instructions as to when and how bells should be sounded. However, they failed to recognise that there were too few ringers, nationwide. Besides that, there were different interpretations of the rules, both for ringing and the flying of flags, which often falls to the ringers to deal with! Nevertheless, by joining forces with the ringers from other churches both the Jubilee and the Funeral were suitably marked in Yeovil and elsewhere. In October the same group of ringers had an enjoyable day's outing to Exmoor where the bells of five churches were rung.

In the autumn we arranged a visit to the tower by the young people of St John's, with Ben Graham and Candy Price, hoping we might get some youngsters to take up ringing. But to no avail. Next year we will have the King's Coronation and it's hoped this might be a focus for recruitment. Please spread the word, or soon our bells will fall silent.

Roger Fox and Annette Organ

St John's Young Adults (SJYA)

SJYA meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We do a range of social activities based around the seasons, but we nearly always end up at the pub! Bowling, games nights, bring and share dinners, walks, all with plenty of great conversations and encouraging fellowship. We are relatively small in number, but that has enabled us to build strong friendships and grow as a group. We are lucky to have a mixture of individuals - those who are from other churches, those who are curious about faith, and others who are regular church goers.

We hope in the next year to see more new faces - if you find yourself talking to someone in the 18-30 age bracket who may be interested in the group, please feel free to pass on either of our email addresses to them.

Tim and Hannah Osborn

Junior Church

It continues to be a joy to be involved with the various Sunday morning groups. Junior Church meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month during term time, wonderfully organised by Melissa Cary. A creche for the under 3's runs every week, under the guidance of Roby Maitland. Most Sundays in 2023 we welcomed about 30 children.

Scramblers (Age 3 to Year R), Climbers (Year 1 – 3), and Explorers (Year 4 – 6) meet in the School Rooms during the 10:30 St John's service. We gather altogether for a song before Scramblers head off to their group. Then the 2 older groups learn a memory verse together and review last week before splitting off for the current week's teaching and activities.

In the spring term we did a series on Jesus, the King of God's Kingdom, working through chapters 4 to 8 of Mark's gospel. In the summer term we explored the early church through the eyes of Peter, then in the Autumn we did 2 series in Judges and Samuel, and another called a Prophetic Christmas.

People moving and changing roles has meant that we are not operating with a full complement of leaders. Consequently, the team are working very hard, and it is currently a challenge to staff the groups each week. I am very grateful to the team for their committed service and for giving so much of their time to keep these groups going while we are under-staffed. Please join us in praying for two more leaders who would be willing and able to lead and teach.

Candy Price

Youth Ministry

Pathfinders is our Sunday morning group for youth in year 7 and up. We had a big group of children move up from Explorers in September, so we now have 12-14 present each Sunday. They meet in the crypt on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month during term time. In 2022 we did multiple mini-series on Genesis, Easter, Joshua, Philippians, Christmas and some stand-alone sessions in the epistles and Acts. We are considering using new material which allows us to work through Bible books more systematically. Please pray for wisdom as we consider that.

Friday youth meets for an hour and a half in the school rooms on Friday evenings and is attended by roughly 24 young people aged 11-18 each week. We start with a group activity in the room upstairs and then listen to a Bible talk from one of the youth team before splitting into 3 groups for discussion and prayer. In 2022 we started with a Bible Overview, then did a series on relationships, and one on the "radical Jesus". We finished with a series in Judges.

We had an amazing weekend away in Dartmoor National Park with a variety of activities and four Bible talks from George Beverly. We are looking forward to another weekend away with talks from Ben Graham: 50% more young people signed up, and there will be an even greater selection of activities.

I am particularly thankful to Jon Peace and James Maitland and the committed and capable team of youth leaders who love to serve so sacrificially and who make these groups such a joy to be a part of.

Candy Price

Tiny toes

Tiny Toes parent and baby group remains a popular event with local families and is well spoken of in the area. Approximately 28 parents have attended during the year, most of them having no obvious previous church contact.

We provide an important service for new parents who are facing the huge changes that a new baby brings. However, we also ensure we promote relevant church events, with several parents attending as a result. This was particularly true of those with older, school aged children who then attended Holiday Club. We also promote the Footprints group and a number of parents have then transferred to attend that.

For the first part of the year we had a group of parents who attended very regularly, until the break for the summer holidays. Many of these parents returned to work at that time and their children also became too old for the group, This left us with reduced numbers during the autumn term, but despite this we have averaged 7 or 8 attenders each week, 2023 has started with improved numbers.

Our thanks go both to the team who help to set up, run the sessions, provide cakes and clear away afterwards.

Ann Thurgood

Footprints

Footprints is a toddler group which runs on a Monday morning 10am till 11.30am in term time. We have around 15 toddlers turn up with their parents/carers each week. We tell them a bible story, sing songs, have play time and snack time. We have a real range of church going families and non-Christians. It is a great opportunity to support and talk to parents and carers. The aim of the group is to tell children and carers about Jesus, show them his love, support them in their stage of life and invite them to church events. We currently have 8 helpers and are looking for more to join the team. We value ongoing prayer for this group.

Doreen Maitland

Holiday Club

Lights Seekers 25th – 29th July 2022

The overall aim of the club was to show the children aged 5-11 how God can transform our lives. The teaching was based on the memory verse:

“Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” John 8:12

The daily programme, which ran from 10.00 to 12.30 each day included:

- Registration and then into the Space Station (our church was wonderfully decorated by Jennifer and David Matthew and their team).
- The children went to one of 6 ‘Space Shuttle’ groups around the church for teaching.
- The groups then gathered in the pews for messy games, drama, worship songs and further teaching (using ‘Saddleback Kids’ videos as a resource). These were about characters in the bible whose lives were transformed by God.
- The children then rotated through a series of games, activities, refreshments and more teaching.
- At the end of the morning, everyone gathered once more for more drama and closing prayer.

On the following Sunday there was a Holiday Club service where the children and their families joined the regular congregation in church and shared some of the activities and learning from the week

We were very blessed by the large number of adult and young leaders who volunteered and made Light Seekers a success. We could not run this week without them.

Holiday Club 2023, entitled 'Splash!' will run 24th - 28th July.

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report for APCM April 2023

The priority of pastoral care in our churches is that of encouraging and supporting, praying for and with others, to enable them to keep their hope and faith in the God who is holding on to them, and remember His great love for them during often difficult, unexpected, and inexplicable situations. This work is for all of us to be engaged in, and the care of others is often found in practical ways - the lift to church or to an appointment, in the making of a meal or doing some shopping, meeting for a coffee to listen and chat and pray, and a host of all different things. It is so wonderful to see a church family caring for one another, and it is a joy to be able to help co-ordinate some of this support when needed.

As with all years, for many of us there have been joys and sorrows: new babies, new jobs, new homes, new illnesses, new treatment, new loss and separation. For many of us, it will be the continuation of all that year on year, and that is life in our broken and fallen world. Through it all, we are reminded that God is faithful and will uphold us and strengthen us for all that happens, supported and helped and loved within the community of our church family. On a personal note, I can testify to knowing that deep sorrow and grief, which still sweeps over me, and am grateful for the love and support of all those who have prayed and listened and pointed me to the arms of my loving Saviour.

What has 2022-23 brought A winter of cold church and warm hubs (warm hubs elsewhere - St Peter's was a good place to take a laptop and work), visits again in care homes and hospitals, treatment for some, surgery for others, car accidents, bereavement, illness and difficulties, celebrations (Queen's Platinum Jubilee), weddings, funerals, ordinations (George Beverly our curate in June 2022) and much more!

As always, my grateful thanks to the Pastoral Team – Abi Graham, Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Hannah Osborn, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey. We have met across the year and prayed together and sought to use the gifts we have in the pastoral setting. Thank you to Keith Stevens who does a tremendous amount of work in the Hospital Chaplaincy Team and in visiting and taking Communion to those who are housebound or in residential care homes.

Fellowship Groups

These are a key aspect of our church life and growth together as Christians, as we meet and read the Bible and pray together, as we drink coffee and laugh and chat and share life together. We have 14 groups meeting on Tuesday and Wednesdays (most in the evenings). This year we have studied the books of Hebrews and James and are now on a series entitled 'Certain Truths for Uncertain Times'. If you would like to join a group – do get in touch with me.

Gone Fishing Cafe

Companionship and friendship are at the very heart of the café and our strapline is 'nobody alone'. We enjoy delicious home-made cake and good fair-trade coffee. Laughter, prayer, listening, merriment – it all happens at the café. It's good. Why not join us? Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

A huge thank you to all who bake cakes and those who come and serve at the café, and to Terry for setting it out every week and for the CAP team's presence there. If you'd like to get involved, do contact me.

Caring for the Carers: We have continued to meet every couple of months, with the aim of supporting one another in the role of caregivers: those who look after relatives – both near and far. I am grateful to those

who have come and shared openly about the joys and stresses of this role and who support one another so kindly.

Church Family News

We have lost some dear church family members this year, and since last reporting: Rosemary Vowles, Sylvia Thompson, Chris Gray, Joy Maidment, Gordon Gallop and Betty Woolridge (who was very proud to reach the ripe old age of 104!). We have said a warm 'hello' to baby Naimh (daughter of Naomi and Liam) and it has been a joy to provide the family with meals in the early days of having a new baby in the home. Congratulations to Hannah and Tim Osborn on their wedding last August at St John's.

Captain's Table

The Captain's Table lunch club continues to be a source of joy to many, and we meet for lunch on the 1st Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church Hall. It has been a delight to work alongside such a gracious and kind team who are unflappable and get on with serving Christ by looking after the elderly and more fragile members in our church families, providing an excellent two course meal, coffee and tea and chocolates, entertainment and a Gospel message (all in 2 hours!).

The Holiday at Home in September 2022 went to India, which started with mango lassi and ended with chai latte, with curry, poppadoms, naan bread and other starters and lots going on. We learned some Hindi with Eugene and Bhavana, and Jon and had quizzes. Thank you to Eugene who spoke on God's great love for the world (John 3:16). What a wonderful start to this year of Captain's Table lunches. Some of those who thought they didn't like curry went away surprised!

One of the most exciting things about this venture is the link between young and old, with families and young people coming to lay tables, serve food, and eat together. We are one big happy family at Captain's Table. We have had testimonies from teenagers, storytelling, folk music, flute playing, quizzes and the wonderful Gospel message presented to us by Ben, James, Mary, Candy and George. If you have hidden talents and want to entertain us, then do let me know. There are also lots of behind-the-scenes jobs if that's more your thing: washing up, laundering the tablecloths/napkins, setting up, providing transport ... all important tasks that need doing! Thank you to all who come and volunteer in any way, especially to those who provide a means of people getting to St Andrew's and especially to those who have their hands in the sink, you are amazing!

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Psalm 95 reminds us of the greatness of God and the fact that we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care (v6-7).

Helen Peace, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Prayer Chain Report – April 2023

A few church members from St John's and St Andrew's make up the Parish Prayer Chain, who are willing to provide prayer support for the specific needs of church family members as and when they arise. All requests are dealt with in a sensitive manner. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, who is undergoing surgery or has an emergency of some sort, then you can contact me (Helen Peace) and I will set the Parish Prayer Chain in motion, and the people on it will pass the message along the chain and pray for your situation, bringing it to the Lord and asking for His help and strength. The request needs to be made in a short concise way, enabling those on the chain to pass the message on without losing or adding information or distorting the original message.

Each request made is treated confidentially within the boundaries of the prayer chain, and there is no 'follow-up' or further contact with you to find out the outcome. The person on the prayer chain contacts and informs the next person on the list and so it goes on until it reaches the beginning again.

Philippians reminds us ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God"***.

Helen Peace

Fellowship Groups

Huge thanks, as always, to leaders of Fellowship Groups, who work hard to make them enjoyable and worthwhile. Huge thanks to Helen Peace who does the work of placing people into groups – which (as you can imagine) is not always easy. Huge thanks to Ben who has shared with me in writing study notes: this year the groups have studied the letter of James, followed by four studies on 'Certain truths for uncertain times.'

Helen and I always reflect, after our meetings with Fellowship Group leaders, on how encouraging the ministry is. The groups are generally functioning really well, and helping members to enjoy time with others and with God, to grow in the study of his word, and to pray and be prayed for in a supportive group. Attendance is good in most groups, and there are countless examples of loving care in practical ways, from one member to another. So a huge thank you also to all who belong in groups – we would be a much diminished church family without these amazing groups, carrying on, often unseen and untrumpeted, doing a great work for the Lord.

We have currently 140 people in 13 Fellowship Groups.

James Dudley-Smith

Safeguarding Report

The Parish Safeguarding Officer, Ros Bush, resigned In June and the role transferred to Ann Thurgood. We thank Ros for her hard work and organisational skills that ensured DBS checks, etc, were completed or renewed on time, and for her vigilance in the role.

There are currently 105 people who are actively volunteering to help with church activities that require Safer Recruitment processes to be followed, which include DBS checks. These need to be renewed every three years and so 18 new or repeated checks were undertaken during the year.

The change of Officer meant the safeguarding posters, etc, which have to be displayed in all buildings, became out of date and have been renewed. The Policy was also updated with new terminology and approved by the PCC in November.

The Diocese has recently offered the use of an online audit tool for safeguarding practices in the church, called The Safeguarding Dashboard. This has been completed and a subsequent action plan drawn up and approved by the PCC. This audit has proved to be very reassuring. It shows that we are already following the guidance, but with a few minor adjustments to ensure our practice is exemplary.

Ann Thurgood

Genesis

Genesis has been running on and off now for many years. Becky led it faithfully when I arrived three years ago with my then toddler, Theo. It was an incredible support to me to meet with women during the week to look at the Bible. Even better was to have my toddler looked after so I could do this. It provided support and friendships in the harder times of being at home with the boys, solidarity with other Mums and a fixing

of eyes upon Jesus. The ladies who came to look after the children provide a very special help and encouragement. I want to thank them all for their kindness and generosity to all of us over the years.

Genesis has served to support women in church with fellowship and Bible teaching. Sharing with each other in prayer time and encouraging each other to walk closely with the Lord. Recently we have reviewed the need for Genesis and after prayerful thought decided that it has, for now, run its course. Friday 24th March 2023 was our last meeting together. We are very grateful to the helpers who have come and cared for our little ones. Those ladies have given up their time to serve us in that way over many years and we really have been blessed by that. We pray on for each other and go forward lifting up the name of Jesus and supporting each other.

Abi Graham

St John's Social Media Report

"You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

We continue to have four social media outlets: our website, Facebook page, and Instagram page, and our YouTube channel. As mentioned in last year's report each of our media outlets is run by those who have a strong and clear idea of what they are for, how they should be used, what message we want to convey, and a desire to show the world who we (at St John's) are and who is the person at the centre of all we do - Jesus Christ.

As an update on our current status here are just a few interesting statistics for you to mull over as you contemplate the wonders of social media...

- Our Facebook page currently has 613 followers, which is up 60 on this time last year. Our followers are from ten different countries, 90.4% are from the UK and our overseas following has grown by 6.5% this past year for some reason. 59.8% of our UK followers are based in or around Yeovil, and the most enthusiastic age bracket is 35-44 year olds.
- Instagram now has 88 followers (thank you Hannah Osborn for your work on this).
- Our YouTube streamed services have settled into more of a regular pattern with 40-50 people watching live each Sunday, and with most services being watched approximately 170-180 times, although this can go up significantly for particular services (for instance the carol service had 421 views, and Easter 2022 had 298 views).
- On the church website, the page with the greatest number of visits was, like last year, the one showing details of the Christmas services. But, here's a new fun fact... Fridays are three times more popular for those visiting the website than any other day of the week.

But facts and figures only take us so far and to many of us involved in our church's social media our 'consumers' are a bit of a mystery, who are all these people who watch or read our posts? And why do they watch or read it? We can make some guesses but ultimately, perhaps we don't need to know, we just have to pray that we are watering the planted seeds, standing our lamp on the stand, and seasoning the world around us with a bit of God's salt.

And, as a final small add on, I (Jennifer) am looking to step down from editing the FB page over the coming months, having done it for many years. Are you interested in this? Would you like to have a conversation about what it entails? Is there someone else you think might be interested? Please do get in touch, I would love to have a chat with you about it. Thank you.

Jennifer Matthew

TCP (*Tea, coffee, croissants, and prayer*)

Meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month, downstairs in the Schoolrooms 9.00 am -10.30 am for an informal breakfast, fellowship, and prayer. Ladies from both our churches chat over coffee/tea and croissants, sharing their news much laughter and covering a diverse range of subjects. This fellowship gives us the opportunity to support one another with encouragement and to pray together. All ladies are more than welcome to join us.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies (Craft Fellowship)

The group meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings downstairs in the Schoolrooms, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. We range in age from teenagers to retired ladies. To date, we have made a number of the banners which hang in the church, including ones for Christmas that are displayed throughout December. We also stitched the hangings on the stands for the music group and are currently working on a harvest themed project.

The atmosphere is very relaxed. We share a cuppa, enjoy a chat and stitch. There is no need to come with anything other than enthusiasm as all the materials are supplied. No level of skill is required, just the ability to thread a needle. New members are always welcome to join us.

Roz Chatwin

St John's Music Group

Band Report: 2022 saw the band fully back in a live setting leading worship in church. We learned a lot during lock- down and we have enjoyed singing and playing together as a live unit, sharing fellowship and supporting each other in learning new songs. The inevitable colds and flu hit us all during the winter and at times were only able to field a small band. We have prayed continuously for God to swell our numbers and we have been blessed with Rob Rawle joining the band, playing keys for the evening service. More recently we have been blessed with Chris Pavey playing his trumpet on Sunday mornings monthly and also Virinda will be joining us next term with male vocals.

The Tech Team of David, Matt, Greg and Michael and supported at times by Judith, continue to amaze us with their ability to live stream the services and we are always on the lookout for new members to that team that would enable them to take more of a break.

We have experimented with a raised platform in the corner and this has helped us provide a better visual lead when leading worship and also helps us feel more connected to the congregation. The aim is to tidy up the area and conceal the cables, and then carpet over the platform which, although classed as a temporary structure, will have the look of something more robust and semi-permanent.

We continue to pray for God's blessing and direction in the style and nature of our worship. If you feel you have a heart for leading worship through vocals or playing an instrument in St John's please do have a chat with either Jane, Judy, Becky or Keith.

Keith Ovenden

Floral Group Report

There has been a Floral Group in St John's church for many years; I don't know how many years but Anne Beable joined the Floral Group over 60 years ago when she first came to St John's as a teenager. The members of the group are responsible for planning, setting up and taking care of the beautiful floral arrangements in our church every week, and the spectacular displays for our festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as floral decorations for many of the weddings at St John's. Throughout the year the group also organises fundraisers to cover the cost of the flowers. We presently have 12 members of the group.

In 2022 the group provided floral decorations for the wedding of Hannah and Tim Osborn, Martin and Karen Stokes, and a naval themed red, white and blue display for another wedding. The group also decorated the church for Heather and Graham Voizey's Diamond wedding anniversary. The ever popular Sunday morning cake sale raised £120 for the group funds.

In 2023, floral decorations for weddings and anniversaries will be co-ordinated by Jennifer Matthew, church festivals co-ordinated by Mary Brooks and the general rota by myself.

Having served as chairperson of the Flower Group since 2009, Mary Brooks stepped down from this role in October 2021. As nobody has stepped up to take her place, the group is now in danger of disbanding if we cannot find a new chairperson.

Mary Irwin, Floral Group Secretary

St John's Model Railway Group

The group has enjoyed getting back into a more normal pattern of regular meetings in 2022-23. We continue to meet every third Thursday evening of the month in the Schoolrooms, with a typical attendance of up to around 10 people. These meetings tend to involve a lot of putting-the-world-to-rights and a little bit of railway modelling! In addition we've held some longer sessions on occasional Saturdays to enable a bit more of the build of the model to be completed, importantly breaking for bacon rolls and coffee!

We were extremely sad at the loss of Chris Gray last year. Chris was amongst our earliest members and he contributed a great deal to the build of the model railway so far. He was always a cheerful encouragement to all our efforts.

Membership is very informal but remains roughly at the ten to fifteen mark. We would welcome any newcomers, and anyone is welcome to come and see what we're up to!

Tim Neville and Terry Bush

Friends of St John's Report, 2022

In the 29 years since the Friends started in 1994 we have raised over £95,000 towards the fabric of St John's.

In 2022 we had a very successful fund-raising evening at the Swan Theatre in March, with 50% of the house for the play *Go Back for Murder* by Agatha Christie. Funds raised from ticket sales and a raffle came to £816.50. Many thanks are due to the Swan Theatre for offering the charity night, for which we started at a more modest 30% of the seats then gained confidence to go to 50%, selling all but three of our allocated tickets.

Then in the Autumn, THE BAND WAS BACK! The Phoenix Brass Band came to St John's Church to entertain us with a superb evening of music on the 22nd October, raising £412 for our funds.

So far in 2023, we have had the pleasure of an evening in St John's church with the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir on 25th March, an enjoyable time attended by 55 or so in the audience (and 30 in the choir), which raised another £421 for our funds.

Last year it was the rain: We donated £7117 towards repairs to the south turret and the vestry roof at St John's to keep the rain out! But this year it was the **COLD!!!** The church boiler was out of action and urgently needed replacing and the Friends committed £5000 towards the considerable cost to do so.

Income – Our net income for 2022 was £2658, including donations, tax refunds from donations and income from the two fund-raising events.

Supporters were updated with a Christmas Newsletter and committee meetings were held in April and September (both via Zoom) and the AGM in St Andrew's Hall in June. At the AGM, Nick Chatwin joined our committee and Phil Juggins expressed his intention to stand down as Chair but continue as Secretary. He has continued as Chair in the interim, awaiting a replacement.

Committee - We have a small committee to run the Friends. I am expecting to step down from Chairperson at our next AGM after 6 years in the role. Gill Brookes is also stepping down from the role of Treasurer. ***We need replacements for both roles if the Friends of St John's is to continue!*** (Commitment for committee members is involvement in 2 or 3 meetings and running 2 or 3 fund-raising events per year). If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please see me or contact the Friends by email at friends@sjyeovil.org.uk. The need to support work on the magnificent St John's building continues.

Many thanks to all our supporters and committee members!

Phil Juggins, Chair

St John's Bookstall

The book stall has been selling books that POINT PEOPLE TO JESUS for £1.00 and this has proved (unsurprisingly) very popular. Emma in the office has been wonderfully helpful in producing pre-service announcements and we plan to continue selling books at this price. The bookstall is non-profit making - simply buy x number of books for £1.00 (very often from the 10 OF THOSE CHRISTIAN BOOK COMPANY). I then pay myself back from the cash received. The simple accounting is money paid to the book company and the same amount is paid back to me. We do not pay shipping costs as orders are always above £25.00.

Iain Maitland

Yeovil College Chaplaincy

Pastoral care: I meet with a few students 1-1 for pastoral chats. These times are often sad, eye-opening and hopeful.

Tutorials: I have had the wonderful opportunity to help with tutorials particularly around the Christian holidays of Christmas and Easter. A tutorial involves engaging with a group of students (a group between 10-60). I have taught the meaning of Christmas and Easter to 100's of students.

One-off Events: Remembrance Service, carol service, Queen's memorial service and input into the social worker course. Each is an opportunity to reflect from a Christian perspective.

Christian meeting: After not having a meeting for most of the year there is hope of starting a Christian meeting for students: two students have expressed an interest in meeting to talk about faith.

Ben Graham

Deanery Synod Report 2022

Deanery Prayer : Father God, through your spirit reveal your heart's desire for our parishes and your calling of all in the service of your Gospel. May we have courage to follow, commitment to one another and faith to see your Kingdom come through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2022 once on zoom and twice, thankfully, in person. Our Lay Chair is Val Barker of West Coker and Area Dean is Bruce Faulkner of Ilchester.

We met on Zoom on 8 February where we had presentations on the pastoral and spiritual care of Chaplains in the Deanery. There are chaplains in hospitals, schools, prisons, village communities, etc, where they reach out to people where they are.

