

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WILTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1134647

Details

Other names	ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-03-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£222,369	£225,678	-	-
2023-12-31	£223,018	£220,739	-	-
2022-12-31	£192,271	£178,518	-	-
2021-12-31	£139,808	£135,761	-	-
2020-12-31	£125,095	£98,420	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Dr Nicholas Philip Griffin	Chair	2021-05-16
Bethan Elizabeth Baigent		2022-05-18
Hilary Anne McKegney		2019-04-28
IAN PINDER		2022-05-10
James Martin Calder Leck		2025-05-20
Kathryn Ruth Lanchbury		2023-05-15
Laura Louise Willetts		2023-05-15
Lisa Westlake		2024-05-07
Mark Maddocks		2025-09-09
Mary Rose Waring Carson		2022-05-10
Matthew Norman		2020-10-18
Paul Smallwood Cole		2022-05-10
Rachel Ann Pinder		2025-05-20
Rev Richard Paul Kelley		2023-07-11
Rev Robert James Cromwell		2023-06-29
Richard Barnes		2025-05-20
Stephanie Blake		2025-09-09

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Rev. Dr N Griffin
Mr P Joyce
Mrs L Westlake (appointed 7 May 2024)
Mrs H McKegney
Mr M Norman
Mrs M Carson
Mr P Cole
Mr P Underwood (resigned 18 March 2025)
Mr I Pinder
Mrs B Baigent
Mrs K Lanchbury
Mrs H Hayes (resigned 7 May 2024)
Miss L Willetts
Rev. R Kelley
Rev. R Cromwell
Ms D Vickery (resigned 7 May 2024)
Ms L Norris (appointed 5 March 2024)

Charity number

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Independent Examiner

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev. Dr Nick Griffin, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the church's properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake. It is the PCC's intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard and allotments should be available to the local community whether they are church members or not.

Achievements and performance

Church Membership and Activity

There are **141** members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31 December 2024 was 181.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2024 there were 6 weddings and **10** baptisms in the church. There were 10 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Crematorium. All of these events bring the church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It also presents an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Overview from the Vicar

2024 was a strong year for St George's, in which we have continued to witness the faithfulness of God as we grow both in spirit and in number. It is a privilege to serve as the Vicar of this parish, and I am deeply grateful to God and to the community for calling me to this place. We break our vision into various categories to help us focus.

Worship

- Our twin services at 9:30 and 11:00 continue to provide a fruitful pattern of worship at St George's, with both services seeing steady growth throughout the year. The close timing of the services offers flexibility for worshippers, and it's not unusual for people to switch between them as needed. This healthy pattern allows our community to enjoy both diversity and continuity of space and ministry.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

- The 9:30 communion service offers a steady yet energetic liturgical form, following *Common Worship*. Twice a month, additional choral offerings are led ably by Chris Sampson. Partway through the year, we chose to stop using robes for the choir, which has successfully encouraged greater participation. Alongside Chris, our worship has been enriched by a number of talented musicians, including Ian Carson, Ian Gouge, Stephen Page, Jackie and Alana Cottey.
- The 11:00 service has now permanently relocated to the church building, which has facilitated further growth. With current attendance levels, it would be impossible to imagine moving it back. Though the transition took some adjustment for those used to a more informal space, the church has now become home to all our services.
- Preaching, leading, and intercessions are shared across a wide and talented team. As vicar, I'm blessed to draw from this pool of developing gifts.
- We are richly blessed by the many retired ministers among us. Special thanks to Rev. Geoff Treasure, Rev. Jenny Jeffery, Rev. Michael Hayes, Rev. Keith Powell, and Rev. Martin Kirkbride for their dedication, hard work, and unseen contributions.
- Our verging team, led by Michael and Tricia Yardley, do an excellent job maintaining the sanctuary and ensuring that the altar area is kept in good order and the sacrament is appropriately respected.
- All our services are supported by our technical team, led by Matt Norman and well assisted by Matt Ellet and Laurie Jeffery. The growth in this area has been breathtaking, among the strongest technical offerings in the town. This enables us to stream all our regular services, offering excellent outreach to those joining us online, along with a high standard of musical production. I remain genuinely astonished at how far this ministry has come since my arrival in 2021.
- Streaming has become a regular part of our worship life. At the time of writing (April 2025), we have 470 subscribers, with around 100 people tuning in for the 11:00 service and 60–80 for the 9:30.
- We hosted several special services during the year. Highlights include a joint Pentecost service featuring gospel music and a hog roast, as well as a Harvest celebration at Cutliffe Farm — special thanks to the tech team, who dedicated their entire Saturday to setting up at the barn.
- Rev. Rob Cromwell was ordained priest in June 2024, and we are grateful for the leadership he continues to bring and for this new sacramental dimension to his ministry.
- Rev. Richard Kelley has continued to offer strong support as Associate Minister, and we are thankful for his dedicated ministry.
- Carmen Cromwell, our placement student throughout 2024, has contributed much to our leadership and preaching.
- Christmas and Easter services were packed this year! We introduced several new elements, including three "Tuk Tuk" community carol services and a new contemporary carol service alongside our traditional services and Christingles. Christmas Day was particularly memorable, with standing room only!
- We now hold monthly Worship Gatherings, which combine worship, training, and Bible study for our musicians.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Family and Children

I will defer much of the detail here to those leading these ministries. Coordination falls to Bryony Griffin, who manages this large and diverse team. Special thanks to Mrs Griffin, who oversees one of the largest children's and youth ministries in the town, all on a voluntary basis. The growth of this ministry has reached the scale of a full-time role, and the church will need to consider future investment in this area.

Community and Mission

There is so much going on in this area that I may well miss something!

- The community fridge is now well established, running smoothly four days a week and redistributing surplus food from a main supermarket partner. Thanks to Mervyn Roberts for his steadfast leadership of this important environmental work.
- Soup had another strong year, running through the colder months (September–March). The project, led by Rob, offers soup, bread, cheese, cake, and tea, with donations welcomed but not required. Typically, 20–30 people attend, and it has been a great way to welcome people into the space. Thanks to Somerset Community Foundation for their continued financial support.
- The Men's Shed is thriving under Terry Ware's leadership. With help from a Wessex Water Foundation grant, they have now installed a dedicated toolshed. Beyond the practical projects, the true value lies in the relationships built — one member told me the Shed had given them “a reason to keep going.”
- Women in the Pub, led by Kate Taylor, continues to offer creative and social activities for women and is well appreciated.
- Rob's new “Pub Club” at the Vivary Arms has been well received, helping to connect men across congregations and generations.
- Stroll for the Soul continues to draw groups for gentle walks, prayer, friendship, and the occasional song along the byways of Taunton.
- Jane Joyce has led our churchyard gardening team beautifully, creating a much-loved and well-used churchyard space. Thanks to all the team!
- Our Reader, Kate Taylor, has led our care home ministry, supporting St George's Care Home, Ellisfield Court, and Elizabeth House. These visits vary between communion services and more conversational or craft-based sessions, depending on the context.
- The pastoral team, led by Hilary McKegney, continues to offer home communion and visits to those unable to attend services in person. A review in the new year will explore ways to develop this ministry further.
- We held two mental health days, titled *Faith, Hope, and Mental Health*, featuring Kintsugi Hope and Rev. Rob Merchant. Though attendance was lower than hoped (around 30), those who came found them deeply valuable.
- Rob has led Alpha courses this year, aiming for one per term. These have been well received, with a number of participants now attending church regularly.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

- Geoff Treasure led two popular courses: one exploring the gospel through *Les Misérables*, and another called *Hymns We Love* — both were so well attended that we ran out of space in the Dunning Room!
- Geoff also ran the bereavement course *Valley Café*, which was greatly appreciated and led to new members joining our fellowship.
- Carmen Cromwell continues to lead our home groups, which currently number around 10 groups. Demand often exceeds supply, and we need more leaders. Groups follow a variety of study materials and are self-led. An “Extra Slice” video resource is regularly produced to accompany the sermons.
- In June, our cheffing-curate, Rob Cromwell, ran a month-long barbecue, providing a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and outreach.
- Our refreshments and coffee team is now led by Rob, who took over from Barbara Reeves after many years of faithful service. Managing the needs of the 9:30 coffee time and the turnaround for the 11:00 children’s work is a challenge, but thanks to all who help!
- Finally, our Christmas Fayre was a fun and joyful occasion despite the bitter weather. The team delivered an outstanding event with music, food, stalls, and crafts, raising around £2,000 for the church. Special thanks to Hilary McKegey, Bethan Baigent, Bryony Griffin, and Carmen Cromwell.

