

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF ALL SAINTS' FARINGDON

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AIMS and PURPOSES

All Saints' PCC is responsible, in co-operation with the Vicar, and for the latter part of 2022 with the PCC Lay Chair, for promoting the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic and social – within the ecclesiastical parish, and for maintaining the fabric of All Saints' Church and Coach Lane cemetery.

The PCC of All Saints' Faringdon is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC exceeds the limits for exception from registering with the Charity Commission and is therefore registered under the name of "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Faringdon" (Charity No. 1134401).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar/Lay Chair, Licenced Lay Ministers, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have regard to it in the administration of the parish.

The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Vicar/Lay Chair and co-operating in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, it provides a benefit to the public, both to individuals and to society as a whole, by: providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both to its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers; promoting Christian values and the service by members of the church to their communities.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we also maintain the fabric of both All Saints' church and the Barber Rooms.

This review summarises the life of All Saints' church during the calendar year 2022 and highlights a number of events and activities. Again this year, those responsible for many of the church's activities have been invited to contribute.

The PCC met 6 times during 2022, with an average attendance of 15 (out of 19) members. During the year the following served as members of the PCC, ex-officio, elected or invited to attend.

Ex officio members:

Lay Chair	Linda Ritchie
Licensed Lay Minister	Helen Wilson Graham Weller
Church Wardens	Linda Ritchie Mark Jackson
Deanery Synod Reps	Peter Foot John Seedell Margaret Starr

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Elected Members (members are elected for three years)

Until APCM 2023	Kate Crebbin Chris Horley Joanne Raybone Dave Wilson
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Until APCM 2024	Laura Bond Jim McGowan Helen Jackson Mark Jackson
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Until APCM 2025	Janet Deane Katie Foot Immy Newcome Alun Watkins
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Children's & Families' Leader (Co-opted)	Josey Speller
Hon Treasurer	David Wilson
Hon Secretary	Mandy Hathway

PCC Lay Chair's Report

2022 saw the retirement of our Vicar, Revd Dr J Stephen Bellamy, on 31 July after six years of unstinting service to the Lord and to us at All Saints' and St Mary's. His final service was followed by a hog roast lunch in lovely weather in the Wilson's beautiful garden attended by over 100 people all of whom were grateful for Steve's ministry and wished him and Wendy well in their retirement.

Thankfully we have had a full year of our usual services. In March, we began to take wine as well as bread at communion, there didn't seem to be any further need for recorded services so these finished on 8 May and the 9am service returned to the Pye chapel in the autumn.

We are delighted that Little All Sorts baby and toddler group restarted in May and has become much appreciated by many carers and their charges. Our thanks to Josey and her team for their loving support of this group. We pray that our relationships with these families will deepen. Numbers at Junior Saints are beginning to increase but sadly FROG (for teenagers) has not been meeting in the second half of the year.

God has been good in bringing several retired (and even one not retired) clergy to our congregation who have wonderfully covered most of the communions, baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy. Our licensed lay ministers and children's and families' leader have ably led all-age and morning prayer services.

More details of the year are in the churchwardens' report.

Steve introduced a weekly newsletter sent by email during lockdown and this has continued as the main means of communication of news and events to church members. For the few who don't use email, the contents of the email are voice-recorded and can be heard by dialling a local number 01367 700 501.

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PCC worked hard in the second half of the year preparing to advertise our vacancy for a vicar. Following interviews in January 2023, we were delighted that Revd Maria Jukes has been appointed and will join us following her licensing service at 7.30 on 23 May.

I am so grateful to you and to God for the many contributions you make to our life at All Saints' and it's lovely to see new people being welcomed by you into our fellowship.

May we grow closer to each other and to the Lord in 2023 and point others to Him.

Financial Review for 2022 – *David Wilson*

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £126,447 of which £79,718 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further £17,731 was from Gift Aid. Restricted income and donations (including gift aid) of £29,485 were also received. Of this, £14,990 is a grant from the ODBF, covering half the cost of our Children & Families leader Josey Speller. No legacies were received in 2022.

£134,848 was spent from unrestricted funds to promote the whole mission of the church within the parish and beyond. Our diocesan parish share of £70,112 was paid in full (£68,885 after rebates received for paying by direct debit and because the deanery share for the first half of the year was paid in full before the end of July). Donations to missions and charities of £12,962 were made.

Overall funds decreased by £31,290 during the year. There was a significant fall in the General Fund of £8,631. Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds also all decreased in value due to reductions in the value of funds invested in the stock market.

PCC Reserves Policy – *David Wilson*

The PCC needs to hold reserves as it has fixed (and usually rising) expenditure each year to cover expenditure such as Parish Share, Parochial expenses, Insurance, Repairs and Maintenance, Gas/Electricity/Water to support church services with no guaranteed income.

The risk of income not arising each year to cover these core expenditure items is small (there are a reasonable number of committed/planned givers who provide a good base level of income each year).

The PCC believe that reserves amounting to between three and six months of annual expenditure on the items above is reasonable to cater for a downturn in income as well as providing an appropriate level of funds to cover expected buildings expenditure. This would equate to around £33,000 to £66,000 on 2022 general expenditure.

The PCC currently has reserves (unrestricted and designated) within this range.

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder typically in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Church Fabric Report - *Jim McGowan*

The two big changes over the past year have been the upgrade to the church electrics and the installation of a new noticeboard. The electrical work covered the replacement of safety fuses, circuit breakers and light switches throughout the church, including in the tower. The work was required urgently and our insurers were keen to see it completed. Lumos Electrical Services required uninterrupted access to the church for a number of days (thanks to everyone for coping with this disruption!) and we're very pleased with their work.

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The new noticeboard was installed at the beginning of March 2023. A small working group had been asked by the PCC to produce a design that would have a positive visual impact on passing drivers, passengers and pedestrians and didn't have information that would get out of date. We wanted to convey that we are a vibrant church, eager to welcome newcomers at whatever stage of faith. Thanks to everyone involved in the working group, and especially our graphic designer Kitty Marlow.

In May 2022, twelve PCC members spent a morning visiting three local churches that had recently completed reordering projects – these visits provided a lot of helpful information on both the work that had been done and the whole reordering process. At All Saints', we already have excellent kitchen facilities and toilets, so our priorities are probably a more flexible and inviting seating, a welcome area for newcomers and improved lighting. Our hope is that by creating a more flexible space we will encourage greater use of the building, both by the church and the wider community. Currently, we are putting any ideas on hold until we've had an opportunity with our new vicar to assess our priorities.

Our immediate fabric priorities over the next year are to look at overhanging branches at the western end of the church, some internal redecoration to address damp-related problems and completing the work in the churchyard with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Slightly longer term, we will also need to consider conservation work on the South Door.