Mike Haslam is the Chaplaincy Adviser to the Diocese, which means that he facilitates and enables a network of 300 chaplains across the Diocese. He advised that he also helps people become chaplains or organisations who wish to create a chaplaincy. Chaplaincy is growing with over fifty new chaplaincies being created over the past five years alone.

Linda Hann is the Chaplain at Yeovil Hospital where she has been for five years. She says the role is generally about meeting the needs of people with a Christian faith. She began her career as a nurse, then as a hospital manager but now finds herself in this challenging but fulfilling full-time role where she is assisted by twelve dedicated volunteers for whom this is a calling.

Helena Power is Chaplain to Rockwell Green Estate and Primary School near Wellington. After taking part in an Exploring Christianity course. She acts as a link between the children and the school. She also works in the village community and with those who are not well, lonely or are refugees.

Rev Ben Graham. Ben works part-time as Chaplain of Yeovil College and he spoke of the process of developing relationships with staff and pupils in different settings to be able to speak with and talk

In June, we were able, at long last, to meet in person at Tintinhull and received a very interesting presentation from Nicola Chesterton, Head of Chilthorne Damer C of E Primary School, and Hayley Robinson, Head of Tintinhull C of E Primary School, who gave us a most insightful talk about their experiences of school life during the Covid pandemic. They had both taken on their headships just months before the pandemic began.

By the time of the second lockdown, it had become clearer how to operate. They kept in touch by telephone with parents of children who did not come into school and they were aware of the importance of vulnerable children coming to school so that they could be monitored.

County became more supportive as they too were on a learning curve, and it was a time that their staff became a good team. Children had not been able to mix, play music or sing during this time, and it was hard for them to get back into a normal routine for fear of doing something wrong.

Community links, too, became stronger as a result of the pandemic and it had proved a good time to make links with the wider community.

With regard to the Diocesan Environment Policy and its impact on the Parishes, Sara Emmett, Climate Justice and Environment Adviser, had kindly agreed to speak at our meeting. She is currently studying for a PhD on Zero Carbon, and she too started work just before Covid struck.

She spoke of the need to reduce carbon emissions in our 569 churches and 181 church schools. The carbon footprint of each building needs to be measured. (The diocese also looks after 269 properties and 2,800 acres of glebe land.) Advice can be sought on the best environmental options for replacing boilers, etc, as switching is a great way to reduce carbon emissions.

At the meeting in October Bruce Faulkner spoke of the importance of Parish Plans feeding into the Deanery Plan for Mission and Growth as the input into where cuts in clergy may fall in the drive to balance the diocesan budget.

In a similar rather depressing vein Mat Callaghan of the Lord's Larder and CAP Yeovil spoke of the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis on those struggling financially.

Rob Dean

Yeovil CAP Debt Centre Report - 2022

With a vision to see *Transformed Lives – Thriving Churches – An End to UK Poverty*, our mission remains to *'serve the poor, save the lost, with the Church, across the nation.'*

Debt Centre

Across the UK network of three hundred debt centres, the number of people calling the 0800 328 0006 helpline post pandemic has started to increase. Our Debt Centre continues to be busy with new clients and throughout the year we've been close to full capacity of four new appointments per month.

The three debt coaches (Mary, Anne Charlotte, Steve) have continued to give their very best to sometimes the most vulnerable of people in poverty. There have been some very difficult situations when all three have had to dig deep and continue to bring the Lord's blessing into very chaotic situations, for some of the most desperate, isolated, and vulnerable members of our community. All of us are humbled and honoured to be working together.

We have continued to bring transformation for eternity into the lives of those reaching out for help, and in June we saw one person make a first adult response to Jesus during a visit.

Seeing a record eighteen households go debt free, we would like to thank Rev James Dudley-Smith and the church family of St Johns for their dedication and commitment to keeping God's heart for the poor at the very centre of St John's ministry. Seeing the vision and the birth of a CAP Life Skills group started in St Johns in May, went a long way to confirm this.

We're keen to continue linking all clients with a befriender, and though that hasn't been easy, we are pleased that we have fourteen from ten different congregations. They continue to carry out an excellent job in staying connected with clients – we couldn't do our job without them.

CAP Life Skills

We are thrilled that our Life Skills course has now run 3 courses, having completed its first full year. Each group has been slightly different, as the group members contribute and shape their individual course, but each one has been a joy and a real pleasure to be part of.

We also have to acknowledge the enthusiastic and supportive contribution of our team of volunteers, of whom we have 17 in addition to our 4 life skills coaches. For each course we aim to have 10 members of the team, which has allowed us to spread the load, and enrich the group with a wide range of life experiences, practical skills and ideas. We greatly value the prayer support of an amazing group of people who pray for us and the needs of the Life Skills members, receiving a weekly prayer email for the duration of the course.

The work continues to feel blessed by God in so many ways, not least in The sUpper Room, which evolved as a result, and which will hopefully provide an opportunity to extend the relationships we have initiated.

CAP Money

We are pleased to have two CAP Money coaches from YCC, Bridget Turner and Peter Gibson, who provide a budget course each term. These courses are for anyone, and primarily there to stop people getting into debt.

Christmas

At Christmas we reverted back to small groups from around various congregations making up the forty Christmas Hampers, and in addition the Centre added fresh food (mostly joints of meat) to each hamper. We were so blessed by so many giving towards the Centre covering off this fresh food purchase. We were also able to have our annual Christmas Tea, where we saw a record number in attendance.

Emergency Aid

We continue to provide emergency aid, where necessary, which can range from food parcels from the Lord's Larder, fresh food top ups, electric/gas/phone top ups, white goods, and a number of various other needs. On average, we continue to request from the Lord's Larder two food parcels per week for our CAP families. We thank and Praise the Lord for this incredible community ministry, helping people in desperate situations. We just can't see people go without food on the table, especially when parents often go without to feed their children.

Finances

In addition to the forty-nine people who donate to the local work of CAP via monthly standing orders, without whom we couldn't budget each year. We also saw many other individuals donate to the work. St Johns and several of its individuals, other congregations, plus local organisations have also been very generous (Reborne, Martock Christian Fellowship, St James/St Peters, YCC, ABRI housing association, Sherborne Faith in Action, to name just a few). St James & St Peters continue to be local CAP mission partners in their commitment and support of our work. In the last quarter of the year, we saw £15k come in from SSDC and just over £12k from the AVIVA Community Fund.

Publicity

We continue to find favour with the Western Gazette and Yeovil Press editors who so kindly publish our press releases; we had excellent one page and two-page spreads respectively. We are thankful for their support and we believe God has given us a voice that many in 'this space' don't have.

Management Committee

Regarding the CAP Management Committee, we saw a new Chair, Rick Pudner, befriender Caroline Reeves (Baptist), and CAP Money Coach Peter Gibson (YCC) join the existing committee of Gill Brookes and Alan Guy (YCC).

Supporter Updates

Whilst we thank the Lord for the one hundred and seventy-five who receive our three-weekly 'Turning the Tide' update (email or post), we continue to seek people who will join us in support of our community transforming ministry. If you want to find out more about this work, please contact Steve or Mary on stevehart@capuk.org or maryirwin@capuk.org

Prayer

Core to our ministry is prayer. We have a team praying for our weekly visits/appointments and every last Tuesday in the month at 4pm, we have our CAP Hour of Prayer, which we've continued to carry out both on-line and face to face in the upstairs School Rooms. Please get in touch if you'd like to join us in prayer.

We have continued to make the most of every opportunity and pray with our clients and share the love of Jesus.

St John's

The church family in St John's continues to show their amazing support and commitment to prayer and financial giving. It continues to be a pleasure and a privilege to serve and work with the St Johns' church family, in what can only be described as a ministry where there is ALWAYS HOPE! Thank you, St Johns, for your dedication to serving the poor and helping to lift them out of poverty.

Finally, we continue to press on and not give up, relying on God's outrageous love, working in His strength and power, with all humility and gentleness, as we serve those who reach out to us, and of course, making the most of every opportunity to share the hope that is in the gospel, to the glory of our Lord Jesus.

Steve Hart (Debt Centre Manager)
Jennifer Matthew (Life Skills Manager)

The Lord's Larder and The Lord's Larder Community Fund

To All our Friends at St John's Church, thank you for your support over 2022. Thank you so much for all your support of Yeovil Christian Support Trust. The past year was a busy year for the Lord's Larder Food Bank, helping over nine thousand people in the community where we live.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

I would like to share with you how with the support from St. Johns, we have been able to help people in South Somerset. Last year we *gave out over 183,000 items of food* which went into the *4151 emergency food parcels* to help a total of *9749 local people*, up 20 % on the previous year:

5624 adults
4156 children
1575 families

Through December the Lord's Larder, with our standard food parcel requests, helped 830 people; we had 300 Christmas Parcels requested by agencies for their most needy clients, and were able to help another 433 adults and 395 children over Christmas 2022.

The Lord's Larder Community Fund

The Lord's Larder Community Fund continues to make a huge difference to people's lives using donations to the fund to provide small grants for *53 adults and 51 children* last year who have no other way of buying essential household items, like beds, furniture and cookers. These included families and single people whose only option would be to go to loan sharks, or go into debt.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in St John's for choosing to continue to support the valuable work of Yeovil Christian Support Trust (YCST), The Lord's Larder and Lord's Larder Community Fund; and to pass on the heart-felt gratitude from all those we are able to help each year.

May we give thanks to God for his faithfulness: serving the local community since 1991, we have always found we have enough food donated to the Larder, and last year we were able to give out 183,000 items of food, putting them into food parcels, so that no one goes without food, and no one goes hungry.

Thank you everyone at St John's Yeovil for your continued support of Yeovil Christian Support Trust, Lord's Larder Food Bank and Lord's Larder Community Fund over the past year.

Mat Callaghan

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

CH Howes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 8.04.23

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	328,161	235	53,633	382,029	274,982	16,705	30,862	322,549
Other Incoming Resources	2b	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	3,578	0	0	3,578	4,714	1,779	0	6,493
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	327	2,052	223	2,602	39	1,682	8	1,729
Total Incoming Resources		333,566	2,287	53,857	389,709	281,235	20,166	30,870	332,271
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	63,004	0	0	63,004	24,771	0	0	24,771
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	209,366	120	54,370	263,856	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	39,439	20	48,000	87,459	62,866	60	0	62,926
Total Resources Used		311,808	140	102,370	414,318	278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		21,758	2,147	(48,513)	(24,609)	2,414	(2,272)	(4,097)	(3,955)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		24,309	0	0	24,309	0	0	0	0
Movement on Debtors		(20,282)	0	0	(20,282)	0	0	0	0
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Losses	2f	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)	0	0	0	0
Unrealised Losses		0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)	0	0	56,610	56,610
Net Movement in Funds		25,785	(5,537)	(77,159)	(56,912)	2,414	(2,272)	52,513	52,655
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2022									
General Fund St Johns		27,607			27,607	23,785			23,785
St Andrews Funds		15,108			15,108	18,078			18,078
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		2,842		2,842
Fabric Fund			57,824		57,824		58,917		58,917
Flower Guild Investment Fund			702		702		585		585
Youth Development Investment Fund			44,559		44,559		43,284		43,284
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				12,992	12,992			13,431	13,431
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			14,588	14,588
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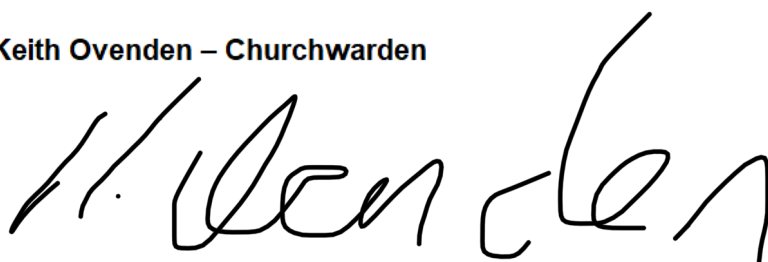
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Investments are held in the following funds -

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 Fabric Investment Fund – CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

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36,519		57,592
152,063		306,754

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Incoming Resources from Donors								
Regular Giving	161,794	90	0	161,884	160,872	0	0	160,872
Income Tax Recovered	52,565	0	0	52,565	47,020	0	0	47,020
Dedicated Collections	45,107	0	0	45,107	(149)	0	0	(149)
Other Collections	63,446	145	2,346	65,937	64,975	0	0	64,975
Grants Received	5,250	0	0	5,250	2,684	0	0	2,684
Casual Giving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group	0	0	0	0	0	176	0	176
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	51,287	51,287	0	0	30,862	30,862
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	(420)	0	0	(420)
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	15,267	0	15,267
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	1,262	0	1,262
	328,161	235	53,633	382,029	274,982	16,705	30,862	322,549
2b. Other Incoming Resources								
Legacy – General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
Church Hall Lettings	2,728	0	0	2,728	4,642	1,779	0	6,421
Fees and Church Lettings	850	0	0	850	72	0	0	72
	3,578	0	0	3,578	4,714	1,779	0	6,493
2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources								
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2e. Income from Investments								
General Fund	327	0	0	327	39	0	0	39
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund	0	1,713	0	1,713	0	1,669	0	1,669
Ringer Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	210	210	0	0	8	8
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	334	0	334	0	13	0	13
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
	327	2,052	223	2,602	39	1,682	8	1,729
2f. Change in Value of Investments								
Realised (Loss)	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)	0	0	0	0
Unrealised (Loss)/Gains	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)	0	0	56,610	56,610
	0	(7,684)	(28,646)	(36,330)	0	0	56,610	56,610
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	333,566	(5,397)	25,211	353,379	281,235	20,166	87,480	388,881

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3.RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3a. Grants								
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	17504	0	0	17504	2613	0	0	2613
External Donations from Church Funds	45500	0	0	45500	22158	0	0	22158
	63004	0	0	63004	24771	0	0	24771
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church								
Ministry								
Parish Share	166501	0	0	166501	166501	0	0	166501
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5795	0	0	5795	7073	0	0	7073
Clergy Housing	309	0	0	309	0	0	0	0
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	7914	0	0	7914	4281	0	0	4281
Telephone	1489	0	0	1489	1270	0	0	1270
Insurance	5191	0	0	5191	4831	0	0	4831
Repairs and Maintenance	9333	0	4605	13937	3522	0	439	3961
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	18029	0	18029
Altar Requisites	220	120	0	340	0	0	0	0
Music	1383	0	0	1383	1273	0	0	1273
St Andrews Church & Hall	8087	0	0	8087	0	0	0	0
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	49765	49765	0	0	34528	34528
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	3095	0	0	3095	493	0	0	493
Mother & Baby Group	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	1940	4349	0	6289
	209366	120	54370	263856	191184	22378	34967	248529
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	3452	0	0	3452	2002	0	0	2002
Wages and Fees	33227	20	48000	81247	54945	0	0	54945
Printing and Stationery	682	0	0	682	0	0	0	0
Books	425	0	0	425	1583	0	0	1583
Sundries	1653	0	0	1653	4336	60	0	4396
	39439	20	48000	87459	62866	60	0	62926
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	311808	140	102370	414318	278821	22438	34967	336226

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4. STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
Salaries, Taxes and Pensions	£	£
Facilities Manager	14,918	13,732
CAP Centre Manager	15,324	10,733
CAP Centre Debt Coach	10,130	9,401
Children and Youth Minister	26,015	16,000
Pastoral Care Coordinator	13,467	12,423
Parish Administrator	14,730	0
Parish Administrator (retired in Feb)	1,225	7,288
Organ Services (bought out)	2,100	2,921
Cleaning Services (bought out)	2,496	2,702

During the year the PCC employed

Facilities Manager (full time)	1	1
CAP Centre Manager (3 days p.w.)	1	1
CAP Centre Debt Coach (2 days p.w.)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (3 days p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (part time – retired in Feb)	1	1
Parish Administrator (full time)	1	

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	20,282
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	24,309
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2022				as at - 31st December 2021			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	57,592	249,162	306,754	0	65,276	325,807	391,083
Current Assets	68,557	41,855	70,450	180,862	67,024	39,734	70,964	177,721
Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0	(24,309)	0	0	(24,309)
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PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

CH Howes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 8.04.23

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2022

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Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	328,161	235	53,633	382,029	274,982	16,705	30,862	322,549
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Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	327	2,052	223	2,602	39	1,682	8	1,729
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Resources Used									
Grants	3a	63,004	0	0	63,004	24,771	0	0	24,771
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	209,366	120	54,370	263,856	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529
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Total Resources Used		311,808	140	102,370	414,318	278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		21,758	2,147	(48,513)	(24,609)	2,414	(2,272)	(4,097)	(3,955)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		24,309	0	0	24,309	0	0	0	0
Movement on Debtors		(20,282)	0	0	(20,282)	0	0	0	0
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Losses	2f	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)	0	0	0	0
Unrealised Losses		0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)	0	0	56,610	56,610
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Balances brought forward at 1st January 2022									
General Fund St Johns		27,607			27,607	23,785			23,785
St Andrews Funds		15,108			15,108	18,078			18,078
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund			271		271		2,842		2,842
Fabric Fund			57,824		57,824		58,917		58,917
Flower Guild Investment Fund			702		702		585		585
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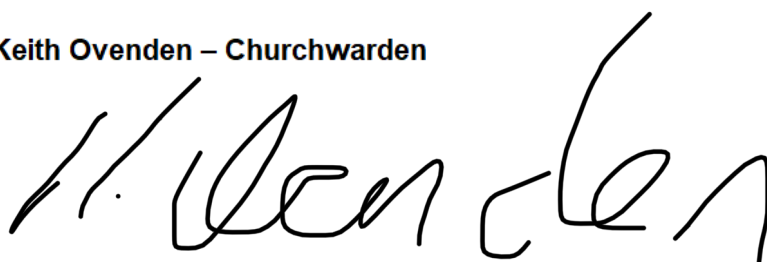
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No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held in the following funds -
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares
Fabric Investment Fund – CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares

	Value at	
Cost	£	31 st Dec 2022
	£	£
	115,544	249,162
	36,519	57,592
	152,063	306,754

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Incoming Resources from Donors								
Regular Giving	161,794	90	0	161,884	160,872	0	0	160,872
Income Tax Recovered	52,565	0	0	52,565	47,020	0	0	47,020
Dedicated Collections	45,107	0	0	45,107	(149)	0	0	(149)
Other Collections	63,446	145	2,346	65,937	64,975	0	0	64,975
Grants Received	5,250	0	0	5,250	2,684	0	0	2,684
Casual Giving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group	0	0	0	0	176	0	176	176
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	51,287	51,287	0	0	30,862	30,862
Sundry Donations	0	0	0	0	(420)	0	0	(420)
General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	0	15,267	0	15,267	15,267
Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	1,262	0	1,262	1,262
	328,161	235	53,633	382,029	274,982	16,705	30,862	322,549
2b. Other Incoming Resources								
Legacy – General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floral Group Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
Church Hall Lettings	2,728	0	0	2,728	4,642	1,779	0	6,421
Fees and Church Lettings	850	0	0	850	72	0	0	72
	3,578	0	0	3,578	4,714	1,779	0	6,493
2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources								
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2e. Income from Investments								
General Fund	327	0	0	327	39	0	0	39
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric Fund	0	1,713	0	1,713	0	1,669	0	1,669
Ringer Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty Fund	0	0	210	210	0	0	8	8
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	334	0	334	0	13	0	13
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
	327	2,052	223	2,602	39	1,682	8	1,729
2f. Change in Value of Investments								
Realised (Loss)	0	0	(3,501)	(3,501)	0	0	0	0
Unrealised (Loss)/Gains	0	(7,684)	(25,145)	(32,829)	0	0	56,610	56,610
	0	(7,684)	(28,646)	(36,330)	0	0	56,610	56,610
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	333,566	(5,397)	25,211	353,379	281,235	20,166	87,480	388,881

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3.RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
3a. Grants								
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	17504	0	0	17504	2613	0	0	2613
External Donations from Church Funds	45500	0	0	45500	22158	0	0	22158
	63004	0	0	63004	24771	0	0	24771
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church								
Ministry								
Parish Share	166501	0	0	166501	166501	0	0	166501
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5795	0	0	5795	7073	0	0	7073
Clergy Housing	309	0	0	309	0	0	0	0
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	7914	0	0	7914	4281	0	0	4281
Telephone	1489	0	0	1489	1270	0	0	1270
Insurance	5191	0	0	5191	4831	0	0	4831
Repairs and Maintenance	9333	0	4605	13937	3522	0	439	3961
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	18029	0	18029
Altar Requisites	220	120	0	340	0	0	0	0
Music	1383	0	0	1383	1273	0	0	1273
St Andrews Church & Hall	8087	0	0	8087	0	0	0	0
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	49765	49765	0	0	34528	34528
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	3095	0	0	3095	493	0	0	493
Mother & Baby Group	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	1940	4349	0	6289
	209366	120	54370	263856	191184	22378	34967	248529
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	3452	0	0	3452	2002	0	0	2002
Wages and Fees	33227	20	48000	81247	54945	0	0	54945
Printing and Stationery	682	0	0	682	0	0	0	0
Books	425	0	0	425	1583	0	0	1583
Sundries	1653	0	0	1653	4336	60	0	4396
	39439	20	48000	87459	62866	60	0	62926
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	311808	140	102370	414318	278821	22438	34967	336226

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4. STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
Salaries, Taxes and Pensions	£	£
Facilities Manager	14,918	13,732
CAP Centre Manager	15,324	10,733
CAP Centre Debt Coach	10,130	9,401
Children and Youth Minister	26,015	16,000
Pastoral Care Coordinator	13,467	12,423
Parish Administrator	14,730	0
Parish Administrator (retired in Feb)	1,225	7,288
Organ Services (bought out)	2,100	2,921
Cleaning Services (bought out)	2,496	2,702

During the year the PCC employed

Facilities Manager (full time)	1	1
CAP Centre Manager (3 days p.w.)	1	1
CAP Centre Debt Coach (2 days p.w.)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (3 days p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (part time – retired in Feb)	1	1
Parish Administrator (full time)	1	

5. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	20,282
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Fabric	0	0

6. DEBTORS

	£	£
General Fund	0	24,309
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Fabric	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2022				as at - 31st December 2021			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	57,592	249,162	306,754	0	65,276	325,807	391,083
Current Assets	68,557	41,855	70,450	180,862	67,024	39,734	70,964	177,721
Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0	(24,309)	0	0	(24,309)
	<u>68,557</u>	<u>99,448</u>	<u>319,612</u>	<u>487,616</u>	<u>42,715</u>	<u>105,010</u>	<u>396,771</u>	<u>544,495</u>

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The effects of Covid 19 continued throughout 2021. The United Kingdom experienced further lockdowns during the year, as did many other countries throughout the world. At the beginning of the year, St John's was partially closed, only permitting a maximum of 50 in the building at a time church, and meetings were held via Zoom. Services were relayed online and gradually more people were permitted to attend services.