Finance and Resources

Our treasurer has provided the Financial Review, so I will focus here on our physical and human resources.

- Over the past year, we’ve seen growth in the staff team, which naturally came with the challenge of establishing a new working rhythm for the longer-standing team members, Bethan Baigent and Nick. I’m pleased to say the team now operates with a clear weekly structure that supports both community availability and preparation time. The new office set-up, with its clear reception function, has improved our welcome to the community, though we continue to face challenges in recruiting suitable volunteers for office support.
- Governance remains under the oversight of the PCC, with its membership listed earlier. Two sub-committees support the PCC’s work:
 - The Standing Committee, comprising the Vicar, Curate, Administrator, Treasurer, Wardens, and one PCC representative, holds delegated spending authority and has successfully expedited day-to-day decisions.
 - The Buildings Sub-Committee, consisting of Paul Cole, Peter Joyce, and Nick Griffin, has been instrumental in progressing essential works on our buildings.
- We remain deeply grateful for Ian Pinder’s ongoing wisdom and work as Treasurer, and for Robin Stamp’s faithful service as Christian Giving Officer. Special thanks go to Geoff Winterson who has now stepped back from organising the banking of collections. Geoff did this ‘temporarily’ over 5 years ago and has been faithful and organised in this important task.
- A special thanks to Helen Clegg for her service as PCC Secretary. This role has now been taken up by Lucy Norris, whose steady hand and clarity have been invaluable as we develop policies to manage the church’s growth. As Vicar and Chair of the PCC, I am personally grateful for her wise counsel.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

- In 2024, we welcomed Lisa Westlake as a new Churchwarden, bringing fresh energy alongside Peter Joyce's faithful tenure. Peter plans to retire from this role at the 2025 APCM, and we are immensely thankful for his dedication, kindness and insights.
- The MES programme continued through 2023–24 with a fresh focus, drawing participants from beyond our immediate church community.
- Regarding safeguarding, Hilary McKegey and Nick Griffin shared the role through much of 2024. By year-end, Hilary fully took over the post, and I am especially grateful for her meticulous work in safer recruitment — a demanding but vital responsibility.
- The long-overdue quinquennial inspection of the church building identified both minor and more serious issues. Peter's fabric report will provide fuller details, but notably, the church tower roof requires significant repairs.
- Meanwhile, future development plans for the church have been actively pursued, with the expert and generous guidance of Paul Cole.
- We successfully introduced new church management software this year. Rob Cromwell led this project with great skill, and the system has already made our administration significantly more efficient.
- Bethan Baigent continues to serve with remarkable dedication as Administrator and PA. Over her nine years with us, her role has evolved greatly. I remain deeply thankful for her professionalism, her high standards, and the grace-filled character she brings to her work.

Prayer

- We launched a new monthly Sunday evening prayer gathering, Pray, combining music and intercession. While attendance varies, it has been warmly appreciated.
- Morning prayer continues twice a week in church, sustaining the rhythm of prayer in our life together.
- The Prayer Space, once used weekly, unfortunately ceased around mid-2024. We will need to reconsider its use.
- The Prayer Shed, though a wonderful resource, is currently under-used. We need to rethink its role to make it more accessible and inviting for the community.
- Prayer ministry has been offered weekly, though the layout of our church has posed challenges for providing a quiet, dedicated space. Both congregations have expressed a desire for more opportunities for prayer ministry, which we will aim to address.

Conclusion

- 2024 has been a wonderful year of blessing for us as a whole community and I am confident of the grace of God in this next stage of life and development.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial Review

- Although St George's total income and total expenditure for 2024 as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities look very similar to the equivalent figures in 2023, there are notable differences between the two years. In 2023 the figures were boosted by an appeal for the upgrading of the church office which brought in income of £24,588 and incurred expenditure of £29,515 but there are no equivalent income and expenditure figures in 2024. Also in 2023 we received legacies of £7,000 whereas no legacies were received in 2024.
- The improvement in total income in 2024 is largely attributable to a 16.9% increase in the Christian Giving Scheme arising from more people joining the scheme and we are grateful to the members of the congregation who have responded generously.
- On the expenditure side, the Parish Share increased by £8,544 which is 10%, the maximum permitted, and was paid in full. Expenditure on equipment and repairs increased by over £15,000 although some of this was funded by grants and special donations. Utilities costs also increased significantly.
- The overall outcome for the year was a deficit before investment gains of £3,309 which has been funded from reserves. The outlook for 2025 and beyond remains very challenging and we will need a further material increase in Christian Giving if we are to continue to cover our running costs and to fund our opportunities for growth.

Reserves Policy

A charity's reserves fund the working capital which is required to pay for day-to-day operations. In addition, reserves are held to meet unforeseen costs, to finance new initiatives and to fund the gaps between cash receipts and payments.

Our policy is to maintain a minimum level of free unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months revenue expenditure. As at 31 December 2024, the PCC's unrestricted reserves stood at £46,196 which amounts to just under 3 months regular revenue expenditure payable from unrestricted income. The Trustees are aiming to restore the reserves to the required minimum level by 31 December 2025.

It is the longer term aim of the Trustees to set aside reserve funds to cover unexpected repairs to the church, the organ and the church hall.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover the day-to-day expenses of the charity and for achieving the best returns available on surplus funds and the endowment fund. The PCC's endowment funds are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares administered by the CCLA.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Risk Management

The Trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. Cash flow is monitored and a financial update is provided at every PCC meeting. The level of voluntary income and our ability to pay the Parish Share are regularly discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

The Trustees are the PCC members. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev. Dr N Griffin
Mr P Joyce
Mrs L Westlake (appointed 7 May 2024)
Mrs H McKegney
Mr M Norman
Mrs M Carson
Mr P Cole
Mr P Underwood (resigned 18 March 2024)
Mr I Pinder
Mrs B Baigent
Mrs K Lanchbury
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Miss L Willetts
Rev. R Kelley
Rev. R Cromwell
Ms D Vickery (resigned 7 May 2024)
Ms L Norris (appointed 5 March 2024)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC and which is reviewed annually.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity) and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated for "ecclesiastical purposes"

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Specific roles fulfilled by PCC members are as follows:

Vicar:	Rev. Dr Nick Griffin (Chair)
Churchwardens:	Mr Peter Joyce
	Mrs Lisa Westlake
Deanery Synod Representative:	Mrs Hilary McKegey
Secretary to the Church Council:	Ms Lucy Norris
Treasurer to the Church Council:	Mr Ian Pinder

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Rev. Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date: May 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	168,028	26,831	-	194,859	198,297
Other trading activities	4	14,453	-	-	14,453	15,454
Investments	5	2,390	-	-	2,390	2,020
Other income	6	10,552	115	-	10,667	7,247
Total income		195,423	26,946	-	222,369	223,018
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	197,842	26,371	-	224,213	218,851
Other expenses	10	1,465	-	-	1,465	1,888
Total resources expended		199,307	26,371	-	225,678	220,739
Net gains on investments	11	-	-	558	558	2,097
Net incoming resources before transfers		(3,884)	575	558	(2,751)	4,376
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,884)	575	558	(2,751)	4,376
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		50,080	8,909	24,392	83,381	79,005
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		46,196	9,484	24,950	80,630	83,381

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	148,613	49,684	-	198,297
Other trading activities	4	15,454	-	-	15,454
Investments	5	2,020	-	-	2,020
Other income	6	5,576	1,671	-	7,247
Total income		171,663	51,355	-	223,018
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	170,277	48,574	-	218,851
Other expenses	10	1,888	-	-	1,888
Total resources expended		172,165	48,574	-	220,739
Net gains on investments	11	-	-	2,097	2,097
Net incoming resources before transfers		(502)	2,781	2,097	4,376
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(502)	2,781	2,097	4,376
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		50,582	6,128	22,295	79,005
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		50,080	8,909	24,392	83,381

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	12		24,950		24,392
Current Assets					
Debtors	14	22,810		23,293	
Cash at bank and in hand		54,347		68,735	
		<u>77,157</u>		<u>92,028</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	<u>21,477</u>		<u>33,039</u>	
Net current assets			55,680		58,989
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>80,630</u>		<u>83,381</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds			24,950		24,392
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		9,484		8,909
Unrestricted funds - general			46,196		50,080
			<u>80,630</u>		<u>83,381</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2025.