Thank you to everyone on the Fabric Group for all their work over the past year – for looking after the heating system, organising regular maintenance and servicing, changing inaccessible light bulbs, removing weeds and cutting back shrubs, sorting out repair jobs and everything else! We are extremely grateful for all that you do to look after our wonderful buildings.

Coach Lane Cemetery – Wendy Tynan

Sorting rubbish and putting out Coach Lane bins was maintained during lockdown, but with the lifting of restrictions, work in the cemetery could begin in earnest and longstanding projects returned to.

There was a big backlog of clearing and tidying of the graves to be done, the removal of invading tree and other climbers growing in the yew trees, ivy to be cut back and removed where necessary.

To help with all this I engaged Mark Church, who was just beginning to learn about gardening. His enthusiasm, dedication and strength were invaluable, and gradually over the year the cemetery became tidier. With considerable help from Mark work has begun on raising sunken graves, by planting grass seed on added soil and righting toppling headstones, Sadly Mark has moved on, but still returns from time to time to work on a voluntary basis.

Both hedgerows have been worked on, but hedge bordering the field has had a second of three prunes to take place over three years. All the pruned material is being put back at the base of the hedge to provide protection for insects and small birds. Some of the bigger spaces left where tender new plants put in several years ago were unable to survive the attention of grazing cattle will be replaced after next year with less palatable trees!

Other work done includes the repair of a breach in the lime and mortar wall between the cemetery and the adjoining cottage garden. The hole was rapidly made inaccessible for children and animals and cordoned off by Mark Jackson. Pat Saunders kindly arranged for the fallen stone to be rebuilt and the wall made good.

In the same corner of the cemetery Mr Radcliff has done a beautiful job of rebuilding and repointing the top third of one of the lime and mortar pillars to the main entrance, and with the help of a welding friend of his, the wrought iron gate which had to be moved to do the work was rehung.

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This gate had earlier been taken off site some time before, for sand blasting, treating and repainting, but the contractor has still to return to complete the work by fitting the latch and closure fittings he removed for their safety. The contractor has since moved on to work with steel on big projects, so it is becoming of some concern that he will find time to complete the gate for us, and it is possible that a request will have to be made for the return of the missing pieces so that another craftsman can complete the job in his place.

It was estimated that the original gate in complete state was worth between £5000-6000 so the return of the original pieces is desirable.

The diocese has had the rotting and collapsing fence previously held together by ivy along one side of the Vicarage garden replaced with new panels, which has made a tremendous difference to the whole appearance of the “old” cemetery.

Other work in progress will be reported next year

It remains for me to thank everyone who has helped in the cemetery. There are many volunteers I've not mentioned by name, some whose names I don't know, who do so much to keep the cemetery such an ordered and pleasant place to visit.

Deanery of the Vale of the White Horse – *Peter Foot*

In June 2022, the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee for the Dorchester Area, approved the Deanery synod's Mission Action Plan. This a complicated way of saying that what the Synod members want for all the 27 churches in the Deanery is going ahead.

The setting for this activity has three points of influence. The first is the weekly prayer cycle that, in April 2023, will begin its third year. This has been of defining assistance in enabling our discernment as to what is important for the Deanery to work on.

Secondly, there is a need to overcome an instinctive lack of appreciation of 'The Diocese' in many quarters. There are some understandable reasons for this but the Deanery is committed to using its best efforts to help overcome it. The Diocese has many things on offer that can significantly help parishes with their own agendas, often the result of serious prayer about what a particular church needs to do to honour God's intentions and gifts.

Thirdly, there is a tendency in any large organisation to feel that it is driving things and that its initiatives ought to be followed by smaller elements within the structure. The Deanery's aspiration is to provide the Diocese with supportive and/or corrective inputs so as to reinforce where things are going well and to suggest rethinking where things are wrong or might not have taken local positions quite enough into account.

Put another way, the Deanery wishes to do everything to protect what the Holy Spirit is inspiring local churches to do and to make sure parishes are aware of what the Holy Spirit is moving the Diocese to do.

The Deanery plan of work ahead will concentrate on five areas:

- The Rural Church strand from the Diocese, sponsored by our Bishop Gavin: how to make village churches thrive, including using their churchyards imaginatively.
- Facilitate Parish Share payments so as to provide help for those parishes that are really struggling.
- Move forward with the establishment of a School Chaplain at Faringdon Community College, able to serve almost all of the children in the Deanery.

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- Help village churches with technology and all forms of communication to ensure (i) better mission outreach and (ii) as few as possible are left out of the church circle.
- Protecting the environment through Eco Church and other initiatives. There is a growing list of churches in the Deanery – not least All Saints', Faringdon! – now given a Bronze Award. The Deanery aim is to see the continued spread of this engagement with climate protection. With the help of the Earth & Faith Group, it is hoped that the other churches in Faringdon will follow this example.

Your Great Faringdon Deanery Representatives for the past year have been Margaret Starr, Henry Boddington, John Seedell and Peter Foot.

Safeguarding – Helen Wilson

We continue our work at All Saints' to do our utmost to ensure that our church is a safe place for all.

Helen Wilson had to take a break from the role of church Safeguarding Officer, with responsibility for children, from September 2022 to date because of ill health, but is resuming the role again now. Isobel Weller continues as the church Safeguarding Officer with responsibility for vulnerable adults and in the interim oversaw all aspects of safeguarding. Alison Scott, the Church Administrator, is the Safeguarding Recruiter/Verifier. Together with the Safeguarding Officers, Alison maintains and monitors all the safeguarding records, as well as undertaking the associated administration.

Josey Speller, the Children and Families Leader, oversees the different children's groups and liaises with Helen as necessary, ensuring amongst other things that the safer recruitment procedures are carried out for all new volunteers.

The Safeguarding Dashboard, provided by the diocese, is an excellent tool and we continue to use this. It clarifies the steps required to work towards the safest possible environment, and gives links to the latest documentation. This also produces an action plan, which is shared with the PCC at intervals.

As we have been in an inter-regnum since July 2022, it has not been possible to have the usual safeguarding meetings with the incumbent. However, the Safeguarding team have continued to be responsive and pro-active. They have responded to a small number of concerns (children and adults) raised over the past year, involving the diocese and external agencies where necessary.

Julie McGowan continues to be the Children's Advocate.

Church Warden Review of the Year 2022 – Linda Ritchie & Mark Jackson

What a difference a year makes!

2022 saw many changes over the previous year with the continuing relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions and as we returned to some sense of normality in our lives and at church. We had two live services each Sunday (gradually without masks), tea and coffee after the 10:30 service and singing! Online services were produced as well until 8 May.

Events in 2022

Early in January, a **Christingle** service with Christingle kits to take home.