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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	Chairman
Associate Minister	Revd Ben Graham	
Curate	Revd George Beverly	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Rob Dean Janet Dean Kate Scorer Phil Juggins Beth Farrington	St Andrew's
Member of Diocesan Synod	Rob Dean	
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Rob Dean Lin Hann	St John's
Deputy Wardens	David Maynard-Griffin	St Andrew's
Elected Members	Nick Chatwin Chris Frazer Roger Fox Mary Irwin Caroline Jeeves Phil Juggins Iain Maitland Tom Oaks David Matthew Calum McFarlane Tim Osborn Tim Thurgood Helen Truett Chris Tune Anne Wicks	
Co-opted Members	Janet Dean John Brookes/Alan Irwin	Secretary Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- 2021 has again been an unusual year as a result of continuing Covid restrictions but James Dudley-Smith found various ways to continue his steadfast leadership.
- The Church Wardens are to be particularly commended for their perseverance during a very tricky year.
- We were delighted to welcome George Beverly who joined the team as our curate in September.
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected in such unusual circumstances.
- Congregations at our services were unable to meet in person for some of the year because of Covid restrictions. Although the church gradually opened for services throughout the year many, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, continued to watch on YouTube from the comfort of their homes. At the beginning of the year, people were required to book and sign-in, sit in alternate rows and wear face masks during the services. No singing was allowed! Gradually, the seating areas within the church were split into three areas for people with varying degrees of self-protection, vulnerability and health conditions.
- Tuesday morning communion carried on with no pre-booking necessary but with similar precautions taken.
- The Gone Fishing Café began the year meeting for two sittings on Thursday morning because of pandemic restrictions.
- Youth activities continued but via Zoom to begin with.
- Holiday Club took place in July and was well attended.
- First Wednesday prayers continued but on Zoom.
- The Music Group gradually returned to play in church.
- Fellowship groups gradually met in person though some continued to meet via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, were able to meet again during the year.
- Christians Against Poverty continued to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt. Meeting in person with clients proved difficult, particularly at the beginning of the year but matters gradually improved.
- The Tech Team, ably led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication in continuing to bring the services into our homes each week, as well as in church for our Sunday morning services.

There is, therefore, still a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church despite Covid and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on four occasions during the year, the first two of which were held on Zoom, and the latter two in person. These were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- The future reordering of the church
- Mission giving
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- The fabric of St John's and the repairs to various areas of the roof
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism
- The future shape of admin provision in the parish

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

St John's Wardens Report

We give thanks for the services of two stalwarts of the St John's backroom team this year after much highly appreciated time and effort serving the church and church family.

John Brookes stood down as Treasurer in November handing over to Alan Irwin. His hard work and attention to detail have been superb over many years. I was always amazed that financial emails would arrive in my inbox sent very early in the morning or even from John's laptop when cruising the Caribbean – true devotion. His sage input and advice both to the finance committee and standing committee have been greatly appreciated.

Kath Upton decided to stand down as administrator at the end of the year having endured working in the vestry for fifteen years. We have all relied on her support and willing helpfulness for so many aspects of church life and although she was contracted to work a certain number of hours, she gave much more of her time as a volunteer to make sure the jobs were complete. Her knowledge and love for the church family are immense and we wish her much happiness and contentment in her retirement.

As we note John and Kath moving on, I would like to welcome the 51 new members to the church family who have joined us over the last twelve months. I wish you all a long and happy association with this special church and our church family.

Finally, we would like to thank the many volunteers that help with church services particularly the sidespeople and deputy wardens who join us in taking turns to unlock and secure the church for services. You, like all our volunteers, are greatly appreciated.

And finally, finally, thank you to the Friends of St John's Church run by Phil Juggins and the Feoffees of the church who this year gave £15,000 for the repair of the south turret and vestry roofs which are now fully repaired and waterproof!

Rob Dean, Churchwarden

Sidespersons' Report

2021 needed a new look at our Sidespersons rota as we all started coming back to church after the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic appeared to be over. By the spring we were back, but with lots of restrictions still in place and by September most of the restrictions had been lifted. Many of the church family previously on the rota were in the "not as young as they were" category and quite rightly needed to remain cautious so, with this in mind, we needed a fresh look at it all.

In April/May eighteen new people, including two families, were recruited for the morning and evening rotas which was an amazing response, in addition to a few who were on the rota previously, many of them having never done the role before. A new job role guideline was written and sent out, and from April to September very regular emails were sent to the whole team with updates and new guidance as the Covid situation ebbed and flowed. The team adjusted remarkably and there was always a wonderful and safe welcome for everyone at the front door.

Seeking the views of this new team seems really important in terms of how they are doing and how we might still improve things. A breakfast was planned in order to do this, but has been postponed due to another season of high Covid numbers. It will happen in due course.

We can't thank this new team enough, they are doing such a good job and we thank God for them.

Lin Hann, Churchwarden

Report on the Electoral Roll

Following the 2022 revision of the electoral roll for St John's, the total on the roll currently stands at 178.

Under the latest revision, the names removed are:

- Mark Britton
- Violet Jane Elizabeth Crawford
- Neil Holland
- John Arthur Mitchell
- Elizabeth Hilda Wicks

Emma Handcock, Parish Administrator

St John's Finance Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

The year of 2021 was a period of transition for the management of our church finances. After many years of dedicated and expert service, John Brookes stepped down from the position of Church Treasurer in September. Alan Irwin assumed the formal role of Treasurer. However, it is an indication of the workload that John contributed to his task that three people have so far been involved in taking over from him. Rob Dean, in addition to his Warden duties, has taken on the task of compiling and finalising the 2021 financial data, and Emma Handcock, in her new Parish Administrator position, is now dealing with some of the day-to-day jobs, managing funds coming in to the church and dealing with bills etc.

In the second calendar year of major COVID disruption, church members continued the trend of switching to Standing Order or online methods in order to donate to the work of St John's. Standing Order donations in particular are welcomed as they ensure that giving is regular and predictable. Tax recovery from the UK Government, using the Gift Aid system, again proved to be a hugely significant part of our income. Overall, despite restrictions on our physical services and other activities, donations from church members continued to be generous and dependable, and we should continue to thank God for this provision.

Here at the beginning of April 2022, the job of formally reporting our 2021 finances has not yet been wholly completed. Due to various factors, such as job handovers, illness and protracted delays in customer service from our bank, the final data will not be available for the APCM. However, the data is now with our independent assessor for review and it is intended that the 2021 statement and 2022 budget will be presented to the church members in an Extraordinary meeting very soon.

The final figures are expected to show that we are continuing to spend more than our regular income. Just as for our individual household finances, bills and expenses are now growing significantly. The Parish Share (our contribution to the finances of the Diocese of Bath and Wells) continues to increase, and our ongoing commitments to church staff for salaries and pensions etc. must be supported.

I would ask all of us to review our church giving regularly, as James our Rector reminded us in the Giving Review back in February. Monthly or weekly committed giving is of course our mainstay, but please also consider when you might be in a position to donate a one-off gift, or think about the possibility of a legacy to St John's. If you would like to discuss these options further at any time, please do get in touch with me.

Finally, thank you, thank you, and thank you again for all of your gifts and donations to St John's. Your generous and often sacrificial giving is truly appreciated and gratefully received for the work and mission of our church.

Alan Irwin
Treasurer of St John's

Gift Aid Officer's Report

Thank you for your generous giving to the work of St John's through 2021. I am pleased to report we were able to reclaim £39,821.00 from the Government through the gift aid scheme. You will appreciate this represents an enormous help to our church finances.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet added Gift Aid to your church giving please contact me to find out how you can boost your donations at no extra cost to yourselves.

Judith Brookes

St John's Fabric Report and Statement 2021

The 'Fabric Committee' is a sub-committee of the PCC which normally meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church fabric and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Surveys (the last being in 2017). After meetings had been curtailed by the pandemic, in autumn 2021 the committee recommenced meeting every two months, with meetings on 13th September and 15th November. Activities also continued to be coordinated through emails and other ad hoc communication.

The church continues to be generally in good material condition. However, two significant areas required significant packages of work in 2021. At the beginning of 2020, storms had resulted in damp finding its way inside the building in a number of places, but most notably in the Edwardian Vestry and the South Turret Tower. It had undermined the ceiling of the south turret due to cracks in the roof lead. Meanwhile the Edwardian drainage channels on the vestry roof could not cope and water damaged the walls in the office below. Repairs and improvements to water drainage in these areas were completed, with the

£15117 cost covered by donations from the Friends of St John's and the Feoffees (trustees of an ancient charity which holds investments for use in funding "the beautification of the church"). There remains the task to put fitted cupboards (1908 originals) back into place in the office, which awaits confirmation in the coming Quinquennial Survey that the walls have dried out satisfactorily.

Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through 2021, including significant activities as follows: A temporary roof leadwork repair above the Trinity Chapel was upgraded with a permanent repair; the south transept window display was removed, revealing plaster damage (and damp) – to be assessed at the Quinquennial Survey; plant growth on the roof parapet was treated with weedkiller and then lopped; the repair to the damaged Communion Table has been progressed; emergency lighting in the tower has been replaced and an upgrade scoped.

Schoolrooms: After major flooding and damage in the foyer/toilet following a downpour, debris was cleared from the roof and drain hopper. A quarterly inspection/cleaning was recommended and torn bird netting should be replaced. Re-plastering and decorating are required to address internal ceiling and wall damage. A Loss Adjuster has assessed the damage, which should be the responsibility of the Landlord, but is subject to an on-going dispute over the lease, for which solicitors have been engaged at Diocese level.

A new review of Health and Safety risk assessments has been instigated with Lin Hann, which has identified a significant number of assessment documents from activity groups which were not included in the main Health and Safety policy documents file. A two-year programme starting in 2022 has been launched to update all risk assessments to a common format, present them progressively to the PCC for approval and make them available on-line.

The next Quinquennial Survey of the church building is due in June 2022, to be undertaken by the church architect John Beauchamp. This is expected to generate renewed actions for maintaining the fabric of the church.

With thanks to all who continue to take care of our building!

Phil Juggins, Fabric Committee Chair

Report on the Future Re-Ordering of St John's Church

The PCC decided that we would restart planning work for the re-ordering in September, and the Rector and Churchwarden have been working closely with our architect since that time. We have made good progress refining the requirements, design, statement of need and the statements of significance before re-submission to the DAC and advisory bodies. In order to simplify the design and incorporate many of the suggestions from these bodies, such as not planning to build a dais at the front of the church or lift the floor, we are keeping the floor the same level.

The Victorian Society were particularly keen to retain some pews, both from the 1960s and the 1860s. This is being addressed while removing the bulk of the pews from the nave and aisles. The location of the crèche is still being considered, potentially by using the balcony at the foot of the bell tower, which would negate the need to create a new room and move the font.

The fundamentals of addressing heating issues after the removal of Victorian radiators while achieving modern eco targets, removal of pews, replacing of flooring and replacement of seating remain at the core of our project. This is very much a live project, progressing slowly but moving to the next phase.

After the next submission, we will need to augment the team in order to address fundraising and many other issues.

Rob Dean, Churchwarden

Bell Ringers Report

The year has seen a gradual return to some sort of regular ringing. However, as I have reported on many occasions, we are desperately short of ringers. This is not just a problem at St John's. We can only manage service ringing on Sunday mornings with help from ringers at West Coker, East Coker, Hardington Mandeville and Odcombe, where they too are short and have no regular Sunday ringing. In order that their churches can have occasional ringing for their services, we desert St John's, maybe every second Sunday, and go to their towers where it is much appreciated. That is why bells are not heard every Sunday at St John's. Unless we can recruit more people from our large congregations to learn to ring and make a commitment to come regularly, bells will be heard less often at St John's. I have tried to interest those involved with the young people in our church to treat bell ringing as a service they could give to the church and the wider community so far without success. We can make ringing fun at the same time. It is free, and good mental and physical exercise!

There is one example, which has been very encouraging. Just before we had to cease ringing because of the pandemic, a young lady whose family are in our church asked to learn to ring as part of gaining a Duke of Edinburgh Award. She made quick progress, but this was interrupted. A year or so later, during lockdown, and on the occasion of the death of Prince Phillip, proved that she had not forgotten how to ring, and took part in the muffled tolling of a single bell on the day of the funeral. Since then, she was able to accompany a team of young ringers representing the Bath and Wells Diocese in the RingingWorld National Young Ringers' Competition at Worcester, in September. Whilst the competition was not at the Cathedral itself, all the young ringers had an opportunity to ring on the twelve bells of the Cathedral – quite an experience! Davina Bakum is now regularly ringing with us on Sundays, and her sister, Ronel has also started to ring. We treat Health and Safety, and Safeguarding, very seriously in the tower. Ventilation in the ringing room has been improved and hand sanitiser is available. When youngsters are being taught, or present, we need to ensure suitable adults of both genders are in attendance, for example. The Safeguarding Code related to ringing is displayed in the tower.

After about twenty years ringing with us, Jean and Colin Reston moved away in January 2021 to be nearer some of their family. They learned to ring with us and were most regular turning up every Sunday morning to ring and at other times to help with jobs up the tower. We definitely miss them!

Thanks are due to Annette Organ, assistant tower captain, and all the ringers who have supported what ringing we have been able to do.

The Clock has worked well during the year and, after a request from a nearby resident, it has been set up so as not to strike during the night. It is now owned by the Church, and really needs a volunteer to look after it. For years, I have been doing this and am the only person who fully (I hope) understands it. Occasionally it needs adjusting to be right on time and on the change-over from GMT to BST. Lately I have been showing Les Whittle, who lives conveniently close to the church, what has to be done, and it is a Health and Safety requirement that no one should work in the tower alone, so thank you to him as well.

Roger Fox, Tower Captain

St John's Young Adults (SJYA)

St John's Young Adults meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We do a range of social activities based around the seasons, but we nearly always end up at the pub! Bowling, games nights, bring and share dinners, walks, all with plenty of great conversations and encouraging fellowship. We are relatively small in number, but that has enabled us to build strong friendships and grow as a group. We are lucky to have a mixture of individuals - those who are from other churches, those who are curious about faith, and others who are regular church goers. We hope in the next year to see more new faces - if you find yourself talking

to someone in the 18-30 age bracket who may be interested in the group, please feel free to pass on either of our email addresses to them.

Tim Osborn and Hannah Peace (Osborn to be!)

Junior Church

It has been such a joy to work alongside Melissa Cary and to be involved with the various Sunday morning groups, which are all thriving. Junior Church meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month during term time to serve children aged 3 to 11. A creche for the under 3's runs every week, overseen by Roby Maitland. On an average Sunday we welcome about 25 children.

Scramblers (Age 3 to Year R), Climbers (Year 1 – 3), and Explorers (Year 4 – 6) meet in the School Rooms, gathering altogether for a song and a game before splitting off for age specific teaching and activities. We have done a series called Journey to the Promised Land and another working through chapters 4 to 8 of Mark's gospel. We are just about to start a series in Acts.

It has taken some time to return to a full complement of leaders post-pandemic but we praise God that we finally have a full Junior Church team with two new leaders starting this month. I am so grateful to the team for giving so much of their time to keep these groups going, especially while we've been under-staffed.

Candy Price

Youth Ministry

Pathfinders is our Sunday morning group for youth in year 7 and up, usually about ten of them. They meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month during term time in the crypt. We have just finished a series in the book of Genesis and another mini-series in Matthew's gospel.

Friday youth meets for an hour and a half in the school rooms and is attended by roughly twenty young people each week. We start with a group activity in the room upstairs and then listen to a Bible talk from one of the youth team before splitting into three groups for discussion and prayer. We have done series on the book of Exodus, another on relationships and, most recently, a Bible overview. We are looking forward to a series on the birth, life, and death of Jesus in the summer term. We also look forward to welcoming a number of year 6's who are eligible to join us after Easter.

I'm writing this having just returned from a youth weekend away in Dartmoor National Park. It was a fantastic weekend with Bible talks in Luke's gospel from George Beverly, high ropes, bushcraft, a movie night, games, an Easter egg treasure hunt, and lots of great food.

I am particularly thankful to Jon Peace, James Maitland and the committed and capable team of youth leaders who love to serve so sacrificially and who make these groups so fantastic.

Candy Price

Tiny Toes Report 2021

Tiny Toes reopened after the lockdowns on at the end of April. Initially we deliberately limited the numbers of parents attending to a maximum of six. This was partly to ensure there was sufficient space to in order to maintain a good distance between people, and also to give the team the opportunity to become familiar with a new routine when setting up and packing away. Within two hours of first advertising that we would be able to reopen, we had not only filled the spaces but also had a waiting list – such was the eagerness of new parents to be able to meet with others. We have been able to gradually

increase the numbers and therefore accommodate all those who were initially on the waiting list. Since then, we have been able to accept parents as soon as we receive an enquiry.

In order to achieve this, we moved the group to meet in the upstairs schoolroom with the parents parking buggies in the rooms on the lower floor. Whilst they do have to carry the babies up and down the stairs the parents have said that they are not concerned about this and can see advantages of using the larger room. The Holiday Club helped in this by swapping some of their storage upstairs with ours, so our equipment is conveniently to hand.

In 2021 we were therefore open for 24 weeks with 147 attendances in total. This represents contacts with 26 parents in total, very few of whom have any church connection. They are made very aware that the group is part of the church. As well as the usual conversations about parenting, there have also been discussions about whether they will have their child baptized, if they might get married and other 'life' issues. It is always especially gratifying when parents return with a second or subsequent baby and this had been the case with a few families this year, with several saying that this was their favourite group when their older children were tiny.

Our thanks should go both to those who serve on the rota week by week, but also to those who provide the most delicious cakes. There are frequent comments from parents about this with one Mum recently commenting that other groups only offer coffee and a boring biscuit!

Ann Thurgood

Footprints Report

Footprints is the church toddler group that meets in the school rooms every Monday morning 10:00-11:30. A typical morning involves free play for the children, craft, leading up to a circle time together followed by snacks for children, tea and coffee for grown-ups, and of course cake! The circle time is the heartbeat of this group and involves a bible story, music, singing and prayer. All of this is aimed at the children but parents are encouraged to sit and listen with their children. Our prayer is that even the simple truths of the Gospel will be heard each week by all.

We have a brilliant team of helpers who serve regularly including Doreen, Jenny, Ann, Sarah, Kathryn, Rowena, Tricia, Elaine and Candy. These ladies help in practical ways by putting out and clearing away toys, preparing food and drink and serving it. Craft is often prepared beforehand and cake made. Helpers are there to support Mums, offer friendship and share lives. We pray continually for good conversations each Monday and for God to provide opportunities to speak of Him. We also enjoy having visitors to come and lead our story time and are thankful for James and Ben who come along and bring good "Dad chat" occasionally. I am very grateful for these women whom I serve alongside. Each one serves sacrificially and has a heart for the Mums and children who attend. I am spurred on in my service as I watch them.

Please continue to pray for us as we meet each week. Prayers particularly for more helpers after Ann and Kathryn step down. Pray that we would grow in our love for the Lord and have opportunities to share the hope that we have in Christ with those who do not know him. And that the young children would grow up asking who the King of the jungle really is.

Abi Graham

St John's & St Andrew's Holiday Club 2021

Holiday Club Aims to teach children about God using the bible in a meaningful and fun format accessible for children aged 5-11yrs.

Our planning team: Sally Chandler, Jon and Helen Peace, Hannah Peace, David & Jennifer Matthew, Ben & Abi Graham initially met in April and dusted off our plans for “Going Bananas” a *Scripture Union Holiday Club* which we had been forced to shelve due to the pandemic in 2020. When Candy Price arrived at St John’s she was happy to be co-opted onto the team.

The theme of the week was based on the bible verse **Romans 8: 39 ‘neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’**

“Going Bananas” took place in the church, which had been transformed with a tropical theme by Jennifer Matthew and her team of helpers. The mornings ran as follows:

- 70 children passed through Passport Control, boarded an aeroplane, and went through a lively “take off procedure” with the Cabin Crew (Chief Stewardess *Hannah Peace and Young Leaders*).
- Captain Jon Peace, ably assisted by Pilot Pete (*rumoured to be a puppet*) safely flew our aircraft to the tropics despite some incidences of extreme turbulence. Transporting the holiday makers to their resorts: Shark Island, Volcano Island, Coral Island, Turtle Island, Octopus Island and Penguin Island.
- Each day we met a new bible character who had gone “Bananas” for God. Using ‘Saddleback Kids’ videos as a starting point we looked at the stories of Noah, Gideon, Elijah, Zacchaeus, and Mary Magdalen.
- Abi Graham & George Beverly enthusiastically took on the drama dressed as Bananas. They interviewed the bible characters, who arrived through the “Time Shed” (complete with flashing lights, sound effects and smoke courtesy of David Matthews and the tech team) and made us all laugh a lot with their other antics.
- The music and singing were led by the youth band under the musical direction of Becky Dudley-Smith supported on stage by the ‘Actioneers’ directed by Candy Price.
- Messy Games with the children and young leaders organised by Jennifer Mathew
- Monday to Thursday saw a daily rolling programme of bible teaching, outdoor games, refreshments & activities which included a visit from ‘Fun Science’ run by Cress Bullock (former CYPHA member).

On Friday the games and activities were replaced by a Beach Party.

The ‘Anna Cabana’ refreshments team provided some special goodies, the children made fruit kebabs, there was a wild gorilla on the loose, and beach games were played. The now infamous game, entitled “Splash or Splat?”, invented by Ben Graham (*involving fruit, a water filled paddling pool and the church roof*) was the highlight of the morning.

- After the daily scores and a prayer Captain Jon Peace & Pilot Pete flew the holidaymakers back home.

The following Sunday service led by Ben Graham completed the week and included contributions of prayers, reading, etc, by the children.

We were really blessed by a huge team of adult volunteers and young leaders, tech team, refreshments team, group leaders, games team, activities leaders, registration, door keepers, first aiders, musicians, and plenty of prayer. I think it’s fair to say that the leaders had just as good a time as the children.

In 2022 we are running "Light Seekers" in St John's from Monday 25th - Friday 29th July. Please pray for the planning and the week of the club.

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report

Grace and Peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. There is much to be thankful for in this past year within our church family and we have known God's blessing and hand on us throughout times of struggle: limitation again imposed by Covid-19, bereavement and loss, illness, operations, car accidents, isolation, loneliness, family difficulties and mental health struggles.

Once again, I can report that we have had to adapt our pastoral response in our churches due to the constraints imposed by lockdown, which has meant limited contact in hospital and care homes, as well as care being taken visiting folk in their homes. The number of LFT tests that have taken place over this year has been considerable! I did my first visit into a residential home recently. There had been a recent case of Covid and it was once again in lockdown, which meant I was allowed to sit on one side of a room with a large screen partition and a speaker next to me. If you've ever seen Paddington 2, where he is prison and visited by the family, it was not altogether dissimilar, albeit the décor and surroundings were a lot lovelier! Our care for others in our church has continued with visits, practical help, transport to Musgrove for radiotherapy, helping with house moves, meal rotas, dog walking rotas, contact on phone and email, and some good old-fashioned writing of notes, all with the intention of encouraging and supporting, praying and helping others keep God in their sights and remembering His great love for them in the midst of often difficult, unexpected and inexplicable situations.

New team players:

As always, my grateful thanks to the Pastoral Team - Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Phil Juggins, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey. We have two new members of the team: Abi Graham and Hannah Peace. It is wonderful to think that our team links with so many smaller groups in our church life: Footprints, Toddler Club, Genesis Mum's Bible Study Group, 18-30s, Gone Fishing Café, Captain's Table, St Andrew's Church family and St John's Church family, to name a few. We are all members of fellowship groups and active in church life, and all this brings a real depth of relationships, experience and communication to the team. We are all parts of the body ... and that means every single one of us: the whole church family is involved in pastoral care.

Fellowship Groups

These are a key aspect of our church life and growth together as Christians, as we meet and read the Bible and pray together, as we drink coffee and laugh and chat and share life together. We have 15 groups meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday eveningsIf you would like to join a group – do get in touch with me. ***** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

2 Peter 3:18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.

Gone Fishing Café:

Prayer, listening and care take place at café. Laughter, joy and merriment take place at café. Tears and frustration, anxiety and stresses are shared at café. Companionship and friendship are at the very heart of the café and our strapline is 'nobody alone'. The Gospel is proclaimed at the Café (Christmas and Easter and all year round depending on who you sit with!). We enjoy home-made cake and fair trade coffee at the café. It's good. Why not join us? Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

Events

We are pleased that some events have taken place at church – November saw the Quiz night for Tearfund, at Gone Fishing Café, our curate George Beverly came lit up in fairy lights to share with us the good news of Christmas, and we had pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, not to mention that The Holiday at Home went

cruising here, there and everywhere. It is great to be able to meet together in person and have some fun, challenge and lots of encouragement from God's word.

Caring for the Carers: We have continued to meet occasionally with the aim of supporting one another in the role of care-givers: those who look after relatives – both near and far.