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Rev. Dr N Griffin
Vicar

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Mr I Pinder
Trustee and Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	20	(16,778)		9,792	
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2,390		2,020	
Net cash generated from investing activities		<u>2,390</u>		<u>2,020</u>	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(14,388)</u>		<u>11,812</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		68,735		56,923	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>54,347</u></u>		<u><u>68,735</u></u>	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notice to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Income (continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that the transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made-up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	167,578	20,831	188,409	141,613	39,953	181,566
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
Grants receivable	450	6,000	6,450	-	9,731	9,731
	<u>168,028</u>	<u>26,831</u>	<u>194,859</u>	<u>148,613</u>	<u>49,684</u>	<u>198,297</u>
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	117,201	-	117,201	96,636	-	96,636
Christian Giving - non GA	15,282	-	15,282	17,595	-	17,595
Collections Charity	-	12,885	12,885	-	11,823	11,823
Donations - Coffee	1,131	-	1,131	298	-	298
Bursary Fund	-	1,356	1,356	-	-	-
Office Building Appeal	-	2,000	2,000	-	24,588	24,588
Donations - Others	4,664	4,590	9,254	2,908	3,542	6,450
Tax recoverable CG	29,300	-	29,300	24,176	-	24,176
	<u>167,578</u>	<u>20,831</u>	<u>188,409</u>	<u>141,613</u>	<u>39,953</u>	<u>181,566</u>
Legacies receivable						
Legacies	-	-	-	7,000	-	7,000

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Hall hire and allotment rent	12,482	13,484
Fundraising and church events	1,971	1,970
	<u>14,453</u>	<u>15,454</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Income from listed investments	677	667
Interest receivable	1,713	1353
	<u>2,390</u>	<u>2,020</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	5,331	115	5,446	4,193
Churchyard income	1,903	-	1,903	1,413
Church events income	3,318	-	3,318	-
Church bells funds introduced	-	-	-	1,641
	<u>10,552</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>10,667</u>	<u>7,247</u>

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7 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	29,560	28,493
Charitable Giving	13,185	12,025
Parish share	93,986	85,442
Staff and speaker expenses	991	661
Altar expenses and flowers	899	790
Music and organist costs	11,352	12,873
Education, Outreach and Community	2,947	11,537
Youth activities and education	1,967	621
Office costs	9,100	6,312
Church and hall establishment costs	26,236	15,548
Church and hall repairs and maintenance	33,990	44,549
	<u>224,213</u>	<u>218,851</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	197,842	170,277
Restricted funds	26,371	48,574
	<u>224,213</u>	<u>218,851</u>

8 Trustees

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be its Trustees. No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>29,560</u>	<u>28,493</u>

In 2024 and 2023 the Parish Administrator was the sole employee.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Professional fees	654	575
Independent Examination	500	1,020
Bank charges	311	293
	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,888</u>

11 Net gains on investments

	Endowment funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>558</u>	<u>2,097</u>

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12 Fixed asset investments	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	24,392
Valuation changes	558
	<u>24,950</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>24,950</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	<u>24,950</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>24,392</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council, and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Financial instruments	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>24,950</u>	<u>24,392</u>
14 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	9,257	13,587
Prepayments and accrued income	13,553	9,706
	<u>22,810</u>	<u>23,293</u>
15 Other creditors falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	11,952	28,056
Accruals and deferred income	9,525	4,983
	<u>21,477</u>	<u>33,039</u>

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16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

Permanent endowments

Wilton Church Allotments – CBF Church of England Investment Fund – income shares:

	£
Balance at 1 January 2023	22,296
Revaluation gain	2,096
	—————
Balance at 1 January 2024	24,392
Revaluation gain	558
	—————
Balance at 31 December 2024	24,950
	—————

This comprises 1079.06 units at market value of 2312.27 pence.

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	1,308	-	(465)	843
Charitable giving	-	11,823	(11,823)	-
Mossy Church	9	178	(91)	96
TukTuk	-	2,500	(1,990)	510
Warm Spaces (Cosy Café/Soup)	961	3,250	(2,322)	1,889
Ministry Experience Scheme	-	981	(981)	-
Prayer Room	100	140	(240)	-
Church Bells Fund	-	1,821	-	1,821
Community Fridge	-	6,074	(6,074)	-
Church Office Building Appeal	-	24,588	(24,588)	-
	6,128	51,355	(48,574)	8,909

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	843	-	(843)	-
Charitable Giving	-	12,885	(12,885)	-
Mossy Church	96	-	(96)	-
TukTuk	510	-	(510)	-
Warm Space (Cosy Café/Soup)	1,889	2,500	(3,463)	926
Church Bells Fund	1,821	115	-	1,936
Community Fridge	-	1,209	(517)	692
Church Office Building Appeal	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Buildings and Projects Fund	-	3,381	(3,381)	-
Bursary Fund	-	1,356	(176)	1,180
Hall kitchen grant	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Men's Shed grant	-	1,000	-	1,000
	8,909	26,946	(26,371)	9,484

Charitable Giving represents cash collections for specific charities which are distributed to those charities as they are received. All other restricted funds represent donations and grants for specific church purposes which are treated as restricted income and used as the projects are undertaken.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	24,950	24,950
Current assets/liabilities	46,196	9,484	-	55,680
	46,196	9,484	24,950	80,630

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	24,392	24,392
Current assets/liabilities	50,080	8,909	-	58,989
	50,080	8,909	24,392	83,381

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19 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2023: None).

20 Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(2,751)	4,376
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,390)	(2,020)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(558)	(2,097)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	483	(12,998)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(11,562)	22,531
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	<u>(16,778)</u>	<u>9,792</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Rev'd D N Griffin
Dr M Yardley (resigned 15 May 2023)
Mr C Michell (resigned 15 May 2023)
Mr P Joyce
Mrs H McKegney
Mr M Norman
Mrs M Carson
Mr P Cole
Mr P Underwood
Mr I Pinder
Mrs B Baigent
Mrs K Lanchbury (appointed 15 May 2023)
Mrs H Hayes (appointed 15 May 2023)
Miss L Willetts (appointed 15 May 2023)
Rev'd R Kelley (appointed 11 July 2023)
Rev'd R Cromwell (appointed 11 July 2023)
Ms D Vickery (appointed 17 September 2023)
Ms L Norris (appointed 5 March 2024)

Charity number

1134647

Independent Examiner

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the church's properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake. It is the PCC's intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard and allotments should be available to the local community whether they are church members or not.

Achievements and performance

Church Membership and Activity

There are 128 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31 December 2023 was 168.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2023 there were 6 weddings and 10 baptisms in the church. There were 18 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Crematorium. All of these events bring the church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It also presents an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Overview

2023-2024 has been a wonderful year at St George's where we have continued to see growth in spirit and in number. I am amazed at the many blessings God has poured upon us as a whole community. At St George's we break these down into several categories to help us focus.

Worship

All of our services have grown both in spirit and in number.