In March, **Bishop Steven Croft** visited for a deanery special evening service.

For the first time since lockdown, we were able to hold all our usual **Easter services**: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Reflections at the Cross and an All-Age service on Easter Sunday followed by Easter egg hunt.

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In May, we held a **Christian Aid** service and later in the month **Bishop Gavin** came to preach. Early in June, we held a **platinum jubilee** all age service after which 40 or so of us enjoyed a bring and share lunch together. Later in June we hosted the **archdeacon's visitation** service for the admission of church wardens in the deanery.

In July, All Saints along with Churches Together in Faringdon held an **open air service** in the Market Place as part of the Folly Fest weekend.

In September, there was an **Ice cream Sunday/e** and on 18th a special **commemoration service** for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II who died on 8 September. Many thanks to Dick Whittington for organising and leading this at short notice.

The **Allsaintstide** service was the last Sunday in October and in November there was a **Remembrance** service following which we met at the town war memorial. Also, in November **Bishop Gavin** was due to conduct a service of confirmation of young FROG members, but sadly the candidates withdrew. Nevertheless, Bishop Gavin kindly came and preached and encouraged us.

In December, we held a **Messy Nativity** arranged by Josey and on the 18th we held a **Carols by Candlelight** service (with real candles) followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Also returning this year was the traditional **Christmas** Eve midnight communion service followed by an All Age Christmas jumper service on Christmas Day.

Steve's retirement

At the APCM on 3 April, it was announced that Steve Bellamy was planning to retire. His final service was on the 3 July and he retired on the 31 July. We can only thank God for the six years that Steve served with us here at All Saints & St Mary's. His leading and teaching and presentation skills, especially through the times of Covid when we were unable to meet as a family in the church building can only be described as exemplary. We are grateful for all that he has done. We were able to celebrate his leaving with a garden party and hog roast in Dave and Helen Wilson's back garden. Thanks to them and the kind donor of the hog!

Other happenings in 2022

Much to Linda's relief, at the APCM in April, Mark Jackson joined Linda Ritchie as **church warden**.

We saw the reintroduction of social events and the formation of a 'social events team' who will be reporting separately.

In May some members of the PCC visited a number of churches in Oxfordshire that have in recent years undergone **reordering** works on their church buildings. We are grateful to those churches for welcoming our group and sharing their experiences. Following the retirement of Steve, we have put our plans in this respect on the 'back burner' as we would like to involve the ideas of our new vicar in such a project.

In March, we reintroduced **taking wine** as well as bread at communion services. We obtained individual wine cups for health reasons and then from January 2023 have returned to the **communion rail** at the high altar at the 10:30 services.

We note with sadness the deaths in 2022 of George Abell, Judy Crouch, Pat Norton and Diana Spillar. We rejoice with those who were married in All Saints' this year many of whom had had to cancel previous arrangements. We welcome those who were baptised and other newcomers who have joined us during the year.

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Finding a new vicar

In July, we formed a Parish profile committee charged with preparing a draft Parish Profile for the approval of the PCC. Our thanks to Josey Speller, Joanne Raybone, Jim McGowan, Helen Wilson and Mark Jackson for their work in producing the new profile based on a series of SWOT analysis and questionnaires sent to PCC members, congregation members and the wider community. The profile was presented to the PCC on 27 September and after some adjustment and improvements it was completed. On 6 October a section 11 meeting was held and the PCC agreed to appoint Linda Ritchie and Mark Jackson as All Saints parish representatives and the Parish Profile was approved. At the section 12 meeting on 24 October, the patron (Simeon's Trustees), the acting Archdeacon and PCC members discussed the Profile and PCC agreed to a programme of advertising for the post of vicar and advertisements went online in November and in print in December.

Thank you

It just remains for us to thank all of those who have so faithfully served in our church during 2022. Special thanks to Dave Wilson our treasurer, Josey and her team of helpers in the children's work, Jim McGowan and his fabric team, Helen Jackson and the social events team, Jeni Summerfield and the flower guild team, Karen and Ruth and their music group, Chris Raybone on the sound desk, Alison our parish administrator, Peter Hunt and his award winning team of bell ringers, our fabulous team of retired clergy: Paul Winchester, Barbara Mapley, Dick Whittington, Jeremy Mais, Chris Etherton as well as (not-retired) David Pickering, LLMs Helen Wilson and Graham Weller as well as our children and families leader, Josey, who have kept our church services going during this time of vacancy.

Grateful thanks to all those who have served on the PCC, to our team of assistant wardens/vergers at both the 9 o'clock and 10.30am services and those who have verged at weddings and funerals especially Julia Doolan who has done the lion's share. Our thanks go to our team of welcomers, readers and intercessors.

In addition, our thanks to the many who work behind the scenes: our two cleaners Caroline and Sue, those on the kitchen rota, graveyard maintenance, keeping the boilers running, paths swept, the list could go on.

We want you all to know that we appreciate you all! All Saints would be the less without you!

Many hands make light work and we are always looking for more hands to help. Please consider whether God is calling you to participate in serving in some way within the church. All areas are short of hands and some like FROG (our work with the youth) have had to close due to lack of helpers. Please speak to Linda or Mark or Alison, our administrator, if you are able to assist in any way.

ACTIVITIES

Children and Families Leader Report – Josey Speller

My second year at All Saints has been an encouraging one. I very much enjoyed working with Steve until his retirement. Being in a vacancy is a challenge to the church as well as for me, but there have been reasons to be positive this last year.

Little All Sorts

This is All Saints group for babies and their parents and carers. We began meeting again in May 2022. They meet on Monday mornings during term time for play, craft, refreshments and a bible story.

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It was a slow start in the first term but numbers picked up in September. We have a lovely group of parents, grandparents, and carers who bring their children. Some come most weeks and there are some we see less regularly. We are still getting newcomers every few weeks. The parents relate well to each other and are happy to welcome new members. Numbers vary from 10-18 families on average each week.

The children are always happy to come in and we have a good range of toys for them to play with. Crafts are enjoyed by both children and adults. The most encouraging thing has been to see relationships develop between those who come and the leaders. It has also been great to see some crossover into church activities – especially Messy Nativity.

I am so grateful for the team; they are truly wonderful and make the group a real joy. I wish to thank them formally for all that they do and the support they provide to me and the families we welcome into Little All Sorts. There is always room for more on the team so if you can help once a month, please do speak to me.

Junior Saints

The children attend Junior Saints in the Barber rooms during morning services, offering bible teaching and activities for primary school aged children. We have a great team of leaders with Joanne, Jo, Helen and Immy – I wish to formally thank them for their support, especially while I was off sick in the Autumn term of 2022.