How great is his care for us as he asks us to bring all our cares to him (1 Peter 5:7)

Church Family News:

We have lost some dear church family members this year, and since last reporting: Daisy Wilson, Anne Tucker, John Mitchell, Fenella Birch, Betty Wickes and Sue Revell. We have said a warm 'hello' to baby Ewan (son of Emma and Calum McFarlane) and baby Theo (son of Katie and Chris Pavey), supporting them with meals and care in the early days of having a new baby in the home. Congratulations to Clare and Tari on their wedding and to Madeline and Ashley on their wedding and on the birth of their baby.

Captain's Table

One of the biggest joys of this year has been the start of the Captain's Table lunch club on the 1st Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church. It has been a delight to work alongside such a gracious and kind team who are unflappable and get on with serving Christ by looking after the elderly and more fragile members in our church families, providing an excellent two course meal, coffee and tea and chocolates, entertainment and a Gospel message (all in two hours!). The Holiday at Home Cruise in September 2021 started it off, and it was then followed with Harvest at the Captain's Table, Bonfire at the Captain's Table and Christmas at the Captain's Table (Oct-Dec), followed by Love at the Captain's Table (Feb), Spring at the Captain's Table (March) and most recently Easter at the Captain's Table (April).

One of the most exciting things about this venture is the link between young and old (we have had several families come to lay tables and serve meals and sometimes they even get a chance to sit and eat with our guests). We are one big family at Captain's Table and it is great that the young are serving the old and the old are enjoying time with the young. We have had testimonies from teenagers, story-telling, classical music, ukulele sing-a-longs, quizzes and much more. If you have hidden talents and want to entertain us, then do let me know. There are also lots of behind-the-scenes jobs if that's more your thing: washing up, laundering the tablecloths/napkins, setting up, providing transport ... all important tasks that need doing!

At our church staff team meeting recently, we read the end of John 5 concerning testimonies about Jesus. Jesus knew those he was talking to were hardened to the truth and desired only their own glory. He accused them of not having the love of God in their hearts. May we be a church of people who seek the Father's glory and not our own, and a people who have 'the love of God in our hearts' this coming year.

Helen Peace, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Prayer Chain Report – April 2022

Twelve people from St John's and St Andrew's make up the Parish Prayer Chain, who are willing to provide prayer support for the specific needs of church family members as and when they arise. All requests are dealt with in a sensitive manner. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, who is undergoing surgery or has an emergency of some sort, then you can contact me (Helen Peace) and I will set the Parish Prayer Chain in motion, and the people on it will pass the message along the chain and pray for your situation, bringing it to the Lord and asking for His help and strength. The request needs to be made in a short concise way, enabling those on the chain to pass the message on without losing or adding information or distorting the original message.

Each request made is treated confidentially within the boundaries of the prayer chain, and there is no 'follow-up' or further contact with you to find out the outcome. The person on the prayer chain contacts and informs the next person on the list and so it goes on until it reaches the beginning again.

Philippians reminds us “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God”.

Helen Peace

Fellowship Group Report

Three cheers for the leaders of our Fellowship Groups! They have done heroic work in all kinds of new and old ways, during the terrible Covid months of 2021, and as the restrictions have been slowly lifted.

We have 14 groups currently meeting, with 140 or so people involved. Two meet in the daytime, most meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. If you enjoy your group, do let me know. Groups do not meet in the week when there is a First Wednesday, so group leaders and group members can all join in the main monthly church prayer meeting.

Ben and I have again produced Bible Study material for the Autumn of 2021, looking at passages on the subject of Serving God. We do so in joy, with a sense of duty, serving the Lord who set us an example of service. During Covid times there were fewer opportunities to serve God through the church – but now we really need servant-hearted people to fill some roles!

And for the Spring of 2022 we have written Bible Study notes on the last chapters of John's Gospel, where Christ our King reigns from his cross, and inspires faith and service and love through his resurrection. Zoom has proved to be a great blessing to some groups, others are delighted to be meeting again in person. Some have had social events, phone call catch-ups, garden gatherings, meals delivered, pastoral care extended, and (I hope!) lots of fun along the way.

If you are reading this and you are NOT in a Fellowship Group, put in your request right away! Groups meet for three purposes: to study the Bible together, to pray together, and for Christian friendship. They are a great way to grow in your Christian faith.

I am hugely grateful to Helen Peace who serves our groups really well through liaising with leaders over placing new people.

Once again, thank you to leaders, and thank you to all who are in a group: it couldn't function without you. Hebrews 10:25 says 'Do not give up meeting together ... but encourage one another.'

James Dudley-Smith

Genesis Report

Genesis continues to support about ten mums reading the Bible and praying together as well as spending time chatting over coffee and cake.

We continued to meet over zoom during Covid and have met together in person since September 2021. We have been studying a variety of Psalms, considering God's Big Picture (an overview of the Bible) and have started a book on Biblical Womanhood: looking at God's design of women, their role and purpose. We are grateful to Abi, Ben and family for hosting Genesis fortnightly, their warm hospitality and for the creche team: Anne, Roby, Paula, Elaine and Jenny.

Please pray that as individuals we will continue to grow in knowledge and love for the Lord Jesus, setting time aside to read his word, whilst juggling family and work, as well as supporting and sharing the good news of Jesus with our children and husbands. As a group pray that we will grow in love for each other and support one another through prayer and practical support.

Becky Dudley-Smith

St John's Social Media Report

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

At St John's our social media forms just one of our responses to this verse, in which we are commanded by Jesus to go out and tell the whole world about the his gospel so that people can know him, respond to him, and be saved by him.

We now have four social media outlets: our website, Facebook page, and Instagram page (the newest addition) as well as our YouTube channel, on which we broadcast our Sunday morning services each week. Behind each of these media outlets is a strong and clear idea of what they are for, how they should be used, what message we want to convey, and a desire to show the world who we (at St John's) are and who is the person at the centre of all we do (Jesus Christ).

Indeed our Social Media Policy states: "At St John's we believe that:

- our efforts on social media must be informed by Christ.
- social media is for doing ministry, not just promoting ministry.
- it is part of our role to reach out publicly through social media and to connect personally (by making it a priority to connect with people by email, or message)
- our offline and online ministries must work together as allies, and not compete, in order to affect life change."

You may not be aware, but we have a Social Media Policy and Social Media Guidelines to which we adhere. These are available to anyone who would like to read them, either by asking Emma in the office for a copy, or by taking a look on our website (sjyeovil.org.uk) where you can find them under Resources in the drop down list beneath it.

And if you are still in doubt about the value of social media here are just a few interesting statistics for you to ponder on as you read this and chew on your morning cornflakes...

- Our Facebook page currently has 553 people who follow it, from 10 different countries, although 97% of these are from the UK.
- Instagram has 71 followers to date (considering that it is the newest, that is a great number).
- Our YouTube streamed services will often have more than 300 views over a six month period from broadcast, with 40-50 people watching live each Sunday.
- The church website had 21,000 unique visitors to the site during 2021, and the page with the greatest number of visits was the one showing details of the Christmas services.

All these media outlets have an important part to play and we have to thank those who put in a great many hours to keep them current, interesting, interactive, and worthy of the one for whom they were created. Your part...share them, tell others about them, read them and let the team know in good time if you have events that you would like us to advertise or promote.

On behalf of the church our thanks go to Calum McFarlane (website), Hannah Peace (Instagram), David Matthew (website and YouTube) and Tim Osborn (design and style guru) for all their hard work.

Jennifer Matthew (Facebook)

TCP (*Tea, coffee, croissants and prayer*)

This is an informal fellowship group for ladies which meets on the fourth Saturday of each month between 9.00 am -10.30 am. Up until Christmas we were meeting online. Since then, we have really enjoyed getting together in the schoolrooms

We have good attendance with ladies present from St John's, St Andrew's and St Peter's .We share much laughter, our concerns and chat about a huge range of subjects which has given us the opportunity to support one another with encouragement and prayer.

All ladies are more than welcome to contact me and join us in this prayer-based fellowship.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies (Craft Fellowship)

This is not exclusively a group for ladies but, appears to have evolved as such. The group has about ten members, who are not all members from our church family.

Before lockdown we met fortnightly on Thursday evenings in the schoolrooms. Sometimes people come just come for a cuppa, the relaxed atmosphere, and a lot of laughter.

To date, we have made the banners which hang on the nave pillars and the Christmas banners that are displayed through December. We also stitched the hangings for the music group's stands, and we had just begun a harvest design when we went into lockdown.

We are discussing when we can start meeting again and will put out a notice with the details in due course. It would be lovely to have some new members join us. All the materials are supplied and there is simply no level of skill required, just the ability to thread a needle, enthusiasm, and a sense of humour.

Roz Chatwin

Music Group Report

2021 has been an interesting year in the life of the band. Providing worship has been a challenge all through lockdown: once restrictions started to lift we had to adjust rehearsal timings and the number of people allowed in church at any one time. God has been faithful throughout and despite some of the group being ill with Covid we have rallied and supported each other throughout.

We have enjoyed being back together, learning new songs and gently introducing new songs in services, and have been able to bring new techniques learned through lockdown into our music. The Tech Team have been amazing throughout, getting to grips with live streaming challenges and improving video and sound quality all of the time! The commitment they have shown has been amazing with such a small team and they are always looking for new people to join the team. Whilst the technology looks daunting, training will be given and we would encourage anyone interested to try it out!

Jane continues to choose songs prayerfully in line with the theme and we are careful to provide a balance between traditional and modern worship music, mindful of the different tastes in our church family. We don't always get it right but there is a lot of thought and prayer that goes into preparing our worship.

We are always looking for new members, singers and instrumentalists. We have a careful induction programme where new members are encouraged and supported before going live!

We go into 2022 excited about what God has in store for us and committed to serving our church family in this way.

Keith Ovenden

St John's Floral Group Report

After another lockdown at the start of the year, we were able to decorate the church for Easter on 3rd April. I did a rota through till Lent 2022 but with a depleted number of flower arrangers, as one has moved away and five have resigned due to health reasons, I could only do it monthly with only one person on for some months.

We did wedding flowers for Claire Irwin's wedding on Saturday 28th August and for two funeral/memorial services: Fenella Birch on 7th December 2021 and John Mitchell on 26th March 2022.

The AGM for 2021 was postponed until October due to Covid restrictions earlier in the year. I announced that I wished to stand down as Chairperson but no-one at the meeting was willing to take on the position. Ann Beable presented me with a lovely bouquet of flowers and thanked me for the eleven years I had been chairperson. I agreed to carry on until Lent 2022. Mary Irwin agreed to be the new secretary.

I arranged an emergency meeting of the flower group on 16th March 2022. The meeting had been advertised for several weeks at St John's and anyone interested in helping with flowers was invited to attend. Jennifer Matthews joined us and Grace Spracklen has agreed to come back onto the rota. Again, no-one came forward to take over as chairperson. I have done a rota until Lent 2023 as there are two weddings this year with brides requesting flowers. But if no-one comes forward, the Floral Group will have to be disbanded from February 2023.

*Mary Brooks
(my final report!)*

St John's Model Railway Group Report

The Model Railway group met sporadically during 2021, mainly using Zoom but with a few face-to-face meetings in the Autumn. Since the New Year we have restarted our regular once-a-month Thursday evening meetings in the Schoolrooms, with up to around ten regulars and a few visitors now and then.

We continue to pray that we would uphold Jesus as we work together on an enjoyable and absorbing hobby!

Tim Neville and Terry Bush

Friends of St John's Report, 2021

In the 27 years since Dr John Mitchell started the Friends in 1994 we have raised over £93,000 towards the fabric of St John's. It is with the sadness of loss but also the celebration of a life well-lived that we have remembered John, our founder and our great supporter, who died in November. In his book "Catching God at Work", John wrote: *If we ourselves and the whole of God's creation are to be made new – as he will ensure to eradicate the stain of evil and imperfection – how glorious we must imagine the age to come will be. If there were a better life to lead, a finer creed to live by, a greater God to worship and a grander project to work for than his kingdom then we should have to abandon all of this and go for that instead. But there isn't. There cannot be. 'In our beginning is our end'.*

After the hiatus due to the impact of the pandemic, we were able to re-commence fundraising events in September when **our bookstall at Yeovil's Super Saturday** raised over £150. Many thanks to all who supported the stall, on a fine day when the churchyard was buzzing with activity and the church building itself was a welcoming source of coffee and cake for all. There were no more fundraising events in 2021, the next being a very successful evening at the Swan Theatre on 14th March 2022, when at last our original plan for an evening in November 2020, thwarted by the pandemic, came to fruition with 50% of the house for the play **Go Back for Murder by Agatha Christie**. Funds raised from ticket sales and a raffle came to £724.50. Many thanks are due to the Swan Theatre for offering the charity night, for which we started at a more modest 30% of the seats then gained confidence to go to 50%, selling all but 3 of our allocated tickets.

Supporters were updated with a Christmas Newsletter and committee meetings were held in June (via Zoom) and the AGM in the church in July. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to John Brookes when he retired from the role of treasurer of the Friends at our AGM in July, for his faithful and dedicated service over many years. John had been treasurer for at least 15 years, the first 11 as chairman as well, and involved with the Friends for at least 20 years. Meanwhile we have been very pleased to welcome Gill, John's daughter, as our new treasurer!

Income – Our net income for 2021 was £2170 thanks to generous donations and the bookstall. When this is compared with the income for 2019 (£3,235), an indication of the continued impact of the pandemic on fund-raising events can be seen.

Grants – The rain comes, and... water finds its way into the church building. It had undermined the ceiling of the south turret due to cracks in the roof lead. Meanwhile the Edwardian drainage channels on the vestry roof could not cope with 21st century flash floods and water damaged the walls in the office below. But now the repairs and improvements to water drainage in these areas have been done, with £7117 of the £15117 bill paid with funds that had been donated to the Friends of St John's. Funds retained at the close of the year stood at £6212.

Future Events – As I write, our ideas for the immediate future include but are not limited to: Our AGM at 7.30pm on Monday 13th June (- this may include A Quiz! – watch this space!); A bookstall at Super Saturday stall (17th Sept 2022); An Autumn Brass Band Concert (to be confirmed).

Committee - We have a small committee to run the Friends, and we really need new helpers to join to ensure the work continues. I am stepping down from my role as Chairperson at our AGM and it would be good to have a least one other new committee member too. (Commitment is involvement in 2 or 3 meetings and running 2 or 3 fund-raising events per year). If you would like to volunteer, please see me or contact the Friends by email at friends@sjyeovil.org.uk. **The need to support work on the magnificent St John's building continues.**

Many thanks to all our supporters and committee members!

Phil Juggins (Chair)

Bookstall

As a result of the ongoing Covid pandemic, the bookstall did very little business. James Maitland is now actively seeking someone to take over the running of the stall.

Yeovil College Chaplaincy Report 2021

Pastoral care – I meet with a few students 1-1 for pastoral chats. These times are often sad, eye-opening and hopeful.

Engage – This is the Christian meeting. This year one student has been attending and we've been reading through Mark's gospel and exploring baptism.

Enrichment Classes – I've been running a variety of enrichment classes, including hockey, walking for well-being and debating. They've proven a great chance to get to know students in a different context and have presented opportunities to talk about life and faith.

One Off Events – the Remembrance Service was the highlight. Most of the College came out in support. We prayed, reflected and I pointed people to Jesus. Next year I'm hoping to do a carol service.

Ben Graham

Deanery Synod Report

As a result of the continuing Covid pandemic, we were only able to meet in person once and that was in November which was also the first meeting of the new Deanery Synod membership.

Val Barker, our Lay Chair, was keen that we meet in person and so arranged for us to gather in the newly completed church hall at St Peter's in Yeovil. Rev Bruce Faulkner who is the Area Dean for the Ivelchester Deanery was introduced as he will be standing in for us until our new Area Dean is appointed.

The new church hall, which also serves as a community centre, was opened in 2019 at a cost of £900K, raised in partnership with Yarlinton House. St Peter's is a magnificent parish and the vision was always that this facility would be used by the local community, young and old, and is indeed the case. The congregation has now grown threefold.

David Maggs, our Deanery Accompanier, was in attendance and reported on the following:

- The latest news regarding modern slavery
- 'County lines' is not getting any better and is devastating some communities
- Cop 26 and environment awareness, and the need to get to net zero
- Magnificat parishes - the disadvantaged parishes
- The new structure within the diocese to give more support to deaneries and parishes
- The 2022 Lambeth Conference will aim to understand the bigger vision of the church and the Anglican Communion. The bishops will be in the diocese for five days and will be looking for hosts, particularly any who speak Spanish.

Jam Cary was also present and reported on the most recent meeting of General Synod which he had attended the previous week.

Janet Dean, Deanery Secretary

Yeovil CAP Debt Centre Report - 2021

The new CAP vision is **Transformed Lives – Thriving Churches – An End to UK Poverty**. Our mission continues to be '**serve the poor, save the lost, with the church, across the nation**' and our CEO Paula Stringer and her core leadership team will never compromise this as CAP brings a new rhythm to how we operate so that our professional service in helping the poor is fit for the future.

Across the UK network of three hundred debt centres, the number of people calling the 0800 328 0006 helpline has slowly started to increase. For our Debt Centre, we have continued to be busy with new clients, and towards the last quarter of 2021 we started to return to 100% capacity of four new appointments per month. *As I write, we are currently booked into May 2022 @ 100% capacity, with fifty-one households on our books, getting back to pre-pandemic times.*

I'm joined by two excellent debt coaches – Mary Irwin & Anne Charlotte McDermid – and I would like to give Mary and Anne Charlotte the praise and encouragement they deserve, especially during those very difficult times when they've had to dig deep and continue to bring the Lord's blessing into very chaotic situations, for some of the most desperate, isolated, and vulnerable members of our community. I continue to be humbled and honoured to be working alongside two very special people.

We've continued to bring transformation for eternity into the lives of those reaching out for help, and we saw one person make a first adult response to Jesus during a visit, with four others doing so at our Rod Williams (CAP evangelist) 'Fish, Chips & Tricks' evening in October at the new St Peter's Community Centre (very nice it is too).

Seeing nine households go debt free, we would like to thank Rev James Dudley-Smith and the church family of St Johns for their dedication and commitment to keeping God's heart for the poor at the very centre of St John's ministry. Seeing the vision and the birth of a CAP Life Skills group starting in St Johns in May 2022, goes a long way to confirming this.

We're keen to continue linking all clients with a befriender, and though that hasn't been easy during the pandemic, we are now rebuilding our befriender team. We now have fourteen from ten different congregations. They continue to carry out an excellent job in staying connected with clients – we couldn't do our job properly without them – and if you'd like to know more about being a befriender, please speak to Mary or myself.

The forty Christmas Hampers were made up by items from the Lord's Larder and what the coaches bought with the hamper appeal totalling just over £1k. Thank you if you made a donation. We were able to have our annual Christmas Tea, though numbers were low, for obvious reasons.

We rely on the Lord's Larder for emergency food parcels, and we continue to request, on average, two food parcels per week for our CAP families; we often top up the parcels with fresh food shops. We thank and Praise the Lord for this incredible community ministry, helping people in desperate situations. We just can't see people go without food on the table, especially when parents often go without, to feed their children.

In addition to the forty-six people who donate to the local work of CAP via monthly standing order, without whom we couldn't budget each year, we also saw seventy individuals donate to the work. St Johns and several of its individuals, other congregations, plus local organisations have also been very generous (Reborne, Martock Christian Fellowship, St James/St Peters, YCC, ABRI housing association, Sherborne Faith in Action, to name just a few). St James & St Peters continue to be local CAP mission partners in their commitment and support of our work.

For health reasons, in July Steve stepped down from his CAP Area Manager role and is now devoted to working as the debt centre manager for three days per week. On a personal note, 2021 has continued to be a journey of healing for both Anne Charlotte (post hip surgery) and myself, though I'm due to have surgery in 2022 on the removal of a lesion and part of my thyroid gland.

We continue to find favour with the Western Gazette and Yeovil Press editors who so kindly publish our press releases; we had excellent one page and two-page spreads respectively in the December editions. We are thankful for their support and we believe God has given us a voice that many in 'this space' don't have.

Regarding the CAP Management Committee, Jennifer Matthew has led/Chaired us with aplomb. Jill Martin has recently stepped down and we thank Jill for her several years of service. Jill Brookes and Alan Guy (YCC) continue to serve on the committee and as I write this report, befriender Caroline Reeves (Baptist) and Peter Gibson (YCC) have agreed to join the committee. Due to Jennifer becoming a CAP Life Skills manager, along with Jo-Anne Smith & Ruth Drapper as Life Skills coaches, she will be stepping down in her role as Chair.

Whilst we thank the Lord for the one hundred and sixty-two who receive our three-weekly 'Turning the Tide' update (email or post), we continue to seek people who will join us in support of our community transforming ministry. If you want to find out more about this work, please contact Steve or Mary on stevehart@capuk.org or maryirwin@capuk.org

Core to our ministry is prayer. We have a team praying for our weekly visits/appointments and every last Tuesday in the month at 4pm, we have our CAP Hour of Prayer, which we've continued to carry out both on-line and face to face in the upstairs School Rooms. Please get in touch if you'd like to join us in prayer.

2021 saw us start to get back to visiting CAP families in their homes, and we continue to make the most of every opportunity to pray with people and share the love of Jesus.

The church family in St Johns continues to show their amazing support and commitment to prayer and financial giving. It continues to be a pleasure and a privilege to serve and work with the St Johns' church family, in what can only be described as a ministry where there is ALWAYS HOPE! Thank you, St Johns, for your dedication to serving the poor and helping to lift them out of poverty.

Finally, we continue to press on and not give up, relying on God's outrageous love, working in His strength and power, with all humility and gentleness, as we serve those who reach out to us, and of course, making the most of every opportunity to share the hope that is in the gospel, to the glory of our Lord Jesus.

*Steve Hart (Debt Centre Manager)
On behalf of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre Team*

The Lord's Larder and The Lord's Larder Community Fund

To All our Friends at St John's, Yeovil, thank you for your support over 2021

Thank you so much for all your support of Yeovil Christian Support Trust. The past year has turned out to be yet another busy year for the Lord's Larder, helping thousands of people in the local communities in and around Yeovil.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

I would like to share with you how the support from St. Johns has helped people in South Somerset.

Last year we **gave out over 189,000 items of food** (80,000 in 2018) which went into the **3,088 emergency food parcels** to help a grand total of **8,123 people** (total of 5,153 local people in 2018) The figures below are for last year, 2021.

4489 adults
3630 children
1575 families

This December just gone, The Lord's Larder, alongside 339 standard parcel requests, also sent out 323 Special Christmas Parcels, requested by agencies for their most needy clients over Christmas, helping a total of 940 adults and 850 children through December 2021.

The Lord's Larder Community Fund

The Lord's Larder Community Fund continues to make a huge difference to people's lives using donations to the fund to provide small grants for a total of **75 people** last year, experiencing the effects of extreme poverty who find they have no way of buying essential household items, like beds, one young lad was sleeping in a cardboard box in his room, washing machines for those families with children, and cookers to enable families to prepare cheap nutritious meals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in St. John's for choosing to continue to support the valuable work of Yeovil Christian Support Trust (YCST), The Lord's Larder and The Lord's Larder Community Fund; and to pass our heart-felt gratitude from all those we are able to help each and every year.

Thank you, St. John's, for all your continued support.