- The appointment of a worship director in Chris Samson has had a transformative effect on our public worship services at all points. Although we are grateful for his deep musical skill and talent, it is his character and deep spirituality that have left the deepest impression.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

- The 9.30 service has seen a steady growth in number throughout the year, so that we regularly see 65-80 adults on a weekly basis. The service offers a steady yet energetic liturgical form following Common Worship. Twice a month there are additional choral offerings – once with a more formal robed choir and once with a 'Come and Sing' Choir that is more flexible. This newer choir is more relaxed without robes and open to the whole community and has regularly attracted a greater number of people so that the choir can be up to 20 people. Chris Sampson works as Choir Director and coordinates the choir and is amply supported by musicians including Ian Carson, Ian Gouge, Stephen Page, Jackie and Alana Cottey.
- The 11.00 service has also grown marvellously and established itself into a more regular pattern and style. Attendance figures are between 70-90 adults and 15-20 children per week. Musically, Chris has brought together the different styles of the bands into a more regular pattern and added great richness to the quality and spirituality of the music offered. There are simply too many musicians to list but we are especially grateful to the musical leaders including Sam Richardson, Zach and Kalie Bartlett, Tim and Barbara Finch and Rob Cromwell. One of the aspects I have been keen to develop is the openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our services and our musicians have supported this wonderfully.
- In February 2024, we began a trial to move the 11.00 service to the Church building after continued problems with overcrowding in the hall. This has been very well received so far and is ongoing at the time of writing.
- All of our services are supported by our technical team. Led by Matt Norman and well supported by Matt Ellet and Laurie Jeffery. As the quality and diversity of our music has improved this has been a substantial increase in work. As a member of standing committee, PCC and leading the technical team, I am continually impressed by Matt's character, willingness to work and support this community and just make it all work. This is only possible because of his commitment and love for the place.
- We continue to stream our 11.00 service and are working towards streaming the 9.30 service too. Regular viewing figures for the streams are 100+ per week and we have around 400 subscribers on Youtube.
- Midweek worship has stopped during this last year due to our volunteers deciding to take a break. The monthly BCP communions have also ceased due to lack of interest. We remain open to services of midweek worship but there are no great plans at this time.
- There were a number of special services during the year. Highlights include a joint service with Gospel music between 9.30 and 11.00 for Pentecost, a special Harvest service at Cutliffe Farm. Particular mention for the confirmation service in which we welcomed Bishop Ruth to baptise 5 candidates through full immersion and 9 candidates for confirmation (including one from St Michael's).
- In June 2023, we were blessed with the arrival of Rev. Rob Cromwell as our training curate. Rob has made a substantial difference across the board and more details are sprinkled through this report.
- Also in June 2023, we welcomed Carmen Cromwell as an ordinand mixing her studies with practical work here and running her charity 'Pulse Ministries'.
- In June 2023, Richard Kelley was licensed as our 'Associate Minister' by Bishop Ruth Taunton and has been a valuable addition to the team. Richard's main role is based at Queen's College Taunton as their chaplain and he worships and serves at St Georges on a regular basis.
- God has blessed us richly with many retired ministers and we're grateful for their seen and unseen contributions, special thanks go to Rev. Geoff Treasure, Rev. Jenny Jeffery, Rev. Michael Hayes and Rev. Martin Kirkbride for all of their hard work, love and dedication.
- Christmas and Easter Services were jammed full this last year. Over the Christmas week we had over 700 people go through the church doors. The services across Easter Day 2024 saw 240 people attend.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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- There are now monthly 'Worship Gatherings' combining worship, training and bible study where our musicians now gather. These are well attended and a personal highlight of my month.

Family and Children

Our family and children's work has now gained a more distinctive shape and pattern with a mixture of weekly, occasional and seasonal groups and meetings. Bryony Griffin is our children and families coordinator for the church and we are very grateful for her leadership of an able and skilled team. Special mention goes to Hilary Hayes, Jay Lanchbury, Judith Pickles, Laura Archibald and Charlotte Kelley for their outstanding work.

- Stay and Play remains a blockbuster part of our week with a full hall on a weekly basis for families to gather with their tiny ones for fun, play, stories and friendship. Both Easter and Christmas service were held in Church for everyone. Special thanks goes to all of the leaders and in particular, Judith Pickles, Laura Archibald and many many more.
- Our Sunday Children's ministry has now found a clear pattern and mixture and we are grateful for consistently high quality work across the board. There are now 3 clear streams of age brackets including tots@11, kids@11 and youth@11. Numbers of children attending these services varies between 15-25 on a weekly basis. This is a huge amount of work on a regular basis and it is wonderful to see.
- In Kids@11 Hilary Hayes has done a special amount of work covering many many areas, caring for and training the volunteers in Kids@11 and deserves very many thanks. Hilary is stepping down in Summer 2024 to focus on other things. To manage the number of children requires a lot of volunteers and we'll need to explore how to expand this team in the coming years.
- Special mention should be made of the launch of youth@11 which is the first regular youth work in many many years. The youth meet regularly in the prayer shed with a variety of leaders. Rose Slack and Jay Lanchbury really got this off the ground and it is now well supported by a number of leaders. Numbers are good and solid for a youth group and expected to swell in the coming year (s) as the younger age bracket graduates.
- Tots@11 has had a mixed year and is now on a surer footing. Attending with parents, the children meet to sing a song, share a craft and play with toys. The service is streamed into the space so that the parents can connect with a bit of the wider worship.
- Buggy Buddies continued throughout 2023-2024. This is a gentle walking group supporting parents and children through company, love and support. They meet outside the church and go for a short walk with time for games, coffee and fun. This community engagement activity has seen a number of people connect with the church more widely including alpha courses and attending Sunday services. In the earlier part of the year, a bible study for parents was held for a period of time but this is currently in abeyance.
- Led by Bryony Griffin, Mossy Church has run a number of events throughout the year mixing crafts, songs and games with children and families to help the community engage with God through engaging in nature. Numbers continue to be high, although we have tended to find that our smaller scale events have better quality engagement and conversations.
- Our Baptism and confirmations included four candidates aged under 18.
- As the vicar I have resigned my position of governor at Bishop Henderson School due to duplication of the role with the vicar of St Michaels Church. However, we continue to run assemblies at Bishop Henderson School.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Community

- In August 2023, the Community Fridge launched and was opened by Clinton Rogers. The fridge was funded by Hubbub and Taunton Town Council in order to reduce food waste across the town by taking in food waste and redistributing it. Mervyn Roberts has led the charge on the project including the necessary food hygiene rules, recruitment and training of volunteers and we are very grateful to him for his erstwhile efforts. To date, the fridge has saved over 2000 kg (2 ton) of food from the tip!
- We procured a grant from the Warm Spaces Grant from the Somerset Communities Foundation to run the 'Soup' Project. This was a roaring success with between 20-30 people fed each week in the Dunning Room. Thanks go to Rob Cromwell for cheffing duties, plus Kate and Richard Taylor, Mary Carson and Thesbina Teague for their work on supporting the community. The plan is for the 'Soup' groups to run in the colder months with the Tuk-Tuk community café in the warmer months.
- The Men's Shed launched in April 2023. This group of men meet in the Scout Hut for socialising and practical projects. This group have done a profound amount of practical tasks with highlights including ongoing work to the tuktuk, transforming the tuk-tuk trailer into a useable home alongside innumerable smaller practical jobs around the church space. Special thanks to Terry Ware for all of his work in organising and coordinating this important work.
- Not to be left out, Kate Taylor launched a 'Women at the Pub' social event which gathers women from across the church community for a social time.
- There were a number of other Women's ministry events including a Christmas Craft event and a Bake Off. Thanks to Di Vickery and Bryony Griffin for their work in arranging these sessions.
- The Valley Café launched in April 2023 led by Rev. Geoff Treasure and Kate Taylor. This bereavement support group is an innovation intended to give space to those who have been bereaved recently or some time ago and has been very much appreciated by all who attended and other churches have asked to copy the idea! Thanks to all involved.
- We have run a few meals including 'Curry with Clinton' which raised around £700 towards the community Fridge; 'Moroccan night' following the terrible earthquake which raised around £2000, plus a number of smaller scale church family meals which built friendship and fellowship amongst the community. Rob has taken a real lead in helping us to think about more hospitality in the church and our thanks are due to him.
- Stroll for the soul continues to gather groups for a gentle walk with prayer, friendship and the occasional song along the byways of Taunton.
- Jane Joyce has led our churchyard gardening team beautifully and their careful and diligent work has produced a well used, appreciated and impressive churchyard space. Thank you to all of the team!
- Our new reader, Kate Taylor has taken charge of our engagement with the care homes, supporting St George's Care Home, Ellisfield Court and Elizabeth House. This work has moved on a great stride this year and I am grateful to Kate and her team.
- Hilary McKegney has led our pastoral team. The regular visits, home communions and support offered is superb and I am proud to work alongside them in caring for our church and wider community.
- Carmen Cromwell has taken on the leadership of our home groups following on from the excellent work of Geoff Treasure. These have now swelled to 7 groups in total and my sense is that the great need is for further leaders to take on groups rather than a lack of interest in more provision. Thanks to Carmen for all of her work.
- Finally, our Christmas Fayre was a fun and joyous occasion despite the biting weather that we experienced. The team put together an immense event including music, food, stalls and craft and raised around £2000 for the work of the church. Special thanks again to Hilary McKegney, Bethan Baigent, Bryony Griffin and Carmen Cromwell.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Finance and Resources