Our numbers of children can still vary from week to week but our average has increased to 4-10 children a week. We have had 3 new families join us which is encouraging and bring a great atmosphere to the group. The majority of the group are 4-8 year olds. We try to give any older ones who come some responsibilities such as reading the story or helping the younger ones. Eventually it would be great to be able to offer a group for the 8+ ages.

We also enjoy welcoming children of baptism families or those visiting families in Faringdon. The uncertainties of these weeks can be a challenge but we are learning to be flexible with the teaching and it is great to be able to show them what Junior Saints can offer.

We have signed up to another year of the Roots materials which is working well. We are able to use the resource for both Junior Saints and the All Age services.

I am currently running a questionnaire for the Junior Saints parents to gain their feedback on the provision we are offering. I hope to share these with the PCC soon and open a wider conversation about children coming in for communion and the other times that they are in the church services.

If you would like to talk about becoming a leader with the children, please do speak to me. They children really are a delight to teach and be with on a Sunday morning.

FROG - Josey Speller/Alun Watkins

Fully Rely On God (FROG), is our group for young people (11 to 14 year olds) in the church. During the year we did meet and began confirmation training. However, despite several young people being keen, for various reasons the course wasn't finished and some of the young people felt the timing wasn't right for them.

We tried to meet again in September, but numbers were low and enthusiasm for the group was mixed. After great input and leadership, Kate, Peter and Andrew have all stepped down from leading. I wish to thank them and am grateful for all the work and love they showed the young people of our church. With only Alun and I as leaders, it has not been possible to sustain the group since October 2022.

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Schools and other activities

I am trying to deepen relationships with the two primary schools in the parish. I did a lesson with the year 6 classes about moving on to secondary school. Our PCC kindly provided a booklet called 'It's your move' for around 90 children. It was well received and I am hoping to repeat this year. Due to my appendicitis I was not able to do as much with the schools over Christmas as planned, but I was able to take a Christingle assembly in both Folly View and The Elms just before Christmas.

This year we were able to run Messy Nativity which was a great success, especially with some new families. Other Christmas services were well received, especially Christmas Day and the Christingle with Chris Tingle making a special appearance.

I have thoroughly enjoyed leading All Age services with Helen and other members of the church. These services may not always have a huge attendance of families but I believe they are vital and it's important to enable the whole church family to worship together.

In the coming year I wish to look at developing more intergenerational worship and provide other opportunities to develop relationships with the children and families of our church. I am also looking forward to new areas of ministry from working with our new vicar in the year ahead.

Finally, I wish to thank Steve, Helen Jackson (as my current line manager), my support group and the wider church, for all the prayer and encouragement you give to the children and families in All Saints.

Social Committee – *Helen Jackson*

This was initially set up at a PCC meeting in May 2022 at the suggestion of Mark Jackson. The committee is now a group of 5/6 people who conducted a survey in January 2023 to find out what social activities the church would like to see.

Social events organized since the last APCM were Steve's Farewell HogRoast (June 2022 – thanks to a very generous member of the congregation) a bring and share summer lunch, (August 2022,) a Harvest Festival Bring and Share lunch, (October 2022) an Advent Tea for people living on their own (November 2022) and Mulled Wine and Mince Pies following the Carols by Candlelight Service (December 2022). Since it is often the same people providing refreshments, planning, setting up, washing up, we are hoping that the survey will bring forth a fresh crop of volunteers to participate in social events.

Church Prayer Meeting – *Linda Ritchie*

We have continued through the year to meet for about half an hour on Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month in the church prayer meeting. We have a short introduction from someone different each month and then we split into groups of 4 or 5 to pray over items suggested in a prayer list available through the weekly email or any other concern.

In some ways, it's a token recognition of our need to rely on God at all times and supplements our prayers on Sundays, when we pray alone and when we pray with others.

Rejoice always, **pray continually**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1Thes 5:16-18

CMS Prayer Group – *Colin Slater*

The Covid restrictions compromised the prayer group for CMS's meetings since when members have moved away or died and the venue became unavailable.

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Perhaps the matter could be re-explored but apart from the display for the mission of the month, no further activity has taken place.

The parish secretary did contact me about this recently. It may be worth re-exploring ways forward e.g. availability of space in the Barber Rooms or Asset Room may be possible as a venue?

Prayers on Friday 7.40am – 8.30am - *Helen and Mark Jackson*

This group has been going for about 40 years, started by the Scott Browns when they moved to Faringdon. It has been taking place via zoom since the beginning of lockdown and will probably remain this way as it is easier for most people. New people have started attending this year and we are always open to new people joining. We are now a regular group of 9 since Jan died. Please contact Helen Jackson for the zoom link information if you would like to join in. We start by praying into a passage of scripture that is shared and then pray over a variety of subjects and situations, locally and world-wide, as the Spirit leads.

Home Groups

Monday Homegroup – Bridget Adams

Our Monday Homegroup met fortnightly in Fernham during term-time. We were delighted to welcome some new friends and now have 10 regular members.

We started 2022 with the 'Living in Love and Faith' course. After Easter we discussed the Hannah Steele book 'Living His Story' along with the accompanying videos which present practical ways to share the gospel in our everyday lives. At the end of the summer term we enjoyed a bring and share meal.

In the Autumn we started the Verna Birkey book 'Trust Me - Learning to trust that God is good and in control even when life is difficult'. A very interesting book which some were enjoying more than others. Consequently, we opted to cease it as a group study and members who enjoyed it could read it as individual study.

We also had an evening of favourite scriptures, prayers, songs or poems chosen by each member and shared with the group which we found most encouraging. The homegroup year ended with a Christmas bring and share meal.

Tuesday Home Group – *Peter Foot*

The @Kay's Bible Study Group, meeting on a Tuesday morning, continues to gather online as this, for the moment seems best to suit the membership. We studies Isaiah before going on to the ReSource-provided material on Prophecy. Our Advent readings and discussion were inspired by the Group members. The New Year saw us study I Timothy under the heading of 'Healthy Churches - Effective Christians'. We look forward to more explorations in 2023.

Thursday Home Group – Graham and Isobel Weller

We have been meeting generally on a fortnightly basis. The meetings for the first part of the year were on zoom, while latterly we have returned to in person meetings at Katie Foot's home and we much appreciate her hospitality. The group has consisted of about ten members, with some members taking time out as needed, and others joining us. In the Autumn Andrew Sargent led a course on the prophet Hosea and now we are looking at Mark's Gospel.

Home Group – Helen and Mark Jackson

Our group started in January 2022. Since then one member has got married and moved and one member has died suddenly. After we finished the Living in Love and Faith course, we studied 'The Prophecy Course'

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by Keith Powell, available online at ReSource for Anglican Renewal Ministries. We progressed slowly but thoughtfully through the booklet. We had a day retreat as a group at Harnhill Manor at which Keith Powell was speaking. We usually sing a couple of worship songs (with a video) and pray for one another. We are currently considering what to study after Easter. We are a group of 11.