Mat Callaghan
YCST Operations Manager

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Note: The full Annual Report for 2021 including a finance report is available separately and will be filed together with these accounts with the Charity Commission

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The PCC of St John The Baptist Church Yeovil.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CH Howes

Name: Mr Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 11.09.2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to December 31st 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources	Note								
Incoming resources from donors	2a	274,983	16,705	30,862	322,550	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168
Other Voluntary incoming resources	2b	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	400	0	1,900
Income from charitable & ancillary trading	2c	4,714	1,779	0	6,493	5,431	2,822	520	8,773
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from investments	2e	39	1,682	8	1,729	295	1,837	203	2,335
Total Incoming Resources		281,236	20,166	30,870	332,271	260,656	22,333	34,187	317,176
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	24,772	0	0	24,772	29,851	766	0	30,617
Activities directly related to the work of the church	3b	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529	197,445	14,228	51,882	263,555
Grant from Feeofees transferred to Schoolrooms Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund-raising & publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church management & administration	3d	62,866	60	0	62,926	42,752	60	3,281	46,093
Total Resources Used		278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226	270,048	15,054	55,163	340,265
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources		2,415	(2,273)	(4,097)	(3,955)	(9,392)	7,279	(20,976)	(23,089)
Gains & Losses on Investments									0
- Realised	2f	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	6,471
- Unrealised		0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	36,798	36,798
Net Movement in Funds		2,415	(2,273)	52,513	52,655	(9,392)	7,279	22,293	20,180
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2020									
General Fund - St John's		23,785			23,785	30,379			30,379
General Fund - St Andrew's		18,078			18,078	20,877			20,877
Organ Fund			1		1		766		766
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			2,842		2,842		7,355		7,355
Fabric Funds			58,917		58,917		66,548		66,548
Flower Guild Investment Fund			585		585		614		614
Youth Development Investment Fund			43,284		43,284		26,695		26,695
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,237		1,237
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,431	13,431			13,380	13,380
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			17,065	17,065
Peter Wakely Community Fund				286,728	286,728			253,729	253,729
Christians Against Poverty Fund				29,509	29,509			34,563	34,563
Total Brought Fwd. Balance		41,863	107,282	344,256	493,401	51,256	103,231	318,737	473,224
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2021									
General Fund - St John's		27,607			27,607	23,785			23,785
General Fund - St Andrew's		15,108			15,108	18,078			18,078
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			271		271		2,842		2,842
Fabric Fund			57,824		57,824		58,917		58,917
Flower Guild Investment Fund			702		702		585		585
Youth Development Investment Fund			44,559		44,559		43,284		43,284
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				12,992	12,992			13,431	13,431
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			14,588	14,588
Peter Wakely Community Fund				343,339	343,339			286,729	286,729
Christians Against Poverty Fund				25,852	25,852			29,509	29,509
Total Carried Forward Balance		42,715	105,010	396,771	544,496	41,863	107,282	344,257	493,402

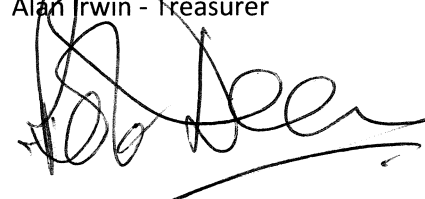
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Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	1 (iv)	0	0
Investment Assets	1 (v)	391,083	334,473
		<u>391,083</u>	<u>334,473</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock			0
Debtors & Prepayments	5	20,282	17,462
Short Term Deposits & Bonds		76,262	74,571
Cash at Bank & in hand		81,178	85,891
		<u>177,721</u>	<u>177,924</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(24,309)	(18,992)
		<u>153,412</u>	<u>158,932</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>
NET ASSETS			
	7	<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		42,715	41,863
Designated		105,009	107,285
Restricted		396,771	344,257
		<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>

These accounts were approved on 21st September 2022 by:


Alan Irwin - Treasurer


Rob Dean - Church Warden

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year to December 31st 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before gains on investment assets	49,685	(23,090)
Investment Income	(1,719)	(2,331)
Roundings		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>47,967</u>	<u>(25,421)</u>
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	47,967	(25,421)
Movements on Debtors	(2,820)	(1,720)
Movements on Creditors	5,315	3,071
Sale of Investments	0	13,708
Returns on investments	1,719	2,331
Cash Flow/ Decrease in Cash	<u>52,180</u>	<u>(8,031)</u>
Net Funds at 1st January 2021	160,462	168,493
Net Funds at 31st December 2021	<u>157,439</u>	<u>160,462</u>
	<u>(3,023)</u>	<u>(8,031)</u>

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NOTES to the Financial Statements

For the Year to December 31st 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on the accrual basis, except as stated below.(Para. iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St. John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St. Andrews church.

The accounts for 2017 show that total Income is £0
and Total expenditure is £0

ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as 'Designated Funds' within the terms of the Act.

School Rooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as 'Reserved Funds' within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

iii) A full analysis of Investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement).

All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

iv) Tangible Fixed assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2021.

Any fixed assets acquired by the P.C.C. which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to Capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

v) Fixed asset investments

Investments are held in the following funds
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares

	Cost	Value at 31st Dec 21
	£	£
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares	144,097	325,807
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares	36,519	65,276
	<u>180,616</u>	<u>391,083</u>

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NOTES to the Financial Statements
For the Year to December 31st 2021

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	Funds	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a	Incoming resources from donors								
	Planned giving:								
	Net amounts (incl. Gift Aided giving)	160,872	0	0	160,872	172,217	0	0	172,217
	Income Tax recoverable	47,020	0	0	47,020	38,378	0	33	38,411
	Collections for charitable purposes	(149)	0	0	(149)	10,078	0	0	10,078
	All other Collections	64,975	0	0	64,975	11,887	0	0	11,887
	Grants Received Restoration	2,684	0	0	2,684	3,738	0	0	3,738
	Grants Received Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Casual Gift Aid Income (in Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	28
	Floral Group	0	176	0	176	0	30	0	30
	General	0	0	0	0	1,275	0	0	1,275
	Christians Against Poverty	0	0	30,862	30,862	0	0	33,181	33,181
	Sundry donations General	(420)	0	0	(420)	2,357	0	0	2,357
	Fabric	0	15,267	0	15,267	0	386	0	386
	Youth Minister	0	1,262	0	1,262	0	16,830	0	16,830
	Peter Wakely Legacy	0	0	0	0	13,500	0	0	13,500
	Schoolrooms transfer from Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Organ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Office Equipment Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tom Setter Belfry	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	250
		274,983	16,705	30,862	322,550	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168
2b	Other Voluntary incoming resources								
	Legacy - General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fundraising Flower Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transfers from General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	400
	Costs Recovered from St.Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
		1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	400	0	1,900
2c	Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
	Magazine advertisements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sale of Guide Books Fabric	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
	Church Hall Lettings	4,642	1,779	0	6,421	3,202	2,530	0	5,732
	Fees and Chuch Lettings	72	0	0	72	2,202	0	0	2,202
	VAT repaid	0	0	0	0	0	292	520	812
		4,714	1,779	0	6,493	5,431	2,822	520	8,773
2d	Other ordinary incoming resources								
	Insurance Claims Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2e	Income from investments								
	General Fund	39	0	0	39	295	0	0	295
	Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
	Organ Fund	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Fabric Fund	0	1,669	0	1,669	0	1,711	0	1,711
	Ringer Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Christians Against Poverty	0	0	8	8	0	0	146	146
	Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Restoration Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	51
	Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Peter Wakely Community Fund -Sale of Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Youth Development Investment Fund	0	13	0	13	0	86	0	86
	Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
		39	1,682	8	1,729	295	1,837	202	2,334
	Gains & Losses on Investments								
2f	- Realised	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	6,471
	- Unrealised	0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	36,798	93,408
		0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	43,269	99,879
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	281,236	20,166	87,480	388,881	260,656	22,333	77,455	417,054

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NOTES to the Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year to December 31st 2021

3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
3a. Grants								
Missionary & Charitable Giving (Special Collns.)	2,613	0	0	2,613	9,161	0	0	9,161
Transfer to Organ Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	766	0	766
Transfer of grant from Restoration Appeal to Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External Donations from Church funds	22,158	0	0	22,158	20,690	0	0	20,690
	24,772	0	0	24,772	29,851	766	0	30,617
3b. Activities directly related to the work of the church								
Ministry:								
Diocesan Quota	166,501	0	0	166,501	165,086	0	0	165,086
Clergy Expenses	7,073	0	0	7,073	5,487	0	0	5,487
Clergy Housing	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	102
Pastoral Care Coordinator costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,500	13,500
Decrease in value of investment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Running Costs :								
Power/Light/Heat	4,281	0	0	4,281	6,844	0	0	6,844
Telephone	1,270	0	0	1,270	548	0	0	548
Insurance	4,831	0	0	4,831	4,600	0	0	4,600
Repairs & Maintenance	3,522	0	439	3,961	5,887	0	0	5,887
Major Works	0	18,029	0	18,029	0	6,683	0	6,683
Interview Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	355	0	355
Altar Requisites	0	0	0	0	149	0	0	149
Costs of Choir & Music	1,273	0	0	1,273	6,370	0	0	6,370
C.A.P Activity								
Expenses of project	0	0	34,528	34,528	0	0	38,382	38,382
Parish Room & Sunday School Costs :								
Purchase of furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	493	0	0	493	628	0	0	628
Other Costs	1,940	4,349	0	6,289	1,744	7,190	0	8,934
	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529	197,445	14,228	51,882	263,555
3c Fund-raising & publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Church management & administration								
Church Office expenses & magazine	2,002	0	0	2,002	3,302	0	0	3,302
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,281	3,281
Wages & Fees (Organist, Verger, Administrator & Youth Worker)	54,945	0	0	54,945	36,739	0	0	36,739
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Books etc (inc. Hymn Books)	1,583	0	0	1,583	112	0	0	112
Sundries	4,336	60	0	4,396	2,599	60	0	2,659
	62,866	60	0	62,926	42,752	60	3,281	46,093
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226	270,048	15,054	55,163	340,265

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2021		2020
Wages and Salaries	£		£
Organist (Sub-Contract Position)	2,921		2,460
Verger/Facilities Manager	13,732		13,497
Cleaner (Schoolrooms) - Sub Contract	2,702		2,496
CAP Centre Manager	10,733		10,933
CAP Centre Money Coach	9,401		9,252
Youth Worker	16,000		
Pastoral Care Coordinator	12,423		12,210
Parish Administrator	<u>7,288</u>	75,200	<u>7,102</u>
			57,950

During the year the P.C.C. employed :-

Verger/Facilities Manager	Full time	1	1
Manager - CAP Centre	2 days p.w	1	1
Money Coach - CAP Centre	3 days p.w.	1	1
Parish Administrator	Part time	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator	3 days p.w.	1	1

The P.C.C. also used the services of the following Sub-Contractors:-

Organist - St John's and St Andrew's	2	2
Cleaner (Parish room)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

Debtors also including prepayments and accrued inc	£		£
General Fund	20,282		15,921
Restoration Fund	0		6
Schoolrooms	0		782
Christians Against Poverty	0		692
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0		33
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0		0
Fabric	0		6
Contra Peter Wakely Legacy transfer included in cred	<u>0</u>	20,282	<u>33</u>
			17,473

6. CREDITORS

Creditors also relate to accrued expenses & unallocated suspense balances

General Fund	24,309		15,117
Schoolrooms	0		3,874
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0		0
Christians Against Poverty	0		0
Fabric	0		0
Contra Peter Wakely Legacy transfer included in Gen	<u>0</u>	24,309	<u>0</u>
			18,991

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at:- 31st December 2021				as at:- 31st December 2020				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Consol Adj.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets & Investments	0	65,276	325,807	391,083	0	47,897	286,576	0	334,473
Current Assets	67,024	39,734	70,964	177,721	56,981	63,259	57,681	0	177,921
Current Liabilities	(24,309)	0	0	(24,309)	(15,118)	(3,874)	0	0	(18,992)
	<u>42,715</u>	<u>105,009</u>	<u>396,771</u>	<u>544,495</u>	<u>41,863</u>	<u>107,282</u>	<u>344,257</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>493,402</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Note: The full Annual Report for 2021 including a finance report is available separately and will be filed together with these accounts with the Charity Commission

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The PCC of St John The Baptist Church Yeovil.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CH Howes

Name: Mr Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 11.09.2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to December 31st 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources	Note								
Incoming resources from donors	2a	274,983	16,705	30,862	322,550	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168
Other Voluntary incoming resources	2b	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	400	0	1,900
Income from charitable & ancillary trading	2c	4,714	1,779	0	6,493	5,431	2,822	520	8,773
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from investments	2e	39	1,682	8	1,729	295	1,837	203	2,335
Total Incoming Resources		281,236	20,166	30,870	332,271	260,656	22,333	34,187	317,176
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	24,772	0	0	24,772	29,851	766	0	30,617
Activities directly related to the work of the church	3b	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529	197,445	14,228	51,882	263,555
Grant from Feeofees transferred to Schoolrooms Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund-raising & publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church management & administration	3d	62,866	60	0	62,926	42,752	60	3,281	46,093
Total Resources Used		278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226	270,048	15,054	55,163	340,265
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources		2,415	(2,273)	(4,097)	(3,955)	(9,392)	7,279	(20,976)	(23,089)
Gains & Losses on Investments									0
- Realised	2f	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	6,471
- Unrealised		0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	36,798	36,798
Net Movement in Funds		2,415	(2,273)	52,513	52,655	(9,392)	7,279	22,293	20,180
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2020									
General Fund - St John's		23,785			23,785	30,379			30,379
General Fund - St Andrew's		18,078			18,078	20,877			20,877
Organ Fund			1		1		766		766
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			2,842		2,842		7,355		7,355
Fabric Funds			58,917		58,917		66,548		66,548
Flower Guild Investment Fund			585		585		614		614
Youth Development Investment Fund			43,284		43,284		26,695		26,695
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,237		1,237
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,431	13,431			13,380	13,380
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			17,065	17,065
Peter Wakely Community Fund				286,728	286,728			253,729	253,729
Christians Against Poverty Fund				29,509	29,509			34,563	34,563
Total Brought Fwd. Balance		41,863	107,282	344,256	493,401	51,256	103,231	318,737	473,224
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2021									
General Fund - St John's		27,607			27,607	23,785			23,785
General Fund - St Andrew's		15,108			15,108	18,078			18,078
Organ Fund			1		1		1		1
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			271		271		2,842		2,842
Fabric Fund			57,824		57,824		58,917		58,917
Flower Guild Investment Fund			702		702		585		585
Youth Development Investment Fund			44,559		44,559		43,284		43,284
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				12,992	12,992			13,431	13,431
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			14,588	14,588
Peter Wakely Community Fund				343,339	343,339			286,729	286,729
Christians Against Poverty Fund				25,852	25,852			29,509	29,509
Total Carried Forward Balance		42,715	105,010	396,771	544,496	41,863	107,282	344,257	493,402

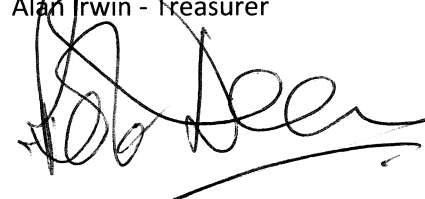
PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	1 (iv)	0	0
Investment Assets	1 (v)	391,083	334,473
		<u>391,083</u>	<u>334,473</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock			0
Debtors & Prepayments	5	20,282	17,462
Short Term Deposits & Bonds		76,262	74,571
Cash at Bank & in hand		81,178	85,891
		<u>177,721</u>	<u>177,924</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(24,309)	(18,992)
		<u>153,412</u>	<u>158,932</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>
NET ASSETS			
	7	<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		42,715	41,863
Designated		105,009	107,285
Restricted		396,771	344,257
		<u>544,495</u>	<u>493,405</u>

These accounts were approved on 21st September 2022 by:


Alan Irwin - Treasurer


Rob Dean - Church Warden

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year to December 31st 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before gains on investment assets	49,685	(23,090)
Investment Income	(1,719)	(2,331)
Roundings		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>47,967</u>	<u>(25,421)</u>
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	47,967	(25,421)
Movements on Debtors	(2,820)	(1,720)
Movements on Creditors	5,315	3,071
Sale of Investments	0	13,708
Returns on investments	1,719	2,331
Cash Flow/ Decrease in Cash	<u>52,180</u>	<u>(8,031)</u>
Net Funds at 1st January 2021	160,462	168,493
Net Funds at 31st December 2021	<u>157,439</u>	<u>160,462</u>
	<u>(3,023)</u>	<u>(8,031)</u>

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NOTES to the Financial Statements

For the Year to December 31st 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on the accrual basis, except as stated below.(Para. iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St. John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St. Andrews church.

The accounts for 2017 show that total Income is £0
and Total expenditure is £0

ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as 'Designated Funds' within the terms of the Act.

School Rooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as 'Reserved Funds' within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

iii) A full analysis of Investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement).

All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

iv) Tangible Fixed assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2021.

Any fixed assets acquired by the P.C.C. which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to Capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

v) Fixed asset investments

Investments are held in the following funds
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares

Cost	Value at	
	31st Dec 21	
£	£	
144,097	325,807	
36,519	65,276	
180,616	391,083	

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	Funds	Funds	Funds	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors									
Planned giving:									
Net amounts (incl. Gift Aided giving)		160,872	0	0	160,872	172,217	0	0	172,217
Income Tax recoverable		47,020	0	0	47,020	38,378	0	33	38,411
Collections for charitable purposes		(149)	0	0	(149)	10,078	0	0	10,078
All other Collections		64,975	0	0	64,975	11,887	0	0	11,887
Grants Received	Restoration	2,684	0	0	2,684	3,738	0	0	3,738
Grants Received	Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casual Gift Aid Income (in	Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
	Floral Group	0	176	0	176	0	30	0	30
	General	0	0	0	0	1,275	0	0	1,275
	Christians Against Poverty	0	0	30,862	30,862	0	0	33,181	33,181
Sundry donations	General	(420)	0	0	(420)	2,357	0	0	2,357
	Fabric	0	15,267	0	15,267	0	386	0	386
	Youth Minister	0	1,262	0	1,262	0	16,830	0	16,830
	Peter Wakely Legacy	0	0	0	0	13,500	0	0	13,500
	Schoolrooms transfer from Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Organ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Office Equipment Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tom Setter Belfry	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	250
		274,983	16,705	30,862	322,550	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168
2b Other Voluntary incoming resources									
Legacy - General Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising	Flower Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund		0	0	0	0	0	400	0	400
Costs Recovered from St.Andrews		1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
		1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	400	0	1,900
2c Income from charitable & ancillary trading									
Magazine advertisements		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Guide Books	Fabric	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
Church Hall Lettings		4,642	1,779	0	6,421	3,202	2,530	0	5,732
Fees and Church Lettings		72	0	0	72	2,202	0	0	2,202
VAT repaid		0	0	0	0	0	292	520	812
		4,714	1,779	0	6,493	5,431	2,822	520	8,773
2d Other ordinary incoming resources									
Insurance Claims	Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2e Income from investments									
General Fund		39	0	0	39	295	0	0	295
Schoolrooms		0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
Organ Fund		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fabric Fund		0	1,669	0	1,669	0	1,711	0	1,711
Ringer Investment Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty		0	0	8	8	0	0	146	146
Tom Setter Belfry Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Restoration Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	51	51
Peter Wakely Community Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Peter Wakely Community Fund -Sale of Shares		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Development Investment Fund		0	13	0	13	0	86	0	86
Flower Guild Investment Fund		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
		39	1,682	8	1,729	295	1,837	202	2,334
Gains & Losses on Investments									
2f - Realised		0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	6,471
- Unrealised		0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	36,798	93,408
		0	0	56,610	56,610	0	0	43,269	99,879
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		281,236	20,166	87,480	388,881	260,656	22,333	77,455	417,054

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

NOTES to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
3a. Grants								
Missionary & Charitable Giving (Special Collns.)	2,613	0	0	2,613	9,161	0	0	9,161
Transfer to Organ Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	766	0	766
Transfer of grant from Restoration Appeal to Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External Donations from Church funds	22,158	0	0	22,158	20,690	0	0	20,690
	24,772	0	0	24,772	29,851	766	0	30,617
3b. Activities directly related to the work of the church								
Ministry:								
Diocesan Quota	166,501	0	0	166,501	165,086	0	0	165,086
Clergy Expenses	7,073	0	0	7,073	5,487	0	0	5,487
Clergy Housing	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	102
Pastoral Care Coordinator costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,500	13,500
Decrease in value of investment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Running Costs :								
Power/Light/Heat	4,281	0	0	4,281	6,844	0	0	6,844
Telephone	1,270	0	0	1,270	548	0	0	548
Insurance	4,831	0	0	4,831	4,600	0	0	4,600
Repairs & Maintenance	3,522	0	439	3,961	5,887	0	0	5,887
Major Works	0	18,029	0	18,029	0	6,683	0	6,683
Interview Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	355	0	355
Altar Requisites	0	0	0	0	149	0	0	149
Costs of Choir & Music	1,273	0	0	1,273	6,370	0	0	6,370
C.A.P Activity								
Expenses of project	0	0	34,528	34,528	0	0	38,382	38,382
Parish Room & Sunday School Costs :								
Purchase of furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	493	0	0	493	628	0	0	628
Other Costs	1,940	4,349	0	6,289	1,744	7,190	0	8,934
	191,184	22,378	34,967	248,529	197,445	14,228	51,882	263,555
3c Fund-raising & publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Church management & administration								
Church Office expenses & magazine	2,002	0	0	2,002	3,302	0	0	3,302
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,281	3,281
Wages & Fees (Organist, Verger, Administrator & Youth Worker)	54,945	0	0	54,945	36,739	0	0	36,739
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Books etc (inc. Hymn Books)	1,583	0	0	1,583	112	0	0	112
Sundries	4,336	60	0	4,396	2,599	60	0	2,659
	62,866	60	0	62,926	42,752	60	3,281	46,093
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	278,821	22,438	34,967	336,226	270,048	15,054	55,163	340,265

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NOTES to the Financial Statements

For the Year to December 31st 2021

4. STAFF COSTS

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Parish Administrator	<u>7,288</u>	75,200	<u>7,102</u>
			57,950

During the year the P.C.C. employed :-

Verger/Facilities Manager	Full time	1	1
Manager - CAP Centre	2 days p.w.	1	1
Money Coach - CAP Centre	3 days p.w.	1	1
Parish Administrator	Part time	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator	3 days p.w.	1	1

The P.C.C. also used the services of the following Sub-Contractors:-

Organist - St John's and St Andrew's	2	2
Cleaner (Parish room)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

Debtors also including prepayments and accrued inc	£		£
General Fund	20,282		15,921
Restoration Fund	0		6
Schoolrooms	0		782
Christians Against Poverty	0		692
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Fabric	0		6
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			17,473

6. CREDITORS

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Christians Against Poverty	0		0
Fabric	0		0
Contra Peter Wakely Legacy transfer included in Gen	<u>0</u>	24,309	<u>0</u>
			18,991

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at:- 31st December 2021				as at:- 31st December 2020				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Consol Adj.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets & Investments	0	65,276	325,807	391,083	0	47,897	286,576	0	334,473
Current Assets	67,024	39,734	70,964	177,721	56,981	63,259	57,681	0	177,921
Current Liabilities	(24,309)	0	0	(24,309)	(15,118)	(3,874)	0	0	(18,992)
	<u>42,715</u>	<u>105,009</u>	<u>396,771</u>	<u>544,495</u>	<u>41,863</u>	<u>107,282</u>	<u>344,257</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>493,402</u>

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Annual Report of St John the Baptist Church for the Year ended 31st December 2020

At the time of collating this report in April 2021 we are still experiencing the effects of Covid 19, an especially virulent disease which has swept the world. The United Kingdom has been in lockdown three times during the past year, as have many other countries in the world, meaning that we have been obliged to isolate in our own homes, allowed out to shop and exercise only. The church has been partially closed, only permitting a maximum of 50 in the building at a time, whilst services have been relayed online; we have not been permitted to visit or meet up with family members or friends, and the only means of contact we have had is by telephone or email, whilst church meetings have been held on Zoom: all this to prevent the spread of the virus, to protect ourselves, each other and the NHS. Several of the reports that follow do mention these conditions at the time of their writing, even though the reports actually record the business of St John's until December 2020.

