

Parish of Yeovil with Kingston Pitney

Annual Report of St John the Baptist Church for the Year ended 31st December 2021

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

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

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

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

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
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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

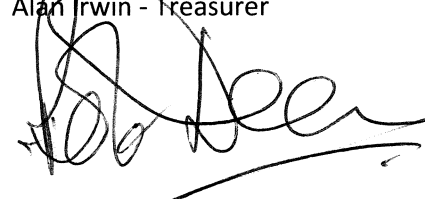
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Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2021

	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

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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 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

	Cost
	£
Peter Wakely Community Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds accumulation shares	144,097
Fabric Investment Fund - CBF Church of England Investment Funds Income Shares	36,519
	180,616

	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

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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 :								0
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								0
Expenses of project	0	0	34,528	34,528	0	0	38,382	38,382
Parish Room & Sunday School Costs :								0
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
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Gains & Losses on Investments									0
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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

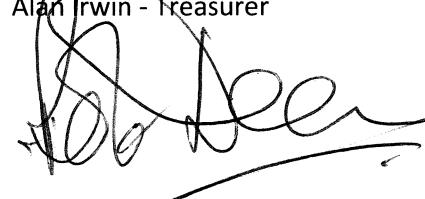
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Balance Sheet as at December 31st 2021

	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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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 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 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

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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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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>