All Saints' Singers – Karen Brusch

This year has been a year of exploration for the Worship Group at All Saints; we have added some new voices to our group, and hopefully you have noticed the additional harmonies on a Sunday morning! We also expanded our group over the Christmas period to sing new songs and allow us to take on songs requiring more voices. Many thanks to all the singers / musicians for their dedication, and to Chris Raybone for supporting us on sound.

For me, this journey has been an inspiration; how willing the Worship Group has been to try new songs, or sing well known songs in a different way; I hope that the congregation have also enjoyed the opportunity to be introduced to new songs before the service or during Communion. It has been lovely to have the words up before the Service, during Communion and after the Service, allowing people to join in as they wish.

Of course, we also had the joy of helping to lead worship at the Platinum Jubilee thanksgiving service; then later in the year, to take part in the Commemoration Service for the late Queen.

We are already rehearsing for Easter, and thinking about the Coronation weekend, and what we might sing for Maria's Induction service.

I am always happy to hear of any suggestions you may have for songs! Some suggestions may start to creep in to the monthly Prayer & Praise services, in addition to Sunday mornings.

Faringdon bellringers' – Peter Hunt, tower captain

AGM

The tower AGM was held on April 11th last year on the Monday of Holy Week instead of our normal practice. The Tower Captaincy was transferred from Claire Knock to myself following the meeting.

Weddings

We rang for a total of seven weddings last year between June and December. One, on September 10th, was for All Saints bell ringer Andrew and his bride Susanna. The couple have now left the parish to live in Swindon. However we do still see Andrew from time to time. We managed to ring eight bells for all weddings and the general standard of ringing for these was good, sometimes excellent.

We have voted to raise our wedding fees for this year.

Platinum Jubilee

We attempted an eight bell Quarter Peal for the Jubilee on the afternoon of Friday 3rd June. We managed to ring 800 well-struck changes of the 1260 attempted.

VOWH Branch Practice

Faringdon hosted the VOWH Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (ODG) monthly Practice on Monday 27th June.

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Visiting Ringers

All Saints entertained a full peal (over three hours long) from a prestigious national ringing society, the Ancient Society of College Youths (ASCY) on Thursday 7th July. A complex mixture of methods (spliced) was rung. The standard of ringing was first class, as expected. Two of our band members belong to this society but were not involved in the peal.

We had a group of visiting ringers on an outing from Wimbledon on Saturday 16th July and we will have hosted a group from Marlow on 4th March this year. During the year we welcomed visiting ringers at our Monday practices, sometimes on a regular basis.

Striking Contests

Faringdon entered two teams in the VOWH Branch 6 Bell Striking Contest on 19th May at Hinton Waldrist. These contests are judged on the quality of the way a test piece is rung. The better team from Faringdon came first, beating the better team from Shrivenham by just half a point. The same Faringdon band then went on to win the ODG 6 Bell Competition at Shaw-cum-Donnington (just outside Newbury) on 1st October beating the best of six other branch teams from the three counties which make up the ODG. A highlight of this was that our winning test piece was conducted by fifteen year old band member, Daniel Watson.

We contributed three ringers to the VOWH Branch 10 bell striking contest band. This band came second in the Guild Striking Contest on 26th November.

Death of HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd

We were planning to ring a quarter peal for Andrew and Susanna's wedding on Friday 9th September when the death of the Queen was announced. We half-muffled the bells, rang the quarter as planned and altered the dedication to the memory of the monarch. This was also the 25th quarter peal together of mother and son Cheryl and Daniel Watson. On Monday 19th September, the day of the funeral we tolled the tenor bell continuously from 10.00 to 11.00am in five and ten minute slots involving eight different ringers.

National Heritage Day at All Saints

We had six ringers, in two shifts of three, stationed at three locations in All Saints on the National Heritage Day of 17th September; namely the nave, the area below the ringing room and the ringing room itself. We also arranged supervised access to the eight bells in the belfry via the ladder in the ringing room. We introduced ourselves to visitors in the nave, gave those interested an explanation of bell ringing in the area below the ringing room and then allowed them to sample the basics of handling a bell in the actual ringing room. Those inquisitive enough were able to climb to the belfry to see the bells.

Outing

Jon Chamberlain organised an outing to various towers around and including Malmesbury on 24th September. This was judged a success by those who attended (I was unable to go myself).

Recruitment

Faringdon ringers designed a poster in November with a 'Ring for the King' theme in line with the national campaign for recruitment of ringers for the Coronation on 6th May. This was displayed in about twenty locations around the town and also one in Littleworth. Success of the poster so far has been limited but has resulted in four individuals representing three generations of one family now learning to ring – grandmother, mother and twin children – proving that age is not an insurmountable barrier to bell ringing.

An article in the 'Advertiser' appears every month, written by Jon Chamberlain and invariably extends an invitation to anyone to come to the tower for service ringing or on a practice night to witness our ringing.

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General

We have rung every Sunday for the 10.30am service. We also rang for the NSPCC Carol Service (5th December) and the All Saints carol (18th December) and Christmas Eve services. We have a regular practice from 7.30 to 9.00pm on Mondays. In addition we currently have a practice on a Thursday from 7.00pm with up to five bells silenced to enable beginners to learn how to handle a bell.

All Saints' Flower Guild - *Jeni Summerfield*

2022 was a very busy year for the Flower Guild as there were many weddings and blessings with couples playing 'catch-up' following the previous two years of restrictions.

We arranged fresh flowers for 11 Weddings or Blessings through the year in addition to our usual pattern for Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, All Saints and Christmas. We also did special arrangements for the late Queen's memorial service.

In the spaces between all these weddings we used our silk flower arrangements to keep both the workload and costs down only using fresh flowers for these special occasions. We did the usual Advent wreath and Christmas decorations for the Carol Service, whilst adding more lights and candles for a Christmas wedding.

In these challenging financial times it seems appropriate to work in this way as it's both cost effective, and greener to not be using expensive fresh flowers every week. Also as we are even fewer in number now that some of the team have had to step back for health reasons, it keeps the work load manageable.

We would love to welcome new members, so if anyone is interested in joining us please get in touch and come and see what we do and have a go!

Friendship Directory - *Margaret Starr*

The Friendship Directory list is a voluntary exchange of telephone and mobile numbers by members of the church. There are 112 people on the list. It will be updated later this year.

Churches Together in Faringdon – *Katie Foot*

We were pleased to resume the Easter Day sunrise service in 2022, led by Faringdon United Church, followed by breakfast kindly provided by Blessed Hugh parishioners. [At Easter 2023, All Saints' will lead the service and Faringdon United Church will provide breakfast.]