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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	Chairman
Associate Minister	Revd Ben Graham (from April 2020)	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Edward Armitstead Rob Dean Kate Scorer Phil Juggins Beth Farrington	St Andrew's
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Rob Dean	St John's
Deputy Wardens	Jennifer Matthew/Calum McFarlane David Maynard-Griffin	St Andrew's
Elected Members	Chris Frazer Lin Hann Mary Irwin Caroline Jeeves Phil Juggins Iain Maitland James Maitland Tom Oaks David Matthew Tim Osborn Keith Ovenden Tim Thurgood Helen Truett Anne Wicks Kath Upton (Parish Administrator)	
Co-opted Members	St John's Janet Dean Secretary John Brookes Treasurer	

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- 2020 has been an unusual year because of Covid restrictions but James Dudley-Smith found various ways to continue his steadfast leadership.
- We were delighted to welcome our new Associate Minister, Ben Graham, and his family to the Parish at Easter 2020, an unusual time to arrive during a pandemic when the church was unable to meet in person. We grew to know him during the year in our filmed online services.
- The Church Wardens are to be particularly commended for their perseverance during a very tricky year.
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected in such unusual circumstances.
- Congregations at our services were unable to meet in person for most of the year because of Covid restrictions. The church was closed for several months and no-one was permitted to enter. The Rector pre-recorded services from his home for the 10.30 slot on Sunday and we soon became used to watching on YouTube from the comfort of our homes. Towards the end of the year, the church was permitted to open but for a very limited number of attendees: people were required to sign-in, sit in alternate rows and wear face masks during the services. No singing allowed!
- Tuesday morning communion carried on with no pre-booking necessary but with similar precautions taken.
- A monthly service in the afternoon was held at St John's for families with children.
- The Gone Fishing Café was unable to meet for most of the year because of pandemic restrictions.
- Youth activities continued but via Zoom.
- Holiday Club in the summer was pre-recorded and shown online for 30 minutes each day.
- First Wednesday prayers continued but on Zoom.
- The Music Group continued to meet online to record new songs, thanks to the efforts of Keith Ovenden and Tim Osborn.
- Most fellowship groups continued to meet but via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, were unable to meet after the first lockdown in March onwards.
- Christians Against Poverty continues to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt. Meeting in person with clients has obviously proved difficult this year but ways have been found either online or by telephone.
- The Tech Team, led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication in managing to bring the services into our homes each week.

There is, therefore, still a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church despite Covid and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on only three occasions during the year, the latter two of which were held on Zoom, and these were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- The future reordering of the church
- The appointment of a Minister for Children and Youth
- Mission giving
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- The fabric of St John's and the repairs to various areas of the roof
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism
- The cost of upkeep and possible future refurbishment of the Harrison and Harrison organ
- The future shape of admin provision in the parish

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

St John's Wardens' Report

With what became known as 'lockdown one', St John's closed its doors to worshippers for the first time since the 2008 reordering on 23 March 2020. Initially no-one was permitted into the building including our clergy: seventeen services were broadcast on You Tube and largely pre-recorded. Worshippers were finally allowed to return to church on 12 July 2020 with limited numbers, social distancing, face coverings and no singing.

There was no Remembrance Day Service and most of the Christmas services for schools and other organizations were also cancelled. Except for First Wednesday Prayers, and various friendship and fellowship groups who met online, all our other activities which involved meeting face-to-face tragically had to cease.

In some ways the on-line services have been extremely successful with an average of 130-140 'devices' tuned in 'live' with another 450-500 viewings on catch-up during the week, including people in Australia, Canada and from local churches who had no live services or on-line. Our innovative and adaptable 'tech' team and the music group have been fantastic and have supported James' ability to lead services and for us all to worship superbly. We are extremely grateful to them all.

In April 2020 we welcomed Ben Graham as Associate Minister and Chaplain to Yeovil College. He moved to Yeovil with his wife Abi and their three delightful boys. They arrived just as Lockdown 1 started and have had a most unusual first year with us: to date they have not seen the church operating as we would wish. Despite the turmoil they have quickly become fully integrated into the life of the church.

There are several things of concern as we review 2020: what will the church be like as we edge towards the end of severe restrictions? How do we help nervous members feel safe in church? How do we expand and serve and glorify the Lord?

Looking forward, John Brookes will complete his term as Treasurer in April 2022 and we continue to pray that a volunteer will come forward to shadow him towards the end of this year and to relieve him of his duties which have been so willingly and expertly conducted over recent years.

Rob Dean, Churchwarden

St John's Sidespersons Report

'You will not fear

the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.' Psalm 91: 5-6

I used this passage to introduce last year's annual report and, as I then completed an extra half a year of wardening, apparently I qualify to do this one as well...and it is still an applicable passage although the pestilence has stopped stalking with such vengeance. And so, onwards with the report.

Our amazing, generous and welcoming sidespeople did sterling work, faithfully and well throughout January to mid-March. At which point we decided they were all so fabulous that we would give them an extended holiday for the rest of the year. I'm sure everyone would agree that they deserved the break.

Extended, unexpected breaks aside, I would like to thank, on behalf of the church, all our Saturday stewards and sidespeople for their ongoing commitment, and we very much look forward to seeing you at the door once again in coming months.

And anyone who is interested in joining this merry band of fearless folk, please do speak to our churchwardens or email them...offers always gladly welcomed.

Jennifer Matthew, Churchwarden (retired)

Report on the Electoral Roll

Following the 2021 revision of the electoral roll for St John's, the total on the roll currently stands at 172. Several of those who died during the year had not kept up membership on the electoral roll.

With a recent revision for late 2020 APCM names removed for 2021 are:

Caroline and Edward Armitstead

Fenella Birch

Colin & Jean Reston

Diane Taylor

Kath Upton, Church Secretary

St John's Finance Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

The statutory accounts of St John's also include the accounts of St Andrew's however this report just covers the activities of St John's. A separate report covering St Andrew's follows the St John's report. The accounts consist of three different sorts of funds. The General Fund which can be spent at the discretion of the PCC and mostly covers the day-to-day running costs of the church. There are Designated Funds where money is set aside for specific purposes such as the Schoolrooms and the Fabric Fund and Restricted Funds which can only be spent for the purposes for which they were set up such as the Peter Wakely Community Fund and the Christians Against Poverty Fund.

The General Fund

We set an ambitious budget for 2020 requiring an increase in our income of 5.7% but still taking £13,500 from the Peter Wakely Community Fund. Fortunately, our expenditure was £6,797 above budget but we

still took £13,500 from the Peter Wakely Community Fund. In the event, we ended with a deficit of £6,644.

The transfer from the Peter Wakely Community Fund meant that we had a deficit of £6,644 and our General Reserve reduced to £23,737. Overall the total income was £211,819 excluding special charitable collections which are paid out in their entirety. This is a decrease of 1.00%. Expenditure on a similar basis was £231,936 an increase of 1.4%. Our biggest expense was the Parish Share of £144,992 which took (60.1%) of our income. Compared with this the actual costs of running the church, excluding money given to Missions and Charities, were £66,616 an increase of (1.8%) and are relatively modest. In 2020 we continued to support our Missionary links and other good causes by giving away £20,355 which was 10% of our income from collections. This is in addition to Special Service Collections which amounted to £9,161. At the end of 2020 we are left with a general reserve balance of £23,737 which represents under two month's expenditure.

Designated Funds

The Schoolrooms had a deficit of £4,513. The rent received of £2,530 was £3,043 less than in 2019. The main reason for the deficit was the pandemic which restricted our lettings. Operating costs were £7,190, were higher than in 2019. The end of year balance was £2,842 and we continue to renegotiate the lease.

The two Fabric Funds have been combined in the accounts. The total income was £2,280 and included a repayment of VAT amounting to £182. Expenditure amounted to £5,860 and included work identified at the last quinquennial survey £1,439 and £2,845 architect's fees in connection with the proposed reordering of the interior of the church. There was a decrease in the value of the underlying investments of £3,227. The combined balance at the end of the year amounted to £58,918.

The Youth Development Fund had income from interest of £86 and donations of £16,830. The balance at the end of the year amounted to £43,284. There were only very small movements on the other designated funds.

Restricted Funds

There are four funds categorised as restricted:

The Restoration Fund.

Work on the tower restoration was completed in April 2015 at a total cost of nearly £300,000. Apart from interest received of £51 there were no other movements. The balance at the end of the year amounted to £13,431

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

The fund raises and spends money in support of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre, managed by Steve Hart. A total of £33,328 was given and raised to support this ministry. It also included £2,773 gift aid tax reclaimed. The expenditure, comprising the monthly salaries of the manager and debt coach, a monthly payment to CAP HQ, and other operating expenses, amounted to £37,545. There was a deficit in the year of £4,217 and the balance carried forward to next year was £30,346.

The Peter Wakely Community Fund. This fund was set up with the proceeds of the legacy received from Peter Wakely amounting to £189,655. The £180,000 received in 2015 is invested in a unit trust administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners. During the year we sold shares amounting to £13,703 and £13,500 was transferred to the General Fund. At the year end the amount invested in shares was revalued and they had grown by £28,008 compared with the cost of the original investment of £144,096 but the value is subject to the ups and downs of the stock market. We have transferred a total of £55,706 to the General Fund over 6 years and £10,000 has been paid to St Andrew's towards their kitchen refurbishment.

The Tom Setter Belfry Fund

The fund paid for the enhancement of the bells largely completed in 2014. However, in 2018 work was started on the repair of the clock in the tower. Donations of £250 were received in the year and

expenditure incurred on the clock amounted to £3,281. The balance carried forward is £14,588. Work on the clock was mostly completed in 2018 but there remains a small amount of work still to do in 2021 and further work to do on the bells.

The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows where are total funds of £471,330 are invested. Most of this is accounted for by designated or restricted funds with a relatively modest £23,737 represented by the General Fund. A total of £329,690 is invested in unit trusts administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners, £67,937 is on deposit with CCLA, £69,398 is in three current accounts with NatWest bank, which pay interest, and £6,000 in National Savings.

Our 2021 Budget, James Dudley-Smith, our rector, has spoken about the challenge that we face in 2021 when we need to increase our income. The PCC have interviewed and appointed a person to manage our young people and the person appointed is due to start at the beginning of May. The Parish Share which we have to pay to the Diocese is increased to £148,625 and based upon an estimated 240 church members works out at nearly £12 per person per week or £50 per month before we meet any of the costs of running our church estimated at £7 per person per week. The challenge we all face in 2021 is to review our level of giving, commit to regular giving preferably by standing order directly to the church's bank account or through the envelope scheme, and to make sure that the church can reclaim as much tax as possible on our giving by signing a gift aid form. Last year we reclaimed £34,296 tax and could not have managed without it.

Whilst regular planned giving out of income meets our day-to-day running costs a legacy gives us the opportunity to give to the church out of our estate for specific purposes without reducing our income and is always welcome. We received a legacy of £250 in 2019. However, the largest legacy that we have received in the last few years is £189,895 from Peter Wakely. We have produced a leaflet about legacies and a copy is available by the door in St John's. If you are considering leaving a legacy to the church, please discuss this with the treasurer or a warden who will advise you on the specific needs of the church.

John Brookes -Treasurer of St John's

Gift Aid Report

Thank you that your generous giving to the work of the church continued wonderfully through 2020. During periods of lock-down, it was more difficult to continue giving by the envelope scheme or in the donations box in church. Some of you switched to bank standing order, while others saved their contributions until they could be physically delivered.

The number of those adding Gift Aid to their donations continued to increase through the year. Thanks to all who have completed a Gift Aid declaration, we were able to reclaim over £40,000 from the government. This represents an enormous help to our church finances.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet added Gift Aid to your church giving, please contact me or the Church Treasurer, John Brookes, to find out how you can boost your donations at no extra cost.

Alan Irwin

St John's Fabric Report and Statement 2020

The 'Fabric Committee' is a sub-committee of the PCC which normally meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church fabric and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Survey of 2017. Having met five times in 2019, in 2020 the committee met only twice, on 20th January and 16th March. There were no further meetings, due to the pandemic, but the Fabric Plan was updated on 27th November to reflect progress made on tasks during the year.

The church is generally in good material condition. However, there are two areas requiring particular attention, to be addressed with significant packages of work in the near future. At the beginning of 2020, the storms of February resulted in damp finding its way inside the building in a number of places, but most notably in the Edwardian Vestry and the South Turret Tower.

The resulting Vestry roof repairs including increasing provision for rainwater drainage will probably cost in the region of £10K, while repairs to the South Turret roof support and re-leading will require scaffolding and the cost is expected to be between £10K and £15K. A Faculty from the Diocese for both repairs has been approved. Church architects Benjamin and Beauchamp have gone out to tender to four companies who have expressed an interest, with responses due in April 2021.

Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through 2020, including significant activities as follows:

- A repair of the main organ coupler touchbox repair was completed by Harrison & Harrison in January/February.
- A temporary roof leadwork repair above the Trinity Chapel was upgraded with a permanent repair (in February 2021).
- Scheduled electrical system testing was completed in July, while scheduled gas boiler checks revealed an exhaust fault, repaired in November.
- Following a spate of lead thefts from church roofs locally in 2019, Smartwater was applied to the roof leadwork in September and a quotation report for a roof alarm has been drafted.

A complete (2 yearly) review of the church Health and Safety policy documents was carried out in November, including incorporation of a new file of Covid risk assessments. Aside from the latter, changes were minor and it is proposed that the document suite is uploaded to the website to facilitate review by those required to read it.

Thanks to all who have still taken care of our building during this unusual year!

Phil Juggins (Fabric Committee Chair)

Bell Ringers Report

At the beginning of the year a Bell Hanger from the Loughborough firm of John Taylor, assisted by a few volunteer local ringers, removed the clappers from bells number 9,10,11 and 12. They were taken to the foundry for, what we hope will be, improvements. A few weeks later they were re-installed by the same people. Some of the clappers with fittings weigh up to 50kg , having to be lugged up and down 100 steps! For obvious reasons we have been unable to test them out fully. Only once, on Friday 13th March, were we able to hear all twelve bells again when some ringing friends of ours came to try them out. We do not have enough of our own ringers to ring them all. That is something which needs putting right. We would like more of our church family to come forward and learn to ring and follow the lead of one young lady, Davina Bakum. She asked to learn bell ringing as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award activities and has already taken part on Sunday mornings.

A quick learner, I was able to take her to a Diocesan-wide Young Ringers Practice at Ditchat at the end of February. With other youngsters she did not know, and a new tower, but 8 superb bells, she was unfazed and did extremely well. I hope our new Youth Minister will take the hint and see that there are lots of opportunities for activities “up in the tower” to interest youngsters helping to keep them connected to the Church.

That was one bright moment in a year when for most of the time we were denied access to the tower. Ringing rooms are generally not well ventilated, close contact with other ringers, especially those needing

supervision, one's hands touching the same ropes as others, means that resumption of normal ringing will likely be one of the last activities to be allowed as restrictions on gatherings are lifted.

Ringers generally are a resourceful lot. Virtual ringing "platforms" have been invented (the most widely used is called RingingRoom devised by a couple in the USA) together with Zoom they enable groups of ringers (often in different continents!) to ring together using a tap on the spacebar instead of pulling a rope! Hitherto non-ringers have learned the basics of change ringing without the need to be able to ring a real bell! Only those taking part can hear the results of their efforts, so they don't upset the neighbours. Many local ringers have been using these devices.

Handbells have come into their own too, and three people in a family, or other bubble, ringing two bells each, can simulate 6 real bells. There is a set of 13 handbells in our tower, waiting to be used.

Between the first and second lockdowns and at Christmas, there was a window of opportunity when we followed guidance that provided no more than six people were in the ringing room, wearing masks and "sanitised", keeping 2m distance, necessitating the ringing of every other bell (the ropes are often less than 1m apart), each ringer to ring the same bell only, and for no longer than 15 minutes! Having twelve bells allowed us to select and ring just 4 or 5 bells in a sequence that was not as disappointing as it could have been. You might have thought that with so many constraints it would be hard to get ringers up the tower; but no, many were keen to make sure they could still do it, as muscles can get unused to pulling! And they were missing the fellowship.

A single bell was tolled on Remembrance Sunday for ten minutes leading up to 11am.

After about twenty years ringing with us, Jean and Colin Reston, will have moved away by January 2021 to be nearer some of their family. They learned to ring with us and were most regular turning up every Sunday morning, and helping with jobs up the tower. We shall miss them, but hope their move will be a happy one and that they join another church and tower in due course. Volunteers, please to fill this large gap in our team!

Thanks are due to Annette Organ, assistant tower captain, and to all the ringers who have supported what ringing we have been able to do.

The Clock has worked well during the year and, after a request from a nearby resident, it has been set up so as not to strike during the night. It is now owned by the Church, and really needs a volunteer to look after it. For years, I have been doing this and am the only person who fully (I hope) understands it. Occasionally it needs adjusting to be right on time and on the change-over from GMT to BST. Lately I have been showing Les Whittle, who lives conveniently close to the church, what has to be done. It is a health and safety requirement that no one should work in the tower alone, so thanks to him as well.

Roger Fox, Tower Captain

SJYA

St John's Young Adults (SJYA) is a social group for young adults in the church and is held on the third Wednesday of the month. The group has approximately twelve active members and new attendees have joined over the last year.

Since the start of lockdown in March 2020 we have continued to meet as a group though the frequency of meetings has reduced. We are continuing to communicate with all members via the SJYA Facebook group even when face to face meetings are not possible. Some meetings have been held in person whilst others have taken place online via Zoom. We have had a pizza night, arranged a walk, met for an online games night, and went for drinks at one of the pubs in town. We also encourage attendees to participate in other church events such as the monthly prayer meeting, after church coffee and quiz nights.

Looking forward, we hope that the group will be able to begin meeting in person again on a regular basis once the restrictions have eased.

Calum and Emma McFarlane

Friday Night Youth

We have continued to meet in a variety of ways during 2020. During the lockdowns we have utilised Zoom and have met to study the Bible together. We have looked at Big Bible Truths, Esther, A Bible Overview, Christianity Explored for Youth and Joshua. We were able to meet in person for a short time, during the easing of lockdown. We were sad to have to cancel our Youth Weekend Away in Spring 2020 and hope to be able to get away again at some point in the future! We have an outstanding team of committed and wonderful leaders - Tim Osborn, Hannah Peace, Chris Frazer, Judith Brookes and Sarah Kinnerly.

James Maitland

Junior Church Annual Report

Although 2020 was a very strange year and we were unable to meet as usual for most of it, Junior Church continued in various forms over the twelve months.

In January we began the year discovering what the Kingdom of Heaven is like through five parables that Jesus told in Matthew. We were three quarters of the way through our series exploring the Passion from Palm Sunday to Easter morning in Luke's Gospel when all churches were closed and we were unable to meet together. Thankfully as our materials were online, I was able to email the final lesson home for parents to go through with their children.

After Easter I sent a questionnaire to parents to see how families were faring and asked how we could best serve them during lockdown. It was helpful to see that families needed a range of resources to use in different ways throughout the week as not everyone was engaging with the service on a Sunday morning.

As a result, we arranged a few new things. Firstly, we began a Junior Church Zoom chat for fifteen minutes before each Sunday service. The Zoom chat was a way for the children to keep in touch with their friends, share their news and ask for prayer. It has had enduring appeal and has continued throughout the various lockdowns on weeks when we do not meet in person. I am very grateful to Judith Brookes for faithfully co-ordinating this and setting it up week after week.

Secondly, we filmed Sunday school lessons which the children could watch with their families anytime they liked. These explored the Early Church and the spread of the good news about Jesus in Acts 1-14.

Thirdly, Ben Graham provided weekly worksheets to accompany the Sunday morning services and Becky Dudley-Smith put together related craft activities for the children to do at home.

By the autumn we were determined to meet in person and so began to offer an all-age service for families on the second Sunday of each month, and a FAB (Fun and Bible) Time for the children on the fourth Sunday of each month. We were thankful that we had enough space for each group to meet separately which allowed us to comply with the COVID regulations. We began the academic year by looking at the life of Jacob, and then discovered the king of Christmas and celebrated Jesus, the rescuer, by looking at Matthew.

Sadly, the rules changed once again and everything had to stop in the November lockdown but we managed to meet once online via Zoom, and in December our all-age services resumed.

It was hard to know how many children we made contact with during this time, but we had about 20 regulars and welcomed a couple of new families to Junior Church.

Once again there was a small change of personnel, and we were very sad to lose Pete and Rebecca Howarth at the end of the summer when they moved away, and also Calum McFarlane in November as he stepped down to take up Church Warden responsibilities. Thankfully James and Doreen Maitland have been a great addition to the team, joining us after the summer, and Ben Graham has been an enormous help with our all-age services in particular.

2020 was a trying year, but I am extremely grateful to all of our leaders and helpers who were so flexible and willing to try different ways of reaching the children at St. John's with the good news of Jesus, which has been more important than ever in the last twelve months. Many thanks too to all the parents for bearing with us during this time and supporting the work in so many ways.

Melissa Cary

Tiny Toes Report 2021

This group normally meets on a Thursday morning, during school terms, in the Schoolrooms between 10.00 and 11.15am. Groups of this type have not been permitted since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, however there is now hope that it will be possible to reopen in the near future.

The group is designed for parents with babies under about 1 year, so those who were attending prior to lockdown will not return. It will therefore be starting from scratch but there is a clear need for this service to the community. Almost all of the parents attending in the past have had no prior regular church connection, so it is also a wonderful means of connecting them with St John's.

Ann Thurgood

Footprints Report

This last year, during the lockdown, we have produced a weekly video for footprints on our Facebook page. These have included a craft, song and Bible story. We also produced a craft bag for families to use over Christmas. We met in person between the two lockdowns in a COVID secure environment.

We are very much looking forward to meeting again in person in 2021 and currently have fifteen families registered.

Doreen Maitland

St John's & St Andrew's Holiday Club

Holiday Club Aims to teach children about God using the bible in a meaningful and fun format accessible for children aged 5-11yrs.

In January last year I was asked to lead the planning for our church holiday club in the summer. I found this prospect very exciting after a ten-year break from the role.

The team (Sally Chandler, Jon and Helen Peace, Hannah Peace, Jonathan & Claire Coulson) met on Zoom in mid-April and decided to resurrect "Going Bananas" a *Scripture Union Holiday Club* which we did last in 1998. At subsequent online meetings we put the plans together in the hope of better times in July. However, by the end of May it had become quite clear that we would not be able to run the club in church due to the pandemic restrictions.

Consequently we felt that we had to change direction and the team made a swift decision to shelve our plans for “Going Bananas” and to put together a new plan for an online club to run for the July week in a livestream format. To this end, we co-opted David & Jennifer Matthew onto the team who were able to lend their technical expertise to the venture.

The theme of “**Everyday Heroes**” was decided upon. Each day would spotlight a bible hero using the Saddleback Kids videos as a starting point. The Heroes for God chosen were Jonah, Josiah, Rahab, Josephat and Jesus.

The daily You Tube livestream included wide cast of people and puppets in a mix of short video clips including:

- Puppet presenter duo of Rick Twitty and Doris Sheep at the podium. *Jon and Helen Peace*.
- The song “Jesus is My Superhero” was performed by the youth band under the musical direction of *Becky Dudley-Smith* with our on camera actioneers *Emelia Smith and Eleanor Blake*
- Wake & Shake exercise video with *Hannah Peace* and Jonathan Coulson
- Grandma and Tyler on Zoom - *Mary and Alex Irwin*
- Messy Games with the young leaders *organised by Jennifer Mathew*
- Bob’s Joke of the Day starring *Bob Banfield*
- ‘Who’s at the Door Drama’ featuring the heroes for God, starring *Harry Dudley-Smith, Abi Graham, George Beverly, Jam Carey* and including *Ben Graham as an increasingly soaked Jonah!*
- A summing up and prayer from Jon Peace & his puppet sidekick Billy.

The following Sunday livestream service was also part of the week. All in all, the club was put together with speed, seemed to fall into place with ease and we very much felt led and blessed by God. Each day there were between 230 and 400 viewings of the club on YouTube with 444 on the Sunday service.