Our treasurer has given a report on finance below, so here I will focus on our physical and human resources.

- The addition of a full-time training Curate, Associate Minister, Worship Director and Placement Student has transformed the working environment so that there is a clearer sense of a team working together to produce many of the events and activities listed above.
- Di Vickery has provided excellent support as a Churchwarden. Di only intends to be part of this work for a relatively short time (she will step down at the next APCM) but has been a great support, help and guide during her time. Thank you Di!
- Our Peter Joyce has just completed a decade of ministry as a church warden. His work is often unseen to all but God and me yet without Peter's kindness, thoughtfulness and continued efforts we would be deeply impoverished. Thank you Peter.
- Our third year of running the Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) has been different again. 5 candidates join us regularly with a few visitors. 2 of the candidates are from St George's and three from other churches. This has been well appreciated and some of these members are exploring their own future ministries now. From last year, 3 graduates of the MES went forward for ordination and we concluded the last year with a 'Day of Prayer' which the members all contributed to. The diocese removed their financial support from this project and funding has been gathered from the diocese through a different 'pot' of funding.
- We ran a major building project transforming the office space. This was a major operation of clearing out old material that had gathered. The new spaces mean that there is a separate entrance to the office from the vicarage and the spaces have been transformed into a professional working spaces that can accommodate the number of staff that we now host. One of the things I have learnt so far about church growth is that for growth to be sustained you need to 'backfill' structures to allow those new people to be cared for and supported. The office transformation has made a substantial difference to the overall work of the church.
- Some work has been begun to explore how our building and spaces might be better used to serve the community. Paul Cole has been instrumental in the transformation of the office spaces and his generous giving of his time and wisdom has been invaluable on a community and personal level and I take his arrival and care as a sign of God's providential hand in our community. Thank you Paul.
- Special thanks to Jenny Norman who advanced our safeguarding agenda and improvements to our systems to safeguard our vulnerable adults and young people.
- A standing committee was formed to help expedite the business of the church. Meeting on a monthly basis, the standing committee is formed of Nick Griffin, Peter Joyce, Di Vickery, Matt Norman, Bethan Baigent, Rob Cromwell and Ian Pinder. This has helped relieve the pressure on PCC meetings to shift from business to strategic approaches.
- Following the sad death of Michael Small, we're incredibly grateful that Robin Stamp has stepped in to help with the ministry of Christian Giving Officer. This is such a helpful role to make the place run smoothly and without conflicts of interests and we're very grateful to Robin for it.

Mission

Rob Cromwell ran an Alpha Course in the Autumn term. This was a smaller scale than the previous year but members have now found their way into churches and home groups.

We are trialling a new way of taking collections by reducing the number of mission partners to roughly one per month. A card listing these charities is available at the back of church and this means that we give a more substantial amount to charities and reduce the administration both here and for charities beyond.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Prayer

The prayer shed has been available 24/7 throughout the year and has been cared for especially by Jane Hamilton. Jane has also led a regular group of prayers on a midweek lunchtime slot and she deserves our special thanks for this vital and special ministry.

We continue to offer prayer ministry at the 11.00 and are looking at way to increase engagement in this activity.

Conclusion

It is my privilege to continue to serve this place and witness the hand of God crafting and forming this community beautifully. I may have missed names – and if so forgive me. We have grown in Spirit and in number and it is my utmost belief that we're not done yet. God has more to do amongst us, more than we can ask or imagine and to him be the glory.

Financial Review

The growth in church attendance, several new initiatives, expansion of our music and worship team, inflation and the redevelopment of the church office all contributed to a 23% increase in expenditure in 2023 compared with the previous year. However, it is pleasing to see that church members have responded generously with an increase of 24% in income from our Christian Giving Scheme and many new people joining.

The setting up of the Community Fridge would not have been possible without a grant from Hubbub and sponsorship from Taunton Town Council to whom we are very grateful. Many people enjoyed the Cosy Café and the Soup lunches funded by Warm Spaces grants for which we must also express our thanks. Further welcome and generous financial support has been provided for the Tuktuk in memory of the late Christine Harris.

Thanks must also go to all those people who contributed so kindly to the Office Redevelopment Appeal. This unglamorous but very necessary project could not have been funded from regular church funds alone.

Our Parish Share for 2023 has been paid in full and we have ended the year with a modest surplus of £2,279 before investment gains. Without the receipt of two generous legacies totalling £7,000 (from the estates of the late Elisabeth Mortimer White and the late Michael Rourke) we would not have covered our costs for the year and this illustrates how valuable it is for church members to remember the church in their wills.

The Parish Share has increased again in 2024 and the financial outlook for all churches remains challenging but we are blessed to have a congregation with the will and faith to meet those challenges.

Reserves Policy

A charity's reserves fund the working capital which is required to pay for day-to-day operations. In addition, reserves are held to meet unforeseen costs, to finance new initiatives and to fund the gaps between cash receipts and payments.

Our policy is to maintain a minimum level of free unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months revenue expenditure. As at 31 December 2023, the PCC's unrestricted reserves stood at £50,080 which amounts to just over 3 months regular revenue expenditure.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover the day-to-day expenses of the charity and the best returns available achieved on surplus funds and the endowment fund. The PCC's endowment funds are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares administered by the CCLA.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Risk Management

The Trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. Cash flow is monitored and a financial update is provided at every PCC meeting. The level of voluntary income and our ability to pay the Parish Share are regularly discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

The Trustees are the PCC members. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev'd Dr N Griffin	
Dr M Yardley	(resigned 15 May 2023)
Mr C Michell	(resigned 15 May 2023)
Mr P Joyce	
Mrs H McKegney	
Mr M Norman	
Mrs M Carson	
Mr P Cole	
Mr P Underwood	
Mr I Pinder	
Mrs B Baigent	
Mrs K Lanchbury	(appointed 15 May 2023)
Mrs H Hayes	(appointed 15 May 2023)
Miss L Willetts	(appointed 15 May 2023)
Rev'd R Kelley	(appointed 11 July 2023)
Rev'd R Cromwell	(appointed 11 July 2023)
Ms D Vickery	(appointed 17 September 2023)
Ms L Norris	(appointed 5 March 2024)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC and which is reviewed annually.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity) and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated for "ecclesiastical purposes".