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia on 24 February 2022 shocked the world and as a result of the British Government's Homes for Ukraine programme, the Faringdon Refugee Group reformed as Sanctuary Faringdon. From mid-April onwards, a number of families sponsored refugees so by the end of the year, some 25 families (100+ individuals) were welcomed into Faringdon and the Vale. Sjoerd Vogt, Helen Wilson and Katie Foot took the main lead in encouraging sponsorship and helping with visa, school and Universal Credit applications and coordinating extremely generous offers of furniture, clothing, TEFL lessons etc. Faringdon Baptist Church (Tim and Sharon Gerry and team) offered a weekly "Gathering" on a Tuesday late afternoon so the Ukrainians could get to know their compatriots in the area. This has proved hugely helpful. We are so grateful to all those who have given of their time, money and goods and particular thanks are due to Cllr Bethia Thomas, the County, District and Town Councils, Faringdon Learning Trust and other schools in the Vale, White Horse (Faringdon and District) Rotary Club, Faringdon Rugby Union Football Club, Faringdon Tennis Club, the Leisure Centre and Faringdon Foodbank for their generosity.

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The FollyFest open air service was held on the Sunday morning in the Market Place once again, and we were pleased that several Ukrainian guests were present, and able to display some of the artwork of Maria Gummena. The service was led by Tim Gerry (Faringdon Baptist Church) and Rev Jeremy Mais from All Saints' preached on the theme of Gods Amazing Grace. Later in the year, Fr Claro Conde also arranged a Ukrainian concert at Blessed Hugh at which some of our very talented guests shared their music with us and offered a delicious Ukrainian buffet afterwards.

Katie Foot joined the main CTiF committee in September as Mark Jackson needed to step back because of his responsibilities during the vacancy at All Saints'.

The AGM took place in October in the Barber Rooms, led by the outgoing Chair, Margaret Bradberry of Faringdon United Church. It transpired that it was All Saints' turn to chair and Katie Foot was duly elected (somewhat to her surprise!). Jeni Summerfield stood down as Secretary, having held the post to great effect for several years and now having significant other CTiF responsibilities as lead of Faringdon Food Bank. However, as Paul Padley, the new Blessed Hugh representative was unable to be present (and it is Blessed Hugh's turn to nominate a Secretary), Jeni kindly agreed to keep a weather eye on things until a new Secretary was appointed. Jonathan Mapley continues as Treasurer.

The Barber Garden – Janet Deane

The Barber Garden is to your left when accessing the Barber Rooms from outside.

This area was created with the building of the Barber Rooms; before then it was a wild space in which an oil tank was the main feature. For me it's like a Cloister, surrounded (mostly) by stone walls. A tranquil place punctuated by the rhythm of the church clock.

I have been involved with its upkeep for about 5 years, with help from Jon Chamberlain, Bob McIntosh and Ian Anslow.

My vision is for a Herb Garden, for which it is well suited as the soil is poor. However the pernicious weeds need removing – a task almost completed. Thanks to the generosity of Joseph Weller there are spring bulbs naturalising and small shrubs and other plants are making a home there.

The work is on-going and I hope to put in herbs this year. I would very much like families involved as this would help to pass on the benefits which the Barber Garden offers. There's a gigantic Bug House waiting to be completed! Whether you have talents to offer or would enjoy learning new skills – do join in when you can.

Mustard Seed – Katie Foot

The repairs to the flat roof at the rear of the shop were finally carried out in the spring of 2022, together with replastering and redecorating the rear storage area and toilet with new flooring for this area as well. The front of the building was also repainted and this has greatly enhanced the look of the street, especially with the new shop, Tribe Zero-Waste, next door. The latter is a great addition to the town and complements the Mustard Seed well.

We still deeply miss Mairead Boyce, who was such a key member of the Mustard Seed team from its inception in 1986 until her death in January 2022.

The shop was open all year, from 9am to 1pm Mondays to Saturdays, except for December when we were also able to remain open until 4pm Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Market stalls were run by Karen and Sjoerd Vogt during Fair Trade Fortnight in March and on Faringdon's Big Green Day in October.

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Karen gave a talk to the Women's Fellowship at the United Church in the autumn, and she and Katie both spoke at the Women's Breakfast in Stanford in the Vale in February 2023. At both events, a small stall showed the range of products we sell and ultimately brought some new customers into the shop, as well as explaining the benefits of buying Fairtrade goods.

Overall, turnover has been slower than usual in 2022 though we are still in profit. Even Christmas sales were not as buoyant as in previous years, including Christmas postage stamps. Karen's Christmas Hamper orders, however, helped to boost the figures.

Nevertheless, grants were given from the charity account to Faringdon Day Centre, Probus and Faringdon Food Bank. There is also a grant pending to All Saints' for 50% of the cost required for planting one or two new trees in the churchyard, but a decision is still awaited from the District Council/Town Council about this work.

It was a huge blow to hear that Traidcraft, our main food supplier (in fact, our main supplier of all Fairtrade goods for over 35 years) would be going into administration at the end of January 2023. Fortunately Karen had already started getting craft items from different suppliers, and we also opened a food account with PremCrest so we are trying not to have too many gaps in our regular stock.

We remain deeply grateful to Malcolm and Val Swift for the very important contribution that Seekers' Light offers to making The Mustard Seed the successful Christian witness it is in Faringdon. Val comes over virtually every week to check the cards and Malcolm is always at the end of the phone for queries and orders of books.

We are also very appreciative of our window dressers for their attractive displays, Kath Thacker for keeping the towels fresh every week, and Lois Chell for keeping the books in order and arranging for the accounts to be audited by Alder Demain Akers free of charge.

We remain very grateful for the support from members of the All Saints' congregation, both as volunteers and customers – long may that continue!

Faringdon Food Bank - *Jeni Summerfield*

The Faringdon Family Centre title no longer exists as the only functioning part of it now is the food bank and the charity's name and bank accounts have been changed to reflect this.

Faringdon Food Bank is still organised by representatives from four of the Faringdon Churches under Churches Together in and Around Faringdon, in partnership with the Town Council, and it operates with a team of volunteers from both within and without the churches.

The Food Bank is based in the Pump House (the Council building in the Market Place) and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10.00 am and midday, which is also the time when donations may be dropped off at the Tourist Information Centre.

Our clients are referred by many agencies e.g. the Medical Centre, schools, Social Workers, Citizens Advice and other supporting organisations. Clients are given a voucher to come to us and are able to make six collections following each referral. This means they should be getting appropriate financial support and advice during their time of need, and it helps to reduce the stress of having to continually go to the agency supporting them whilst also reducing the workload of the agencies many of whom are already overstretched and our volunteers!