This year we are dusting off “Going Bananas” and it will be running (God willing) in St John’s from Monday 26th - Friday 30th July. Please pray for the planning and the week of the club.

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report

Regardless of COVID-19, it has been a difficult year for many in our church family, involving bereavement and loss, illness, isolation, loneliness, family difficulties and mental health struggles.

We have had to adapt our pastoral response in our churches due to the constraints imposed by lockdown, so no face-to-face visits of folk in their homes, hospital or care homes. There have been new and creative ways of providing care and support and Christian nurture in this time of social distancing, including shopping, pharmacy trips, making meals, Zoom meetings, prayers over the phone/internet, in parks, on walks and on street corners and doorsteps, keeping in touch using the phone, WhatsApp messages, text, email, even good old-fashioned letter writing!

John 13: 34-35 : **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

The central vision of The Pastoral Care Co-ordinator ‘is to support and develop the Christian pastoral care of our congregations, enabling all to care for each, in different kinds of need, working alongside a team of volunteers’.

The pastoral team: Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Phil Juggins, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey. Thank you to each one for your amazing service to God and to the church family. I am delighted to report that the commitment and love shown by this team has had far-reaching

consequences to so many people, for which we, as church families at St John's and St Andrew's, are all grateful. We have met regularly on Zoom across the year. From February to April 2021 I have helped to run a Lay Pastoral Assistants Course in partnership with Rev Ruth Chapman and others from St James' Church. Four members of our church family have attended on Zoom, and we hope to be increasing the team as soon as the course is completed.

Fellowship Groups

We are immensely grateful to fellowship group leaders and members who have continued through the challenges of this year to meet on Zoom or who have distributed Bible study notes and kept in touch and prayed through a network of phone conversations, some groups doing this weekly. It has been wonderful to see the Bible being studied 'together' in the most creative of ways and the amazing benefits, encouragements and joys that have come to those involved. If you would like to join a group – do get in touch with me.

2 Peter 3:18 *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.*

Gone Fishing Café:

This café opened in the Autumn of 2021 with Covid rules and risk assessments and was then forced to shut at the end of November due to further lockdown restrictions. We are hoping to open again as soon as groups of six are permitted to meet indoors for hospitality. We are aiming to start up again on Thursday 20th May. It is a great joy to work together as one family in this with so many people involved in different ways. Roll on May 20th!

Events

Events = 0, bags delivered =100! We have sorely missed our shared lunches, Easter breakfasts, suppers and much more. Instead, we have brought provisions to the doorstep – gifts in bags. These have been delivered over the course of the year, starting with a 'staycation' bag replacing the Holiday at Home event at St Andrew's. At Christmas-time, our elderly folk who missed out on 'Festive Fun' received a Christmas goodie bag with a book of Advent Readings, Rudolph biscuit and chocolates. Before February half term, our families who have coped so well with the challenges of working from home and home schooling received a delicious home-made cake and a Bible game and some treats, and recently those who live alone received some Easter goodies. Staying connected and showing our love for one another ... it has been a joy to organise these and my thanks to those involved with helping who have given time and energy and enthusiasm to these small tokens which demonstrate our mutual commitment to one another. Much appreciation was shown for these gifts. One summarised it this way: *'the messages have been really lovely and it underlines once again that a gesture doesn't have to be large, complicated or expensive in order to be meaningful, caring and greatly appreciated by the recipient'*.

Caring for the Carers: This group has met occasionally on Zoom this year, with the aim of supporting one another in the role of care-givers: those who look after relatives – both near and far. By God's grace, this group has flourished with invaluable times of sharing together the highs and lows of caring, special times of praying together, lifting our concerns, decision making and difficulties to the Lord.

How great is his care for us as he asks us to bring all our cares to him (1 Peter 5:7)

We have lost some dear church family members this year, and since reporting in April 2020: Jean Mills, Maureen Poulton, David Preston, Joy Maidment, Eileen Gallop, Tony Jay, May Connor and Margaret Akerman. We have said a warm 'hello' to baby Lucas (son of Matt and Emma Handcock) and supported them with meals and care in the early days of having a new baby in the home. We look forward to hearing of more babies in the next AGM report!

I started the report stating 'Regardless of COVID-19, it has been a difficult year for many in our church family, involving bereavement and loss, illness, isolation, loneliness, family difficulties and mental health struggles'. I finish by ending with my thanks to you all. The heartbeat of Christian witness is that we love and care for one another (back to John 13: *that all may know that you are my disciples*). The impact of

isolation and loneliness over the past year cannot be underestimated and into that mix throw in all the problems of life. With that in mind, I thank God for you all, brothers, sisters, friends who have taken time to respond to the needs of others in our church family in loving, practical, prayerful and kind ways. We are one body ... part of the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12)

May we seek to serve the Lord for the good of others with his compassion over the coming year.

Helen Peace, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Prayer Chain

Thirteen people from St John's and St Andrew's make up the Parish Prayer Chain, who are willing to provide prayer support for the specific needs of church family members as and when they arise. All requests are dealt with in a sensitive manner. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, who is undergoing surgery or has an emergency of some sort, then you can contact me (Helen Peace) and I will set the Parish Prayer Chain in motion, and the people on it will pass the message along the chain and pray for your situation, bringing it to the Lord and asking for His help and strength. The request needs to be made in a short concise way, enabling those on the chain to pass the message on without losing or adding information or distorting the original message.

Each request made is treated confidentially within the boundaries of the prayer chain, and there is no 'follow-up' or further contact with you to find out the outcome. The person on the prayer chain contacts and informs the next person on the list and so it goes on until it reaches the beginning again.

Philippians reminds us ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God"***.

Helen Peace

Fellowship Groups

Our amazing Fellowship Group leaders have done a very fine job of keeping in touch with group members, working through phone calls, Zoom meetings, doorstep conversations, and whatever they could do, to continue the work of the groups in helping members to grow as disciples of Jesus, even through a pandemic year. And of course it's not just the leaders, but every group member plays a part in helping one another along, as we seek to grow through the study of God's word, in prayer, and in fellowship together, knowing Jesus and make him known.

Bible Studies in Luke and in Habakkuk have generally been well received. The latter were prepared at a time when we thought groups might be meeting in person again, which turned out not to be the case. And to study an Old Testament prophet during a lockdown period is no mean feat! Well done to all who stuck with it. The message of the prophet was certainly relevant.

Thanks to Helen Peace who does a great job of placing people into groups, and to Kath Upton who copies or emails the study material, and to Ben Graham who has written all the bits I didn't write!

We have needed our groups more than ever. Thank you again to all who have tried so hard, in different ways, to care for others and keep them going with Christ.

James Dudley-Smith

Genesis Report

I am thankful to God that a number of us have still been able to meet together fortnightly over Zoom, delving into His word and praying together.

We have finished a series on the letter to Hebrews considering the supreme greatness of Jesus Christ and are being challenged through Paul's letter to Titus to live Godly lives in the light of the gospel.

I am grateful to all those who have participated.

Becky Dudley-Smith

TCP (*Tea, coffee, croissants and prayer*)

This informal fellowship group for ladies has now been meeting online for a whole year, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10.30 am.

We have had good attendance (up to 12) ladies present from St John's, St Andrew's and St Peter's, and have very much enjoyed seeing one another: we all agree that it has kept us connected with our Christian sisters through a difficult year. We have shared our concerns, also much laughter and been able to chat about a huge range of subjects which has given us the opportunity to support one another with encouragement and prayer. It is very much hoped that we can get together again in the autumn.

All ladies are more than welcome to contact me and join us in this prayer based fellowship.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies (Craft Fellowship)

This is not exclusively a group for ladies but, appears to have evolved as such. The group has about ten members, who are not all members from our church family.

In better times we have met fortnightly on Thursday evenings in the schoolrooms. Sometimes people come just come for a cuppa, the relaxed atmosphere and a lot of laughter.

To date, we have made the banners which hang on the nave pillars and the Christmas banners that are displayed through December. We also stitched the hangings for the music group's stands and we had just begun a harvest design when we went into lockdown.

I am not sure when we will be able to meet again but, anyone is most welcome to join us. All the materials are supplied and there is simply no level of skill required, just the ability to thread a needle, enthusiasm and a sense of humour. It would be lovely to have some new members join us when we are able to get together.

Roz Chatwin

Zoom Coffee Mornings

In normal times some ladies from church would meet for coffee at the Brassiere in Bond Street and the table in the window would be reserved for us each Friday at 11am. Our numbers would vary from week to week but it would usually be between 4 and 10. When we went into the first lockdown and were no longer able to meet, we went online and a Zoom link would be sent out for each Friday for coffee at 11 online.

When restrictions were eased in the summer we used to meet each Friday at Ninesprings with our fold-up chairs and takeaway drinks and we would sit to chat in our socially distanced groups. When the weather became too cold for this, and subsequently the latest lockdown, we went back to our Zoom call each week.

Jenny Salberg, Roz Chatwin and I have met as a Prayer Triplet for several years. When we had to stop meeting in person in March last year we started to meet weekly on a WhatsApp video call to pray. In April at one of our prayer times we discussed the possibility of doing another Zoom coffee for other ladies in our churches as we felt it would be a good way to help people to keep connected and we came up with the plan of inviting six or seven others to join us each week. The first task was to compile a list of ladies to invite and we did this together with the help of our Parish Directory. Initially we decided on Tuesday at 10.30am but in October we decided to change it to Wednesday. I took on the admin role to organise the meetings each week and send out the invitations. Changing circumstances means the list fluctuates in numbers able to join but currently there are about fifty on it.

The Wednesday Zoom coffee morning has run most weeks since the beginning of last May. We have had a lot of positive feedback from ladies attending: it has helped people to keep in contact and to get to know people better and in some cases to meet people for the first time. It has helped to inform our prayers. Like many others I had never heard of Zoom before 2020 but I thank God for it.

The Zoom Coffee Morning is open to all ladies. If you would like to go on the list to be invited from time to time please contact me: gilovenden@hotmail.com

Gil Ovenden

Men's and Women's Breakfasts

Sadly we were unable to hold any breakfasts in 2020. Historically, these were organized by Edward and Caroline Armitstead respectively. They have sadly now moved away from the area, so we shall be looking for new people to organize these popular social events.

Music Group

2020 for the Music Group has been a year of learning, not only about how to cope with the trials of living with COVID but also about ourselves as individuals who help lead worship, and how we develop in a virtual environment as a worship group.

We started the year trying to get to grips with recording music virtually in our own homes, and bring all of the individual tracks together to make a video that was not only worthy but also helpful to people singing and worshipping at home. This has required a lot of hard work and commitment from everyone involved. One of the main drivers has been to try things out and not be afraid of getting it wrong! The tech team have been brilliant throughout and their learning curve has been equally challenging but they have done an amazing job to live-stream all of our services, helping edit videos and getting the sound right.

We have tried to vary the material and we have also learned new songs and gradually introduced them over the weeks. Keith has also written two songs which have been featured as pre-songs before the service and Hannah and Tim have also recorded a couple of covers.

We have a weekly meeting on Zoom on a Monday night to replace our normal live rehearsal where we have shared our experiences and learned from each other the best way to record, hold music, smile at the camera, play an instrument and a host of other factors that can impact the end recording! Mostly we have got it right, often after many attempts! The message that Jesus gave to the disciples when they couldn't

catch fish of “throw your nets over the other side” has rung true for us: we have simply kept on trying and not given in and it has served us well.

We have enjoyed meeting socially online as well and we have been blessed with new members, namely Chris Pavey, Abi Graham, Charlotte Blake and recently Harry D-S has recorded his drums for an Easter hymn!

God has answered our prayers in so many ways, inspiring and guiding us to go the extra mile in our service to him, to go deeper in our relationship with him and to trust and lean on him throughout. We have entered 2021 with hope that the lessons we have learned as a music group, can be carried forward as we re-commit ourselves to service for our Lord.

Keith Ovenden

Floral Group Report

As the UK was placed into lockdown before Easter 2020 we had no Easter services to decorate for. We were not able to hold our AGM in 2020 or 2021 as we were not permitted to gather in groups.

Restrictions had been lifted by July/August, so when we were asked to do some arrangements for Katie Irwin's wedding on 1st August, Roz Chatwin, Maggie Butler and I were able to oblige in a colour scheme of rose pink, peach and white.

We were able to decorate for Harvest in October, Remembrance Sunday in November and carried on as per our rota until the start of Lent this year as St John's continued to hold services online and with a limited booked-in congregation.

I have been able to create a rota until Lent 2022 with difficulty as I have lost four ladies from my list, one having moved away and three due to various health issues. The question arises, does St John's wish to continue having a Floral Group? I proposed to arrange a belated AGM at the end of September when we need to elect new officers and committee. We will be looking for new people to join the team and I will be standing down as chairperson next year.

Mary Brooks

St John's Model Railway Group

The group continues to keep in touch via Zoom once a month and using WhatsApp. A small amount of actual modelling has taken place over the year including a number of people making up some card building kits which has proved an enjoyable diversion for some during lockdown. Membership is very informal but remains roughly at the ten to fifteen mark. We would welcome any newcomers, either to the Zoom meetings, or in person as and when we are able to start meeting together properly again.

Tim Neville and Terry Bush

Friends of St John's Report, 2020

Since being established in 1994, The Friends of St John's have raised more than £91,000 for the upkeep and improvement of the church fabric, seeking to draw support from the wider town community as well as the church membership.

Our plans for fund-raising events for 2020 were overtaken by the impact of the pandemic, with the resultant need for social distancing. Committee meetings were held in February (in person!) and September (by Zoom) and an Annual Report issued in June, in lieu of an Annual General Meeting.

Anticipated fund-raising events in September (a bookstall on Super Saturday) and November (the Swan Theatre play "Handbagged") did not take place. Typically at least one third of the Friends' income comes from events, the rest from personal donations. The Autumn newsletter was circulated widely, including to all at St John's (on the 'Sixes and Sevens' circulation), including an update on key repairs required on the church building (to the Vestry and South Turret roofs), confirming the cancellation of the fund-raising events and providing an opportunity for donations. A brief description of the Friends of St John's was also provided, as many newer church members might not be aware of what the charity is / does.

Income – Our net income for 2020 was £1,543.56, thanks to generous donations. When this is compared with the income for 2019 (£3,235.30), an indication of the impact of the pandemic on fund-raising events can be seen.

Grants – No grants were made to St John's in 2020, but funds at the close of the year stood at £10,313.93, so we are well-placed to assist with the cost of some of the key repairs on the building that are coming up.

Newsletter – In 2020 we produced two issues of our newsletter, in Spring and Autumn. These newsletters normally aim to provide news of events and of specific needs regarding the maintenance of the fabric of the church. If you do not already receive these and would like to, please contact the Friends by email at friends@sjyeovil.org.uk

Future Events – It is currently not possible to confirm when it will be viable to re-start fund-raising events. However, our ideas for the immediate future include but are not limited to: A Quiz – this may be our first event of 2021; a stall at Super Saturday (Sept 2021); a Brass Band Concert; the postponed Swan Theatre play – all when such events can be held and well-supported.

Committee - We have a small committee to run the Friends, and new helpers are always welcome but we have a particular urgent need at this time. Our treasurer John Brookes is retiring from the role this year, after many years of faithful service (15 years as treasurer, with 11 of those as chairman as well!), latterly as church treasurer too! We owe a great debt of thanks to John for his faithful and fruitful service over all those years. This does mean that a new treasurer is required for the Friends, from June 2021, if the work is to continue.

Many thanks to all our patient supporters and committee members!

Phil Juggins (Chair)

Bookstall

The bookstall has been largely closed during 2020. We did hold a Remote Christmas bookstore over Christmas and sold dozens of resources. We hope to return to a more regular bookstall moving forward.

James Maitland

Yeovil College Chaplaincy Report

This year has had its fair share of difficulties and opportunities.

Chaplaincy work is based on relationships and getting to know people on a near empty campus has been frustrating and difficult. Yet there have been new and varied opportunities:

- Pastoral care for struggling students - I've had opportunities to put a lot of time into 1-1 care. During the year this has been a mixture of face to face meetings and chats online.
- Christian Union – One of my big aims is to meet with and encourage Christian students. It's been a joy to meet some of them. The Christian Union has had one committed member, with others coming occasionally.
- Enrichment Classes – I've been running a college enrichment class, which is an extra-curricular class. I offered a Healthy Debating Class. We have discussed various topics as well as looking into presentation and listening skills.

Ben Graham

Deanery Synod

Because of Covid, the Synod only managed to meet once during 2020 and that was at St Andrew's Church Hall on 3rd March, just before the first lockdown.

The newly appointed Deanery Accompanier, David Maggs, was introduced to the meeting. His official title is Team Leader for Mission, and he will be responsible to the Yeovil Deanery as a point of contact and facilitator within the Diocese. He has already attended a meeting of the DMPG and will in future attend some of our deanery synod meetings.

We received a progress report from the Pioneer Minister in the Deanery, Farhad Chermahini, who moved to Yeovil with his wife and young family ready to start work in late May/early June. This is a five-year project in the first instance and the hope is that further funding will be found to maintain the role for a further five years. Fr David Anderson spoke of the need for a pioneer within the parish of St Michael's, Yeovil, which is a disadvantaged area with a lot of new housing and young people who need to be reached.

Rob Dean

Yeovil CAP Debt Centre Report - 2020

The period from April to the end of 2020 has not been easy and has been a testing time for all 3 debt coaches (Mary, Anne Charlotte, and myself) who have adapted very well to some new CAP processes in how we operate and contact our clients – appointment phone calls rather than visits. Not meeting clients in their homes has brought its challenges particularly in getting hold of paperwork at the second appointment, but we've adjusted very well to our new system of collecting paperwork via electronic means, where paperwork can be uploaded to a link by the client or the debt coach; something new and we hope will continue.

Across the UK network of 284 debt centres, the number of clients has decreased – centres normally booked up are now at a much-reduced capacity, often going from month to month rather than booked up 2 or 3 months ahead, like we used to be. For the Yeovil Debt Centre, we have continued to be busy with new clients, though rarely operating at 100% capacity. We have 36 clients on our books, 13 still going through the client setup phase, 3 looking at insolvency, and 20 repaying their debts, which means we've been able to continue building relationships, with opportunities to share the gospel.

We've continued to bring transformation into the lives of those reaching out for help from the local community. Whilst there were five responses to Jesus in 2019, with client events, in 2020 we have seen four responses to Jesus, with no client events; in 2020, fewer centres in the UK have seen client responses to Jesus.

In 2020 we saw nine households go debt free and it was wonderful news in October 2020, that we were able to celebrate our 100th household going debt free. We would like to thank Rev James Dudley-Smith and the church family of St John's for their dedication and commitment to keeping God's heart for the poor at the very centre of St John's ministry.

With two of CAP's eight core values being generosity and compassion, we have often responded to cries for practical help, especially when it comes to putting food on the table; fresh food shops have been added to food parcels from the Lord's Larder. Several low-cost cars have also been purchased for clients and we appreciate those who have been involved.

We're keen to link all clients with a befriender, and though that hasn't been easy during the pandemic, we have about 20 befrienders from different congregations, some of whom have carried out an excellent job in staying connected with clients – we couldn't do our job properly without our amazing group of befrienders.

The Christmas Hampers were made up by items from the Lord's Larder and what the coaches bought with the hamper appeal totalling £1.7K; the Yeovil Town FC Independent Supporters Association donated £670, Yeovil Radio Cabs £150, and the rest from generous donations from supporters. Thank you if you made a donation. It was sad that we were unable to have our annual Christmas Tea and the usual invite of clients to the Carol Service.

We have relied so much on the Lord's Larder in 2020, especially from March to June, where we delivered 63 food parcels to our CAP families. We thank and Praise the Lord for this incredible community ministry, helping people in desperate situations. We can't see people go without food on the table, especially when parents often go without to feed their children.

In addition to 50 monthly financial givers via standing order, without whom we couldn't budget each year, in 2020 we've not been able to have our normal fundraising events and yet David Upton continues to raise funds via his Art for CAP Facebook page. St James & St Peters have nominated our CAP centre as one of their mission partners, committed to giving financially, amongst other things, over the next few years. Steve has stepped down from working three days per week to two days, which has brought savings on our expenditure.

We continue to find favour with the Western Gazette editor who so kindly publishes our press releases. We are thankful for his support and we believe God has given us a voice that many in 'this space' don't have, so we want to embrace every opportunity to impact those the Lord sends our way.

Jennifer Matthew spearheads the leadership of the CAP Management Committee, with Jill Martin and Alan Guy (Margaret Hamilton stepped down at the end of the year). As I write this report, Gill Brookes has agreed to join this committee.

We have an excellent team of debt coaches – Mary, Anne Charlotte, and myself – and I would like to give Mary and Anne Charlotte the praise they deserve, especially during those very difficult times when they have to dig deep and continue to bring the Lord's blessing into very chaotic situations, for some of the most desperate, isolated, and vulnerable members of our community.

We continue to seek people who will support this community transforming work, and you can do this in the following ways; receive a 3-weekly update; become a befriender where you can support clients on their debt and faith journey; pray for the debt coaches on their appointments; and support the work financially. If you want to find out more about this work, please contact Steve or Mary on stevehart@capuk.org and maryirwin@capuk.org respectively.

Even though we've only been able to have contact with our clients via the phone, we continue to make the most of every opportunity to pray with people and share the love of Jesus.

On a personal note, all of 2020 has been a journey of healing from my prostate cancer, and I'm so pleased to say that following my surgery at Southmead hospital in June, there is now no sign of cancer in my body. Praise the Lord! As I write this report, Anne Charlotte will very soon be having a hip replacement operation in Exeter.

Finally, the church family in St John's continues to show their amazing support and commitment to prayer and financial giving. It continues to be a pleasure and a privilege to serve and work with the St John's church family, in what can only be described as a life transforming ministry, where there is ALWAYS HOPE! Thank you, St John's, for your dedication to serving the poor and helping to lift them out of poverty.

Our mission continues to be **'save the lost, serve the poor, with the church, across the nation'** and our new CEO Paula Stringer will never compromise this as she brings a new culture and rhythm to how we operate in CAP, so our work in helping the poor is fit for the future.

Steve Hart
Yeovil CAP Debt Centre Manager

The Lord's Larder Report 2020

In 2020 the Lord's Larder Food Bank faced an unexpected and unprecedented challenge in the Covid pandemic and subsequent "lockdowns". As vulnerable members of our community lost income due to furlough or redundancy, demand for food parcels rose significantly in March 2020. Many faced weeks with no, or reduced income due to Universal Credit delays. We experienced a threefold increase in requests immediately and on one day before Easter we had to prepare 42 parcels. At the same time, many of our loyal volunteers had to withdraw as they were asked to self-isolate at home.

We are delighted to report that throughout the year, no parcel request has been declined. A new team of younger and fitter volunteers came forward to cover the gap – including furloughed teachers and students sent home from school and university, and volunteers from churches in Yeovil, we were able to use of a much larger hall where we were able to store food stocks and spread out work stations to safe distances. Our local community rapidly responded with food donations. Families, churches, businesses, local communities and villages, and supermarkets have all sustained a high volume of donations throughout the year. We should make special mention of Morrison's supermarket who not only brought us increased donations from their customers, who they encouraged to donate in a variety of innovative ways, but their head office also arranged weekly pallet deliveries of useful items during the most difficult periods. Financial donations also increased significantly which have helped us meet the extra costs.

The number of food items given out amounted to 148,519, compared to 90,943 the previous year. We were able to assist a total of 1,539 families including 4,670 adults and 3,530 children.

We are so grateful to all the individuals, communities, shops and businesses and churches in our community that have not just given but have sustained their giving through this difficult time. We could not do what we do without this selfless generosity!

The Lord's Larder Community Fund has also been able to provide funds for the needy due to generous financial giving. It was able to provide a total of £6,258 worth of grants to meet local needs, almost triple what we were able to provide last year. We are pleased to be able to offer flexibility in terms of what we will fund. Sometimes small sums of money to meet unusual needs can make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families.