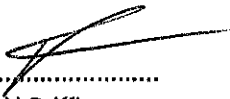
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Specific roles fulfilled by PCC members are as follows:

Vicar:	Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin (Chair)
Churchwardens:	Mr Peter Joyce Ms Di Vickery
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Hilary McKegey Mrs Hilary Hayes
Secretary to the Church Council:	Ms Lucy Norris
Treasurer to the Church Council:	Mr Ian Pinder

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date: *7th* May 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

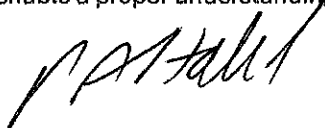
I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

P A Stallard
Lentells Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants



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Dated.....*7 May 2024*.....

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	148,613	49,684	-	198,297	168,056
Other trading activities	4	15,454	-	-	15,454	17,111
Investments	5	2,020	-	-	2,020	753
Other income	6	5,576	1,671	-	7,247	6,351
Total income		171,663	51,355	-	223,018	192,271
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	170,277	48,574	-	218,851	176,620
Other expenses	10	1,888	-	-	1,888	1,898
Total resources expended		172,165	48,574	-	220,739	178,518
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	2,097	2,097	(2,975)
Net incoming resources before transfers		(502)	2,781	2,097	4,376	10,778
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(502)	2,781	2,097	4,376	10,778
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		50,582	6,128	22,295	79,005	68,227
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		50,080	8,909	24,392	83,381	79,005

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	148,936	19,120	-	168,056
Other trading activities	4	17,111	-	-	17,111
Investments	5	753	-	-	753
Other income	6	6,351	-	-	6,351
Total income		173,151	19,120	-	192,271
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	152,171	24,449	-	176,620
Other expenses	10	1,898	-	-	1,898
Total resources expended		154,069	24,449	-	178,518
Net (losses)/gains on investments	11	-	-	(2,975)	(2,975)
Net incoming resources before transfers		19,082	(5,329)	(2,975)	10,778
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		19,082	(5,329)	(2,975)	10,778
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		31,500	11,457	25,270	68,227
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		50,582	6,128	22,295	79,005

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	12		24,392		22,295
Current Assets					
Debtors	14	23,293		10,295	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>68,735</u>		<u>56,923</u>	
		92,028		67,218	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	<u>33,039</u>		<u>10,508</u>	
Net current assets			58,989		56,710
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>83,381</u>		<u>79,005</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds			24,392		22,295
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		8,909		6,128
Unrestricted funds - general			50,080		50,582
			<u>83,381</u>		<u>79,005</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7th May 2024.

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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Vicar

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Mr I Pinder
Trustee and Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	20		9,792		6,939
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2,020		753	
Net cash generated from investing activities		<u>2,020</u>		<u>753</u>	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			11,812		7,692
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			56,923		49,231
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>68,735</u>		<u>56,923</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notice to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Income (continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that the transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made-up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Financial Instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	141,613	39,953	181,566	114,022	15,120	129,142
Legacies receivable	7,000	-	7,000	30,000	-	30,000
Grants receivable	-	9,731	9,731	4,914	4,000	8,914
	<u>148,613</u>	<u>49,684</u>	<u>198,297</u>	<u>148,936</u>	<u>19,120</u>	<u>168,056</u>
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	96,636	-	96,636	82,770	-	82,770
Christian Giving - non GA	17,595	-	17,595	7,923	-	7,923
Collections Charity	-	11,823	11,823	-	11,512	11,512
Donations - Coffee	298	-	298	794	-	794
Donations Hall & Church	664	-	664	1,640	287	1,927
Office Building Appeal	-	24,588	24,588	-	-	-
Donations - Others	2,244	3,542	5,786	203	3,321	3,524
Tax recoverable CG	24,176	-	24,176	20,692	-	20,692
	<u>141,613</u>	<u>39,953</u>	<u>181,566</u>	<u>114,022</u>	<u>15,120</u>	<u>129,142</u>
Legacies receivable						
Legacies	7,000	-	7,000	30,000	-	30,000

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Hall hire and allotment rent	13,484	15,025
Fundraising and church events	1,970	2,086
	<u>15,454</u>	<u>17,111</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Income from listed investments	667	663
Interest receivable	1,353	90
	<u>2020</u>	<u>753</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	4,163	30	4,193	2,354
Churchyard income	1,413	-	1,413	1,081
BHS Chaplain - Income	-	-	-	2,916
Church bells funds introduced	-	1,641	1,641	-
	<u>5,576</u>	<u>1,671</u>	<u>7,247</u>	<u>6,351</u>

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7 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	28,493	30,161
Giving	12,025	11,512
Parish share	85,442	83,767
Staff and speaker expenses	661	566
Altar expenses and flowers	790	608
Music and organist costs	12,873	4,861
Education and Outreach	11,537	7,475
Youth activities and education	621	297
Office costs	6,312	6,077
Church and hall establishment costs	15,548	12,920
Church and hall repairs and maintenance	44,549	18,376
	<u>218,851</u>	<u>176,620</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	170,277	152,171
Restricted funds	48,574	24,449
	<u>218,851</u>	<u>176,620</u>

8 Trustees

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be its Trustees. No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
Number	Number
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>28,493</u>	<u>30,161</u>

In 2023 the Parish Administrator was the sole employee. In 2022 the salary costs included the Parish Administrator and a contribution to the salary of the Bishop Henderson School Chaplain.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Professional fees	575	632
Independent Examination	1,020	1,020
Bank charges	293	246
	<u>1,888</u>	<u>1,898</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>2,097</u>	<u>(2,975)</u>

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12 Fixed asset investments	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	22,296
Valuation changes	2,096
At 31 December 2023	<u>24,392</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>24,392</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>22,296</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council, and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses, The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Financial instruments	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>24,392</u>	<u>22,295</u>
14 Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	13,587	6,330
Prepayments and accrued income	9,706	3,965
	<u>23,293</u>	<u>10,295</u>
15 Other creditors falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	28,056	6,667
Accruals and deferred income	4,983	3,841
	<u>33,039</u>	<u>10,508</u>

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16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

Permanent endowments

Wilton Church Allotments – CBF Church of England Investment Fund – income shares:

	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	25,270
Revaluation (loss)	(2,975)

Balance at 1 January 2023	22,295
Revaluation gain	2,096

Balance at 31 December 2023	24,391

This comprises 1079.06 units at market value of 2260.53 pence.

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	1,021	287	-	1,308
Church WiFi and Sound System	6,686	500	(7,186)	-
Giving	-	11,512	(11,512)	-
Mossy Church	-	188	(179)	9
TukTuk	-	4,668	(4,668)	-
Warm Space (Cosy Café)	-	1,615	(654)	961
Hearing Loop	-	250	(250)	-
Prayer Room	-	100	-	100
	11,457	19,120	(24,449)	6,128

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	1,308	-	(465)	843
Giving	-	11,823	(11,823)	-
Mossy Church	9	178	(91)	96
TukTuk	-	2,500	(1,990)	510
Warm Space (Cosy Café/Soup)	961	3,250	(2,322)	1,889
Ministry Experience Scheme	-	981	(981)	-
Prayer Room	100	140	(240)	-
Church Bells Fund	-	1,821	-	1,821
Community Fridge	-	6,074	(6,074)	-
Church Office Building Appeal	-	24,588	(24,588)	-
	6,128	51,355	(48,574)	8,909

Giving represents cash collections for specific charities which are distributed to those charities as they are received. All other restricted funds represent donations and grants for specific church purposes which are treated as restricted income and uses as the projects are undertaken.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	24,392	24,392
Current assets/liabilities	50,080	8,909	-	58,989
	<u>50,080</u>	<u>8,909</u>	<u>24,392</u>	<u>83,381</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	22,295	22,295
Current assets/liabilities	50,582	6,128	-	56,710
	<u>50,582</u>	<u>6,128</u>	<u>22,295</u>	<u>79,005</u>

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19 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2022: None).