We are able to function through the generosity of local church members, the public, schools, Rotary and other organisations who donate money or suitable foodstuffs. We shop weekly at a local supermarket and

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monthly at a wholesale supplier to enable us to feed many families. We also have generous donations from the customers at Waitrose where a donation box is available for the public to put items.

Our team of volunteers work tirelessly and generously often delivering to those who live in the villages and who have no transport but with the number of people we support we need to recruit more volunteers.

If you would like to know more about this valuable and unfortunately necessary work please get in touch with Jeni Summerfield (240912) for more information or Jonathan Mapley (615009), CTiF and Food Bank treasurer, if you would like to make a financial contribution.

Earth & Faith - Pam de Wit

EARTH & FAITH, now in its 10th year, offers a Christian focus in the church and town of Faringdon for developing our understanding and care of the environment. We are a channel of information and ideas, and a witness of Christian concern for environmental issues.

ACTIVITIES

As the Covid pandemic slowly recedes the E&F group has been continuing to hold its meetings by Zoom.

Events organised since last May:

We decided to **focus on Biodiversity and Wildlife-friendly Gardening** in 2022.

In June an enthusiastic group of walkers took part in an updated version of our tour of **Church Gardens and Graveyards in Faringdon**.

On 1 October we partnered once more with Faringdon Town Council to promote a **Big Green Day** in the Corn Exchange. It was very well attended and reached many of Faringdon's new residents with a wide variety of stalls representing businesses and organisations in Faringdon that are concerned with the environment. **Earth & Faith's own stall** set out our 9 Top Tips for Greener Gardening.

During January and February 2023 we offered two bright moments in a chilly winter; an ecumenical candle-lit **Taizé Service** at All Saints, with the theme *The Earth is the Lord's*; and a **Mulled Wine and Poetry evening** by Zoom on the theme *The Good Earth*.

As this report goes to press we are advertising a **Springtime 'Trash and Treasure' Giveaway** during the first weekend in April, to encourage re-use and recycling.

Beside our own local events we have been discussing the headline issues that feature in public debate, from COP26 to the present fuel crisis; and seeking ways to work with other local initiatives, especially the Town Council's Climate Action Group, and local churches' experience of taking part in the A Rocha Eco Church programme.

We are grateful to CTiF for their encouragement, and to local ministers and church leaders for their support, and to Faringdon Town Council for their endorsement and help with publicity and printing costs. Thanks also to the ecumenical co-ordinating group who plan and organise our events:

Pam de Wit (All Saints')

Dave Headey (United Church)

Jenny Braithwaite (Society of Friends)

Joy Smith (Baptist Church)

Julia Burn (All Saints')

Sjoerd Vogt (Blessed Hugh)

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Statement of financial activities

2021 £		Notes	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
<u>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</u>							
131,664	Voluntary Income	2a	113,403	-	24,804	-	138,208
	Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-	
4,357	Income from Investments	2b	786	-	4,681	-	5,467
8,965	Church Activities	2c	12,258	-	-	-	12,258
	Other income		-	-	-	-	-
144,986	TOTAL INCOME		126,447		29,485		155,932
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>							
68	Raising Funds	3a	57	-	-	-	57
	Church Activities						
14,360	- Missionary and Charitable Giving	3b	10,675	-	2,287	-	12,962
68,885	- Diocesan Parish Share (£70112, less refunds)		68,885	-	-	-	68,885
44,526	- Other activities	3c	55,011		23,552		78,563
200	Governance Costs	3d	220	-	-	-	220
128,038	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		134,848	-	25,839	-	160,687
16,948	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)		(8,401)		3,646		(4,755)
31,780	NET GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS (on revaluation)	11		(1,460)	(7,999)	(17,076)	(26,536)
48,728	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(8,401)	(1,460)	(4,353)	(17,076)	(31,290)
-	TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
-	- Move "Restricted" LAS funds back to General Fund		269		(269)	-	-
-	- Move £500 from General Fund to CL Designated		(500)	500		-	-
-						-	-
48,728	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(8,631)	(960)	(4,622)	(17,076)	(31,290)
767,167	Total funds brought forward 1 January		523,729	12,031	135,071	145,064	815,896
815,896	Total funds carried forward 31 December		515,098	11,071	130,449	127,988	784,605

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

2021 £		Notes	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fixed assets							
481,320	Tangible fixed assets	7	475,880	-	-	-	475,880
240,277	Investment assets	8	-	11,071	75,055	127,988	214,114
<u>721,597</u>	Total fixed assets		<u>475,880</u>	<u>11,071</u>	<u>75,055</u>	<u>127,988</u>	<u>689,994</u>
Current assets							
0	Stock		-	-	-	-	-
2,518	Debtors (tax recoverable)	9	-	-	-	-	-
70,944	Short term deposits		19,495		55,394		74,889
20,836	Cash in hand and at bank		19,722	-		-	19,722
<u>94,298</u>	Total current assets		<u>39,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,612</u>
Liabilities(Creditors): amounts falling due within one year							
0	Interest Free Loans		0	-	-	-	0
0	Barber Rooms costs	10	0	-	-	-	0
<u>94,298</u>	Net current assets		<u>39,218</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55,394</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94,612</u>
Liabilities(Creditors): amounts falling due after one year							
0	Interest Free Loans		0	-	-	-	0
<u>815,896</u>			<u>515,098</u>	<u>11,071</u>	<u>130,449</u>	<u>127,988</u>	<u>784,605</u>
Funds of the church							
Unrestricted funds							
523,729	General fund		515,098	-	-	-	515,098
12,031	Designated fund	12	-	11,071	-	-	11,071
<u>535,760</u>			<u>515,098</u>	<u>11,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,168</u>
135,071	Restricted funds	11	-	-	130,449	-	130,449
145,064	Endowment fund	11	-	-	-	127,988	127,988
<u>815,896</u>	Total funds of the church		<u>515,098</u>	<u>11,071</u>	<u>130,449</u>	<u>127,988</u>	<u>784,605</u>
			-	-	-	-	-

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Linda Ritchie
Churchwarden and Acting Chair, PCC