We would like to thank St John's for their loyal support over many years, especially over the ups and downs of last year, thank you.

Mat Callaghan
Operations Manager Yeovil Christian Support Trust

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The PCC of St John The Baptist Church Yeovil.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C H Howes

Name: Mr Craig Howes

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Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 5.04.2021

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to December 31st 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
Note		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources									
Incoming resources from donors	2a	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168	242,294	34,068	57,027	333,389
Other Voluntary incoming resources	2b	1,500	400	0	1,900	1,750	648	0	2,398
Income from charitable & ancillary trading	2c	5,154	2,822	520	8,496	11,744	6,962	223	18,929
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
Income from investments	2e	345	1,837	13,906	16,088	417	2,205	284	2,906
Total Incoming Resources		260,429	22,333	47,890	330,651	256,205	43,983	57,534	357,722
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	29,951	766	0	30,717	27,914	0	0	27,914
Activities directly related to the work of the church	3b	197,445	17,455	51,045	265,945	187,084	37,082	53,843	278,010
Grant from Feeofees transferred to Schoolrooms Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund-raising & publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church management & administration	3d	40,878	60	3,281	44,219	46,855	743	0	47,598
Total Resources Used		268,274	18,281	54,326	340,881	261,853	37,825	53,843	353,521
Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources		(7,845)	4,052	(6,436)	(10,229)	(5,648)	6,158	3,691	4,201
Gains & Losses on Investments									0
- Realised	2f	0	0	6,471	6,471	0	1,754	1,939	3,693
- Unrealised		0	0	15,066	15,066	0	6,111	48,398	54,509
Net Movement in Funds		(7,845)	4,052	15,101	11,308	(5,648)	14,023	54,028	62,403
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2019									
General Fund - St John's		30,379			30,379	30,379			30,379
General Fund - St Andrew's		20,877				26,525			
Organ Fund			766		766		762		762
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			7,355		7,355		12,809		12,809
Fabric Funds			66,548		66,548		66,459		66,459
Flower Guild Investment Fund					0		460		460
Youth Development Investment Fund			26,695		26,695		7,865		7,865
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,237		1,237		837		837
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,380	13,380			13,307	13,307
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				17,065	17,065			7,015	7,015
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Total Brought Fwd. Balance		51,256	169,164	318,737	518,280	56,904	89,208	275,248	394,835
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2020									
General Fund - St John's		23,735			23,735	30,379			30,379
General Fund - St Andrew's		18,078			18,078	20,877			
Organ Fund			1		1		766		766
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			2,842		2,842		7,355		7,355
Fabric Fund			58,917		58,917		66,547		66,547
Flower Guild Investment Fund			585		585		614		614
Youth Development Investment Fund			43,284		43,284		26,695		26,695
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,237		1,237
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,431	13,431			13,380	13,380
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			17,065	17,065
Peter Wakely Community Fund				281,946	281,946			264,269	264,269
Christians Against Poverty Fund				30,346	30,346			34,563	34,563
Total Carried Forward Balance		41,813	107,283	340,311	489,408	51,256	103,230	329,276	462,885

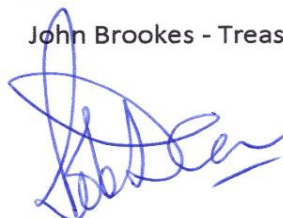
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Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	1 (iv)	0	0
Investment Assets	1 (v)	329,690	294,020
		<u>329,690</u>	<u>294,020</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors & Prepayments	5	17,461	14,481
Short Term Deposits & Bonds		74,636	48,208
Cash at Bank & in hand		86,778	75,021
		<u>178,875</u>	<u>137,710</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(15,757)	(10,565)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>163,118</u>	<u>127,145</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>492,808</u>	<u>421,165</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		41,813	52,232
Designated		107,283	91,476
Restricted		340,311	277,457
		<u>489,408</u>	<u>421,165</u>



John Brookes - Treasurer



Rob Dean - Church Warden

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year to December 31st 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before gains on investment assets	(10,229)	1,889
Investment Income	(16,085)	(2,927)
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(26,314)</u>	<u>(1,038)</u>
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(26,314)	(1,038)
Movements on Debtors	(2,980)	(1,337)
Movements on Creditors	5,127	9,030
Sale of Investments	13,705	27,668
Returns on investments	<u>16,085</u>	<u>2,927</u>
Cash Flow/ Decrease in Cash	<u>5,622</u>	<u>37,250</u>
Net Funds at 1st January 2019	123,229	128,935
Net Funds at 31st December 2020	<u>161,414</u>	<u>166,185</u>
	<u>38,185</u>	<u>37,250</u>

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NOTES to the Financial Statements

For the Year to December 31st 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on the accrual basis, except as stated below.(Para. iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St. John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St. Andrews church.

The accounts for 2020 show that total Income is £330,651
and Total expenditure is (£340,881)

ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as 'Designated Funds' within the terms of the Act.

School Rooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as 'Reserved Funds' within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

iii) A full analysis of Investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement).

All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

iv) Tangible Fixed assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2020

Any fixed assets acquired by the P.C.C. which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to Capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

v) Fixed asset investments

	Cost	Cost	Value at 31st Dec 20
	£	£	£
Investments are held in the following funds			
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares		151,871	292,332
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares		36,519	50,205

NOTES to the Financial Statements

For the Year to December 31st 2020

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
2a Incoming resources from donors									
Planned giving:									
Net amounts (incl. Gift Aided giving)		172,217	0	0	172,217	166,023	0	0	338,240
Income Tax recoverable		38,378	0	33	38,411	37,223	0	0	75,633
Collections for charitable purposes		10,078	0	0	10,078	4,342	0	0	14,420
All other Collections		11,887	0	0	11,887	13,533	0	0	25,420
Grants Received	Restoration	3,738	0	0	3,738	0	0	0	3,738
Grants Received	Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casual Gift Aid Income (In Fabric		0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
	Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
	Youth Minister	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	28
	Floral Group	0	30	0	30	0	546	0	576
	General	1,275	0	0	1,275	4,864	0	0	6,139
	Christians Against Poverty	0	0	33,181	33,181	0	0	44,527	77,708
Sundry donations	General	2,357	0	0	2,357	4,780	0	0	7,137
	Fabric	0	386	0	386	0	13,455	0	13,841
	Youth Minister	0	16,830	0	16,830	0	20,000	0	36,830
	Peter Wakely Lagacy	13,500	0	0	13,500	11,529	0	0	25,029
	Schoolrooms transfer from Fabric Ir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Organ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Office Equipment Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tom Setter Belfry	0	0	250	250	0	0	0	250
		253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168	242,294	34,068	44,527	625,057
2b Other Voluntary incoming resources									
Legacy - General Fund		0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250
Fundraising	Flower Guild	0	0	0	0	0	248	0	248
Transfers from General Fund		0	400	0	400	0	400	0	800
Costs Recovered from St.Andrews		1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	3,000
		1,500	400	0	1,900	1,750	648	0	4,298
2c Income from charitable & ancillary trading									
Magazine advertisements		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Guide Books	Fabric	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
Church Hall Lettings		2,952	2,530	0	5,482	4,887	5,573	0	15,942
Fees and Church Lettings		2,202	0	0	2,202	6,838	0	0	9,040
VAT repaid		0	292	520	812	0	1,389	223	2,424
		5,154	2,822	520	8,496	11,744	6,962	223	27,425
2d Other ordinary incoming resources									
Insurance Claims	Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
		0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
2e Income from investments									
General Fund		345	0	0	345	417	0	0	762
Schoolrooms		0	38	0	38	0	51	0	89
Organ Fund		0	1	0	1	0	4	0	5
Fabric Fund		0	1,711	0	1,711	0	2,108	0	3,819
Ringer Investment Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty		0	0	146	146	0	0	205	351
Tom Setter Belfry Fund		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Restoration Fund		0	0	51	51	0	0	73	124
Peter Wakely Community Fund		0	0	4	4	0	0	6	10
Peter Wakely Community Fund -Sale of Shares		0	0	13,703	13,703	0	0	0	0
Youth Development Investment Fund		0	86	0	86	0	39	0	125
Flower Guild Investment Fund		0	1	0	1	0	3	0	4
		345	1,837	13,906	16,088	417	2,205	284	5,291
Gains & Losses on Investments									
2f - Realised		0	1,939	6,471	8,410	0	1,939	1,754	12,103
- Unrealised		0	(1,939)	21,537	19,598	0	5,926	48,583	74,107
		0	0	28,008	28,008	0	7,865	50,337	86,210
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		260,429	22,333	75,898	358,659	256,205	51,848	95,371	748,380

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NOTES to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year to December 31st 2020

3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
3a. Grants								
Missionary & Charitable Giving (Special Collns.)	9,161	0	0	9,161	4,563	0	0	4,563
Transfer to Organ Maintemce	0	766	0	766	0	0	0	0
Transfer of grant from Restoration Appeal to Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External Donations from Church funds	20,790	0	0	20,790	23,351	0	0	23,351
	29,951	766	0	30,717	27,914	0	0	27,914

3b. Activities directly related to the work of the church

Ministry:

Diocesan Quota	165,086	0	0	165,086	160,003	0	0	160,003
Clergy Expenses	5,487	0	0	5,487	7,361	0	0	7,361
Clergy Housing	102	0	0	102	102	0	0	102
Pastoral Care Coordinator costs	0	0	13,500	13,500	0	0	11,529	11,529
Derease in value of investment	0	3,227	0	3,227	0	0	0	0

Church Running Costs :

Power/Light/Heat	6,844	0	0	6,844	7,202	0	0	7,202
Telephone	548	0	0	548	585	0	0	585
Insurance	4,600	0	0	4,600	4,548	0	0	4,548
Repairs & Maintenance	5,887	0	0	5,887	2,886	0	0	2,886
Major Works	0	6,683	0	6,683	0	24,495	0	24,495
Interview Expenses	0	355	0	355	0	0	2,673	2,673
Altar Requisites	149	0	0	149	354	0	0	354
Costs of Choir & Music	6,370	0	0	6,370	805	0	0	805

C.A.P Activity

Expenses of project	0	0	37,545	37,545	0	0	39,641	39,641
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Parish Room & Sunday School Costs :

Purchase of furniture	0	0	0	0	0	1,209	0	1,209
Youth Work	628	0	0	628	1,123	0	0	1,123
Other Costs	1,744	7,190	0	8,934	2,116	11,378	0	13,494
	197,445	17,455	51,045	265,945	187,084	37,082	53,843	278,010

3c Fund-raising & publicity

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3d Church management & administration

Church Office expenses & magazine	3,302	0	0	3,302	4,319	0	0	4,319
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	3,281	3,281				
Wages & Fees (Organist & Verger & Administrator)	36,041	0	0	36,041	37,484	0	0	37,484
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80
Books etc (inc. Hymn Books)	112	0	0	112	63	0	0	63
Sundries	1,423	60	0	1,483	4,909	743	0	5,652
	40,878	60	3,281	44,219	46,855	743	0	47,598

TOTAL RESOURCES USED

	268,274	18,281	54,326	340,881	261,853	37,825	53,843	353,521
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NOTES to the Financial Statements

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4. STAFF COSTS	2020		2019	
	£		£	
Wages and Salaries				
Organist (Sub-Contract Position)	2,460		4,128	
Verger/Facilities Manager	13,497		12,726	
Cleaner (Schoolrooms) - Sub Contract	2,496		2,392	
CAP Centre Manager	10,933		12,794	
CAP Centre Money Coach	9,252		8,120	
Pastoral Care Coordinator	12,210		11,261	
Parish Administrator	7,102	57,950	6,838	58,259

During the year the P.C.C. employed :-

Verger/Facilities Manager	Full time	1	1
Manager - CAP Centre	2 days p.w	1	1
Money Coach - CAP Centre	3 days p.w.	1	1
Parish Administrator	Part time	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator	3 days p.w.	1	1

The P.C.C. also used the services of the following Sub-Contractors:-

Organist - St John's and St Andrew's	2	2
Cleaner (Parish room)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

Debtors also including prepayments and accrued in	£		£	
General Fund	15,921		12,554	
Restoration Fund	6		1,100	
Schoolrooms	782		750	
Christians Against Poverty	692		0	
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	33		0	
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0		0	
Fabric	6		6	
Contra Peter Wakely Legacy transfer included in cre	33	17,472	0	14,410

6. CREDITORS

Creditors also relate to accrued expenses & unallocated suspense balances

General Fund	11,817		6,166	
Schoolrooms	3,874		725	
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	15,691	0	

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at:- 31st December 2020				as at:- 31st December 2019				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Consol Adj.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets & Investments	0	47,897	281,793	329,690	0	57,932	226,982	0	284,914
Current Assets	53,631	63,259	58,518	175,409	63,068	32,001	48,267	0	143,336
Current Liabilities	(11,818)	(3,874)	0	(15,692)	(6,163)	(725)	0	0	(6,888)
	41,813	107,282	340,311	489,406	56,905	89,208	275,249	0	421,362

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Note: The full Annual Report for 2020 including a finance report is available separately and will be filed together with these accounts with the Charity Commission

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity No. 1134345

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The PCC of St John The Baptist Church Yeovil.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C H Howes

Name: Mr Craig Howes

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA

Date: 5.04.2021

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

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For the Year to December 31st 2020

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Total Brought Fwd. Balance		51,256	169,164	318,737	518,280	56,904	89,208	275,248	394,835
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2020									
General Fund - St John's		23,735			23,735	30,379			30,379
General Fund - St Andrew's		18,078			18,078	20,877			
Organ Fund			1		1		766		766
School Rooms Fund (Gross)			2,842		2,842		7,355		7,355
Fabric Fund			58,917		58,917		66,547		66,547
Flower Guild Investment Fund			585		585		614		614
Youth Development Investment Fund			43,284		43,284		26,695		26,695
Equipment Replacement Reserve			1,637		1,637		1,237		1,237
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			16		16		16		16
Restoration Fund				13,431	13,431			13,380	13,380
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				14,588	14,588			17,065	17,065
Peter Wakely Community Fund				281,946	281,946			264,269	264,269
Christians Against Poverty Fund				30,346	30,346			34,563	34,563
Total Carried Forward Balance		41,813	107,283	340,311	489,408	51,256	103,230	329,276	462,885

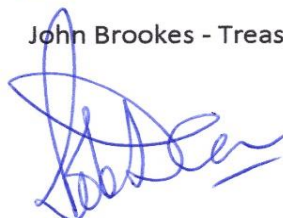
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Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	1 (iv)	0	0
Investment Assets	1 (v)	329,690	294,020
		<u>329,690</u>	<u>294,020</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors & Prepayments	5	17,461	14,481
Short Term Deposits & Bonds		74,636	48,208
Cash at Bank & in hand		86,778	75,021
		<u>178,875</u>	<u>137,710</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(15,757)	(10,565)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>163,118</u>	<u>127,145</u>
NET ASSETS			
	7	<u>492,808</u>	<u>421,165</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		41,813	52,232
Designated		107,283	91,476
Restricted		340,311	277,457
		<u>489,408</u>	<u>421,165</u>



John Brookes - Treasurer



Rob Dean - Church Warden

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year to December 31st 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before gains on investment assets	(10,229)	1,889
Investment Income	(16,085)	(2,927)
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(26,314)</u>	<u>(1,038)</u>
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(26,314)	(1,038)
Movements on Debtors	(2,980)	(1,337)
Movements on Creditors	5,127	9,030
Sale of Investments	13,705	27,668
Returns on investments	<u>16,085</u>	<u>2,927</u>
Cash Flow/ Decrease in Cash	<u>5,622</u>	<u>37,250</u>
Net Funds at 1st January 2019	123,229	128,935
Net Funds at 31st December 2020	<u>161,414</u>	<u>166,185</u>
	<u>38,185</u>	<u>37,250</u>

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NOTES to the Financial Statements

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on the accrual basis, except as stated below.(Para. iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St. John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St. Andrews church.

The accounts for 2020 show that total Income is £330,651
and Total expenditure is (£340,881)

ii) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The following funds are categorised as 'Designated Funds' within the terms of the Act.

School Rooms Fund
Office Equipment Reserve Fund
Organ Fund
Fabric & Fabric Investment Funds
Youth Minister Investment Fund
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as 'Reserved Funds' within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

iii) A full analysis of Investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement).

All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

iv) Tangible Fixed assets

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2020

Any fixed assets acquired by the P.C.C. which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.

Both the decision to Capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.

No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

v) Fixed asset investments

	Cost	Cost	Value at 31st Dec 20
	£	£	£
Investments are held in the following funds			
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares		151,871	292,332
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares		36,519	50,205

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors								
Planned giving:								
Net amounts (incl. Gift Aided giving)	172,217	0	0	172,217	166,023	0	0	338,240
Income Tax recoverable	38,378	0	33	38,411	37,223	0	0	75,633
Collections for charitable purposes	10,078	0	0	10,078	4,342	0	0	14,420
All other Collections	11,887	0	0	11,887	13,533	0	0	25,420
Grants Received Restoration	3,738	0	0	3,738	0	0	0	3,738
Grants Received Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casual Gift Aid Income (In Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
Youth Minister	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	28
Floral Group	0	30	0	30	0	546	0	576
General	1,275	0	0	1,275	4,864	0	0	6,139
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	33,181	33,181	0	0	44,527	77,708
Sundry donations General	2,357	0	0	2,357	4,780	0	0	7,137
Fabric	0	386	0	386	0	13,455	0	13,841
Youth Minister	0	16,830	0	16,830	0	20,000	0	36,830
Peter Wakely Lagacy	13,500	0	0	13,500	11,529	0	0	25,029
Schoolrooms transfer from Fabric Ir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Equipment Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry	0	0	250	250	0	0	0	250
	253,430	17,274	33,464	304,168	242,294	34,068	44,527	625,057
2b Other Voluntary incoming resources								
Legacy - General Fund	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250
Fundraising Flower Guild	0	0	0	0	0	248	0	248
Transfers from General Fund	0	400	0	400	0	400	0	800
Costs Recovered from St.Andrews	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	3,000
	1,500	400	0	1,900	1,750	648	0	4,298
2c Income from charitable & ancillary trading								
Magazine advertisements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Guide Books Fabric	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
Church Hall Lettings	2,952	2,530	0	5,482	4,887	5,573	0	15,942
Fees and Church Lettings	2,202	0	0	2,202	6,838	0	0	9,040
VAT repaid	0	292	520	812	0	1,389	223	2,424
	5,154	2,822	520	8,496	11,744	6,962	223	27,425
2d Other ordinary incoming resources								
Insurance Claims Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
2e Income from investments								
General Fund	345	0	0	345	417	0	0	762
Schoolrooms	0	38	0	38	0	51	0	89
Organ Fund	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	5
Fabric Fund	0	1,711	0	1,711	0	2,108	0	3,819
Ringer Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0	146	146	0	0	205	351
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Restoration Fund	0	0	51	51	0	0	73	124
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0	4	4	0	0	6	10
Peter Wakely Community Fund -Sale of Shares	0	0	13,703	13,703	0	0	0	0
Youth Development Investment Fund	0	86	0	86	0	39	0	125
Flower Guild Investment Fund	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	4
	345	1,837	13,906	16,088	417	2,205	284	5,291
Gains & Losses on Investments								
2f - Realised	0	1,939	6,471	8,410	0	1,939	1,754	12,103
- Unrealised	0	(1,939)	21,537	19,598	0	5,926	48,583	74,107
	0	0	28,008	28,008	0	7,865	50,337	86,210
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	260,429	22,333	75,898	358,659	256,205	51,848	95,371	748,380

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3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
3a. Grants								
Missionary & Charitable Giving (Special Collns.)	9,161	0	0	9,161	4,563	0	0	4,563
Transfer to Organ Maintemce	0	766	0	766	0	0	0	0
Transfer of grant from Restoration Appeal to Schoolrooms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External Donations from Church funds	20,790	0	0	20,790	23,351	0	0	23,351
	29,951	766	0	30,717	27,914	0	0	27,914
3b. Activities directly related to the work of the church								
Ministry:								
Diocesan Quota	165,086	0	0	165,086	160,003	0	0	160,003
Clergy Expenses	5,487	0	0	5,487	7,361	0	0	7,361
Clergy Housing	102	0	0	102	102	0	0	102
Pastoral Care Coordinator costs	0	0	13,500	13,500	0	0	11,529	11,529
Derease in value of investment	0	3,227	0	3,227	0	0	0	0
Church Running Costs :								
Power/Light/Heat	6,844	0	0	6,844	7,202	0	0	7,202
Telephone	548	0	0	548	585	0	0	585
Insurance	4,600	0	0	4,600	4,548	0	0	4,548
Repairs & Maintenance	5,887	0	0	5,887	2,886	0	0	2,886
Major Works Fabric	0	6,683	0	6,683	0	24,495	0	24,495
Interview Expenses	0	355	0	355	0	0	2,673	2,673
Altar Requisites	149	0	0	149	354	0	0	354
Costs of Choir & Music	6,370	0	0	6,370	805	0	0	805
C.A.P Activity								
Expenses of project	0	0	37,545	37,545	0	0	39,641	39,641
Parish Room & Sunday School Costs :								
Purchase of furniture	0	0	0	0	0	1,209	0	1,209
Youth Work	628	0	0	628	1,123	0	0	1,123
Other Costs	1,744	7,190	0	8,934	2,116	11,378	0	13,494
	197,445	17,455	51,045	265,945	187,084	37,082	53,843	278,010
3c Fund-raising & publicity								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Church management & administration								
Church Office expenses & magazine	3,302	0	0	3,302	4,319	0	0	4,319
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0	3,281	3,281				
Wages & Fees (Organist & Verger & Administrator)	36,041	0	0	36,041	37,484	0	0	37,484
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80
Books etc (inc. Hymn Books)	112	0	0	112	63	0	0	63
Sundries	1,423	60	0	1,483	4,909	743	0	5,652
	40,878	60	3,281	44,219	46,855	743	0	47,598
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	268,274	18,281	54,326	340,881	261,853	37,825	53,843	353,521

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4. STAFF COSTS	2020		2019	
	£		£	
Wages and Salaries				
Organist (Sub-Contract Position)	2,460		4,128	
Verger/Facilities Manager	13,497		12,726	
Cleaner (Schoolrooms) - Sub Contract	2,496		2,392	
CAP Centre Manager	10,933		12,794	
CAP Centre Money Coach	9,252		8,120	
Pastoral Care Coordinator	12,210		11,261	
Parish Administrator	7,102	57,950	6,838	58,259

During the year the P.C.C. employed :-

Verger/Facilities Manager	Full time	1	1
Manager - CAP Centre	2 days p.w	1	1
Money Coach - CAP Centre	3 days p.w.	1	1
Parish Administrator	Part time	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator	3 days p.w.	1	1

The P.C.C. also used the services of the following Sub-Contractors:-

Organist - St John's and St Andrew's	2	2
Cleaner (Parish room)	1	1

5. DEBTORS

Debtors also including prepayments and accrued in	£		£	
General Fund	15,921		12,554	
Restoration Fund	6		1,100	
Schoolrooms	782		750	
Christians Against Poverty	692		0	
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	33		0	
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0		0	
Fabric	6		6	
Contra Peter Wakely Legacy transfer included in cre	33	17,472	0	14,410

6. CREDITORS

Creditors also relate to accrued expenses & unallocated suspense balances

General Fund	11,817		6,166	
Schoolrooms	3,874		725	
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	15,691	0	

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at:- 31st December 2020				as at:- 31st December 2019				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Consol Adj.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets & Investments	0	47,897	281,793	329,690	0	57,932	226,982	0	284,914
Current Assets	53,631	63,259	58,518	175,409	63,068	32,001	48,267	0	143,336
Current Liabilities	(11,818)	(3,874)	0	(15,692)	(6,163)	(725)	0	0	(6,888)
	41,813	107,282	340,311	489,406	56,905	89,208	275,249	0	421,362