20 Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	4,376	10,778
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,020)	(753)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(2,097)	2,975
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(12,998)	(3,222)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	22,531	(2,839)
Cash generated from operations	<u>9,792</u>	<u>6,939</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Mr P Joyce
Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Mrs H McKegney
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Ms M Carson (Appointed 10 May 2022)
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the aforementioned properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake. It is the PCC's intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard, and allotments should be available to the local community, whether they are church members or not.

Achievements and performance

Church Membership and Activity

There are 111 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31st December 2022 was 175.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2022 there were 5 weddings and 6 baptisms in the church. There were 12 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Deane Crematorium. All of these events bring the Church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It also presents an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Overview

God is good and in 2022 St George's saw a glimpse of his goodness manifest amongst us. It was the most extraordinary year of my 11 years of ordained life and saw great strides forward in our life as a worshipping community. In January 22, the PCC plus some invited members held an away day to help us think through our identity and strategy. This gave us the statement that our vision is to:

Grow in Spirit

Grow in number

Practically these headlines are broken down into 5 headings which form the basis of this summary. The number of activities listed below mean that not everything will get a full description.

Worship

To grow in Spirit means that as a whole community, St George's desires to know and worship God in deeper and fuller ways. This was worked out in the following ways.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- The introduction of the 11.00 service in February 2022 changed the shape of Sunday mornings here in Wilton. From conversations in my first year and with testings of the outdoor services, we were quite convinced that there was already a desire for more contemporary worship style at St George's. Held in the church hall, this service grew rapidly and over the year steadied to around 65-80 adults and 10-15 children at the end of December. This service was particularly supported and made possible by the giving of band leaders, Sam Richardson, Clive Beckhelling, Marlon Steed, Zach and Kaile and Tim and Barble Finch. This was also the first service in St George's history to be regularly live streamed following the cessation of pre-recorded services and utmost thanks go to the team of Matt Norman, Matt Ellett, Tim Baker and Henry Griffin for making this possible. Without the giving and talents of these people this service simply would not have been possible.
- In the church, a more traditional service of communion is held at 9.30 using common worship. At first, there was some concern that the new service might detract from the attendees at the more traditional model of worship, whereas the reality has been a steady attendance of around 60-70. Musically, we give great thanks to our choir ably lead on piano by Stephen Page and Ian Carson.
- Midweek worship came in two main ways, on a weekly basis we held 'Worship on Wednesdays' with Marion Steed on piano and vocals and an open space for prayer and worship. Once a month there is a BCP communion held, although numbers have been rather small at this service and there are questions about its viability moving forward.
- Services at St Georges are led by ordained and lay people and we're especially grateful to our readers, Peter Ball and Kate Taylor for their ministry to us. The death of Peter in April 2023 after 40 years of faithful ministry will be sorely missed.
- God has blessed us richly with many retired ministers and we're grateful for their seen and unseen contributions, special thanks go to Rev. Geoff Treasure, Rev. Jenny Jeffrey, Rev. Michael Hayes and Rev. Martin Kirkbride for all of their hard work, love and dedication.
- A Curate on placement, Jan Church, led a weekly 'Prayer through Art' course that helped people explore faith, culture and philosophy using a piece of art as an object of reflection.
- We held a number of events aimed at welcoming newer musicians called 'Worship Jams' these were really special nights of practice, fun and in the end prayer as we gathered together in praise.
- A special service was held for our Harvest Festival at Cutliffe Farm which attracted enormous numbers of people which we struggled to count. A big thanks to the Parris family for welcoming us so kindly into their barn with a fleet of tractors and special thanks again to Matt Norman and Matt Ellett for managing to organise sound, lighting and live streaming from the middle of a farm!
- Christmas services were a blockbuster this year with high numbers of attendants at all services. Running two consecutive christingles was a particular success and on Christmas day there was standing room only for our joint service.
- Lastly, live streaming is a whole stream of our identity at St George's with some members only able to access via online portals. Using Youtube, we now have over 350 subscribers and weekly views of our services regularly over 100. It is a little difficult to break down these figures beyond the headlines and the number of those who 're-watch' is impossible to calculate but we do also attract regular visitors from overseas including New Zealand, Cambodia and Japan. Special thanks to Bethan Baigent for all of her work on making this happen.

Family and Children

- Stay and Play remains a blockbuster part of our week with a full hall on a weekly basis for families to gather with their tiny ones for fun, play, stories and friendship. A Christmas service was held in Church for everyone. Special thanks goes to all of the leaders and in particular, Judith Pickles, Laura Archibald, Barbara Reeves and many many more.
- Buggy Buddies launched in 2022 led by Bryony Griffin. Groups of parents walk with their children around the area in an opportunity to talk, sing songs, drink coffee and make friends. A bible study was held once a month for those who wanted to stay on and several families have joined the church as a result.
- Mossy Church ran an extraordinary amount of outreach events in 2022, led by Bryony Griffin including visits to Wildside for bug hunts and stargazing, a Teddy Bear abseiling/zip wire adventure (only one bear hurt...) and creation themed events with a gentle Christian message. Bookings and numbers at these events are high between 50-70 attendees.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- In September, the 11.00 service launched 'Kids@11' the first 'Sunday School' to be held on a regular basis for over a decade. This has grown so happily and full that there is a 'Youth@11' planned for 2023. Special thanks to all of the leaders involved, especially Hilary Hayes, Jenny Norman, Ruth Rendell, Rose Slack and more.
- Creche@11 meets upstairs in the hall combining play, songs alongside streaming the service into the space. This has helped to form happy bonds between many of the families attending the services.
- I am a school governor at Bishop Henderson School and give assemblies in St Michael's Church on a regular basis.

Community – the number of these projects means I will be brief in my descriptions.

- Cosy Café - using the Government 'Warm Spaces' grant and led by Ian Hemmens, we gathered together twice a week from November onwards for coffee, friendship and a roaring (virtual) fire in the Dunning room. It was much more about friendship and time spent together than keeping warm. This was well received by the whole community and has been maintained in a voluntary capacity since the funding has run out.
- Hilary McKegney has led our pastoral team, following on from the work of Rachel Neal. The regular visits, home communions and support offered is superb and I am proud to work alongside them in caring for our church and wider community.
- Our new reader, Kate Taylor has taken charge of our engagement with the care homes, supporting St George's Care Home, Ellisfield Court and Elizabeth House. This work has moved on a great stride this year and I am grateful to Kate and her team.
- We bought a Tuk-Tuk with the plan to build a regular mobile community café. Terry Ware led a team of men to convert the vehicle and it is now fully kitted out with lights, electrics and shelving to serve coffee and refreshments in the community. Our first outing was at Christmas time, to spread carols and a cup of good cheer!
- As a spin off from the Tuk-Tuk project, a 'Men's Shed' was created that meets on a fortnightly basis in the Scout Hut led by Terry Ware.
- Jane Joyce has led our churchyard gardening team beautifully and their careful and diligent work has produced a well used, appreciated and impressive churchyard space. Thank you to all of the team!
- Stroll for the soul continues to gather groups for a gentle walk with prayer, friendship and the occasional song along the byways of Taunton.
- Soup Saturdays ran for roughly the first half of the year under the leadership of Rosa Parsloe. These have taken a pause now as after many years of running it, the team have decided it was time for a break. Always well attended these sessions raised thousands of pounds for the life of St Georges and this is an area we'd like to pick up again in the future.
- Following the 11.00 service, the 'Loaves and Fishes' group ran a few after-service meals under the leadership of Ian Hemmens, Barbara Howell, Michelle Howell and more. It is no small feat to feed 90+ people and it was a wonderful expression of our community.
- Knit and Natter runs on a monthly basis on zoom.
- Under the oversight of Geoff Treasure there are now 4 regular housegroups that meet, plus a few others that access our material. There is a need for more groups but there is a shortage of leaders and hosts. Special thanks to Geoff for his diligence and kindness in this wonderful work.
- We were awarded a grant for running a community fridge – coming in 2023.
- The Christmas Fayre was another extravaganza with over 400 people accessing the activities and over £2000 raised. Special thanks go to our co-ordinators, Hilary McKegney, Bethan Baigent and Bryony Griffin. One stallholder commented 'this was the best organised fayre, I've ever been to'.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Finance and Resources

Our treasurer has given a report on finance below, so here I will focus on our physical and human resources.