Dr David Wilson
Treasurer

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2021				2022		
Total funds	2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds
£		£	£	£	£	£
	2a Voluntary Income					
	Planned Giving:					
72,518	Tax - efficient planned giving (excl. tax)	59,534	-	6,000	-	65,534
21,096	Tax recovered/recoverable	17,731	-	1,814	-	19,545
18,029	Other planned giving (bankers order and payroll)	20,184	-	-	-	20,184
3,103	Collections of loose cash at services	6,265	-	-	-	6,265
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
3,730	Children & Families Leader Contributions from ODBF	-	-	14,990	-	14,990
	Grants Received towards activities	1,039	-	-	-	1,039
	Youth Work Related Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Mission Fund Donations	-	-	-	-	-
169	Little All Sorts Donations	-	-	-	-	-
7,582	Other donations (Gift Aided)	5,289	-	1,150	-	6,439
3,653	Other donations (Non Gift Aided)	3,277	-	850	-	4,127
1,784	Furlough payments from HMRC	-	-	-	-	-
	Wall Safe/Cask etc.	85	-	-	-	85
131,664		113,403	-	24,804	-	138,208
	Activities for generating funds					
	Fetes, Bazaars, Other fund-raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	2b Investment Income					
36	Deposit accounts (CBF, CAF, Virgin)	274	-	697	-	971
4,321	CBF Investment Account Dividends	512	-	3,984	-	4,496
4,357		786	-	4,681	-	5,467
	2c Incoming resources from charitable activities					
7,970	Fees - weddings, funerals etc	9,834	-	-	-	9,834
	Church magazine	-	-	-	-	-
995	Room Hire	2,424	-	-	-	2,424
8,965		12,258	-	-	-	12,258
	Other incoming resources (If required)	-	-	-	-	-
	3 EXPENDITURE					
	3a Raising Funds					
68	Stewardship Campaign. Gift Aid Envelopes etc.	57	-	-	-	57
	3b Missionary and Charitable Giving (see note 6)					
8,175	Overseas Mission, Relief & Aid	8,400	-	1,263	-	9,663
2,855	Home Missions	1,705	-	849	-	2,554
3,330	Secular Charities	570	-	175	-	745
14,360		10,675	-	2,287	-	12,962
	3c Church Activities					
1,459	Ministry: Clergy Expenses	731	-	-	-	731
(3,000)	Curate Costs	-	-	-	-	-
7,210	Children & Families Leader	13,327	-	14,990	-	28,317
470	Other Staff & Expenses	1,582	-	-	-	1,582
3,451	Church Cleaning	4,371	-	-	-	4,371
2,428	Heat Light & Water	3,559	-	-	-	3,559
391	Telephone & Wi-Fi	450	-	-	-	450
5,278	Insurance	5,113	-	-	-	5,113
688	Repairs & Maintenance: Organ & Bells	-	-	565	-	565
8,056	Other (mainly Quinquennial work)	5,599	-	7,997	-	13,596
523	Church Development	-	-	-	-	-
1,807	Cost of church services	632	-	-	-	632
1,398	Upkeep of Churchyard	2,803	-	-	-	2,803
	Magazines Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
1,216	Training, Mission & Education	635	-	-	-	635
5,440	Depreciation charge for year (Barber Rooms etc.)	5,440	-	-	-	5,440
100	Other expense items (£100 Petty Cash written off)	-	-	-	-	-
7,611	Admin, Printing, Stationery, Bank Charges	10,770	-	-	-	10,770
44,526		55,011	-	23,552	-	78,563
	3d Governance Costs					
200	Audit fees, legal advice, PCC meetings	220	-	-	-	220
	4 STAFF COSTS					
10,599	Wages & Salaries	42,517				
3	Average no. of employees	4				

During the year the PCC employed a Children and Families leader, an administrator, a cleaner (and for most of the year a 2nd cleaner). There were no P11D employee benefits paid to any staff in this, or previous, years.

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5 Trustee remuneration and expenses - related parties

No members of the PCC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy, who are ex officio members do receive a stipend but are not remunerated for their service on the PCC. No PCC members claimed expenses although they would be entitled to claim travel costs for attending meetings.

6 Grants made - grants were made to the following institutions:

Christian Aid	840.00	CMS	3360.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	225.00	Royal British Legion	250.00
INF (Pokhara Hospital)	1345.00	Interserve	1120.00
Scripture Union	225.00	The Bible Society	840.00
The Children's Society	1100.00	Simeon's Trustees	225.00
Tear Fund	840.00	Torch Trust	110.00
WATSAN	670.00	Faringdon Food Bank	175.00
DEC Ukraine Appeal	1263.00	A Rocha	210.00
		Dorchester Minister's Charity	164.00

2021 TOTAL

14359.50	TOTAL	12962.00
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No grants were made to individuals.

7 Tangible fixed assets (all unrestricted)

	Freehold land & buildings £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Other £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	500,000	2,200	-	502,200
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	500,000	2,200	-	502,200
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	20,000	880	-	20,880
Charge for year	5,000	440	-	5,440
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	25,000	1,320	-	26,320
Net book value				
At 1 January 2022	480,000	1,320	-	481,320
At 31 December 2022	475,000	880	-	475,880

8 Investment assets

Fixed asset investments	£
Carrying (market) value on 1 January 2022	240,277
Add additions at cost/value	1,500
Less disposals at carrying value	(1,128)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(26,536)
Market Value - 31st December 2022	214,114

9 Debtors and prepayments (no amounts were due in more than one year)

Amounts falling due within one year	
2022	2021
£	£
0	2,518

10 Creditors and accruals (no amounts were due in more than one year)

Amounts falling due within one year	
2022 £	2021 £
0	0
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11 Endowment and restricted funds

	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances c/f £
Endowment funds					
Craven/Rawlings/John Wright (Inv A/C)	22,458	-	-	(2,644)	19,814
Haines/Spinage (Inv A/C)	3,572	-	-	(420)	3,151
Celia Walker Fund (Inv A/C)	119,034	-	-	(14,012)	105,022
	145,064	-	-	(17,076)	127,988
Restricted funds					
Chamberlain (Organ Fund) (Invest)	66,052	0	1,128	(6,041)	58,883
Chamberlain (Organ Fund) (Deposit)	281	1,132	565	-	848
Celia Walker Fund (Deposit)	20,976	3,781	1,000	-	23,756
Celia Walker Fund (Invest)	13,178	1,000	-	(1,596)	12,582
Bell Ringers Fund (Deposit)	4,188	191	109	-	4,270
Fabric Fund (Quinquennial grants etc.)	8,396	110	-	0	8,507
Little All Sorts fund	269	0	269	-	0
Accrual for tax refund	0	-	-	-	0
Mission Fund (Deposit)	16,761	220	-	0	16,982
Boffin (Bells, clock, chimes) (Inv)	3,952	-	-	(362)	3,590
Boffin (Bells, clock, chimes) (Deposit)	1,017	13	-	0	1,031
	135,071	6,448	3,072	(7,999)	130,449

12 Designated Funds

	£	£	£	£	£
Coach Lane Investment Fund	12,031	500	-	(1,460)	11,071

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of ALL SAINTS'

I have examined the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC (Charity trustees) and Independent 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with 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.

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28th February 2023
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