- Our first year of Ministry Experience Scheme concluded with our candidates all exploring ministry in different ways, Lucy Davies went to Wycliffe Hall to train for ordination, Tim Whitfield went off to YWAM, Laurence Pallant now leads 'Awaken' 20-30s ministry and William Brown is leading and speaking at his home church. Our second year of recruitment was miraculous, starting with barely enough people to run and ending up with 8 attendants. These are all exploring ministry and having opportunities to exercise these gifts in the church. This is a Diocesan sponsored project.
- We welcomed Rev. Jan Church for an extended placement visit during her curacy and we were especially grateful for her joyful services and prayer through art.
- The PCC began the process of reviewing our buildings and spaces. Paul Cole has been especially kind in offering his architectural gifts to help us think through these different spaces so that we might fulfil our vision of being a hub for the community of Wilton and Sherford.

Mission

- We ran a successful Alpha Course with roughly 20 people. Thanks to all of the table leaders, Jay Lanchbury, Rowan Austin, David and Rose Slack plus Ian and Val Hemmens who cooked wonderfully for our guests. All of the attendants were grateful and a few commitments to faith were made during the course. A follow up housegroup is planned for 2023.
- I led two 'Bible in one year' groups that met to explore and talk through the great journeys of scripture.
- The Christian Concerns group coordinated by Carole Smith has helped us to engage with and support our mission partners.

Prayer

- Our old choir vestry was transformed into a 'Prayer Room' by Tim Whitfield. The space is now refurbished and in use but needs a bit more TLC. Some further events to launch and work to make best use of the prayer room are planned for 2023.
- Prayer ministry at the 11.00 service was re-established and there are regular opportunities to spend time in prayer with others after the service.

Conclusion.

After writing nearly 2000 words, I fear I have not been able to summarise the wealth of activities that have taken place in 2022. I am sure I've missed aspects, projects and if I've missed your name, forgive me. St George's Church Wilton is a vibrant community of worship, word and Spirit. As the vicar, I get all of the credit, but the truth is, I couldn't do an iota of what we do without my amazing team in particular the work of the office through Bethan Baigent is excellent and the support of my Churchwardens, Peter Joyce and Hilary McKegney is stellar. Who knows what God will do amongst us in 2023?

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

The PCC's main source of income is regular donations from church members through our Christian Giving scheme, most of which are gift aided. Other sources include rental income from letting out the church hall and occasional legacies. 2022 saw the return to a more normal pattern of church attendance after the effects of Covid in recent years. As described above, the congregations and church membership have grown significantly in 2022, particularly as a result of the introduction of the 11.00 service. We are pleased to report that there has been a corresponding increase in our Christian Giving although the timing has lagged behind the church membership as people have taken time to settle into St George's. The Christian Giving income together with the associated tax refund is up by £13,773 to £111,385.

The church hall is once again in more regular use following the lifting of Covid restrictions and rental income increased to £15,023 (2021: £4,761).

For the first time for several years, the Parish Share of £82,770 was paid in full.

The PCC received a very generous legacy of £30,000 from the late Brian Underwood, a long-standing member of the church, for which we are very grateful. It was largely as a result of this legacy that the PCC has been able to record a surplus for the year of £13,753 before investment losses.

The church is not immune from the financial challenges being faced nationally and internationally. The increased church attendance and the new 11.00 service have inevitably added to the running costs of the church across a wide range of accounts headings. Live streaming and the recording of services have required investment in technical equipment over several years. There has been more investment in music and youth work. Like everyone else the church has had to pay higher electricity and gas charges although the effects have been mitigated by a grant from the national church. There have been several new initiatives during the year and although some have been partially grant funded, they do come with a modest cost. The Diocese has shown considerable flexibility and understanding of the financial difficulties faced at parish level for which we are grateful. We are thankful that the congregation has responded well to meeting our growing costs and we are confident that they will face the future financial challenges faithfully and generously.

Reserves Policy

A charity's reserves fund the working capital which is required to pay for day-to-day operations. In addition, reserves are held to meet unforeseen costs, to finance new initiatives and to fund gaps between cash receipts and payments.

Our policy is to maintain a minimum level of free unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months revenue expenditure. As at 31 December 2022, the PCC's unrestricted reserves stood at £50,582 which amounts to just under 4 months revenue expenditure.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover the day-to-day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds and the endowment fund. The PCC's endowment funds are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares administered by the CCLA.

Risk Management

The trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. Cash flow is monitored and a financial update is provided at every PCC meeting. The level of voluntary income and our ability to pay the Parish Share are regularly discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees , who are the PCC members, who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr M Yardley	
Mr C Michell	
Mrs R Parsloe	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
Mrs C Smith	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
Mrs C Steel	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
Mrs R Neal	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
Mr P Joyce	
Mrs J Norman	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
Rev'd Dr N Griffin	
Mr P McKegney	(Deceased 1 December 2022)
Mrs H McKegney	
Mr M Norman	
Ms M Carson	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Mr P Cole	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Mr P Underwood	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Mr I Pinder	(Appointed 10 May 2022)
Mrs B Baigent	

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC, and which is reviewed annually.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity), and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated "for ecclesiastical purposes".

Specific roles fulfilled by PCC members are as follows:

Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin (Chair)

Churchwardens: Mr Peter Joyce
Mrs Hilary McKegney

Deanery Synod Representatives: Mr Christopher Michell
Dr Michael Yardley

Secretary to the Church Council: Mrs Helen Clegg

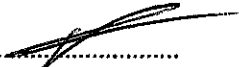
Treasurer to the Church Council: Mr Ian Pinder

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date: 15/15/23

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

PA Stallard
Lentells Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants



Ash House
Cook Way
Bindon Road
Taunton
Somerset
TA2 6BJ

Dated: 16-05-2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	148,936	19,120	-	168,056	127,451
Other trading activities	4	17,111	-	-	17,111	4,731
Investments	5	753	-	-	753	654
Other income	6	6,351	-	-	6,351	6,972
Total income		173,151	19,120	-	192,271	139,808
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	152,171	24,449	-	176,620	133,673
Other expenses	10	1,898	-	-	1,898	2,088
Total expenditure		154,069	24,449	-	178,518	135,761
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	(2,975)	(2,975)	3,163
Net movement in funds		19,082	(5,329)	(2,975)	10,778	7,210
Net movement in funds		19,082	(5,329)	(2,975)	10,778	7,210
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		31,500	11,457	25,270	68,227	61,017
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		50,582	6,128	22,295	79,005	68,227

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	114,942	12,509	-	127,451
Other trading activities	4	4,731	-	-	4,731
Investments	5	654	-	-	654
Other income	6	6,972	-	-	6,972
Total income		127,299	12,509	-	139,808
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	7	122,232	11,441	-	133,673
Other expenses	10	2,088	-	-	2,088
Total expenditure		124,320	11,441	-	135,761
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	3,163	3,163
Gross transfers between funds		(375)	375	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,604	1,443	3,163	7,210
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		28,896	10,014	22,107	61,017
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		31,500	11,457	25,270	68,227

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		22,295		25,271
Current assets					
Debtors	14	10,295		7,072	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,923		49,231	
		<u>67,218</u>		<u>56,303</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	10,508		13,347	
		<u>10,508</u>		<u>13,347</u>	
Net current assets			56,710		42,956
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>79,005</u>		<u>68,227</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds	16		22,295		25,270
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		6,128		11,457
Unrestricted funds - general			50,582		31,500
			<u>79,005</u>		<u>68,227</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2023



Mr I Pinder
Trustee

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	20		6,939		8,518
Investing activities					
Investment income received		753		654	
Net cash generated from investing activities			753		654
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			7,692		9,172
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			49,231		40,059
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>56,923</u>		<u>49,231</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's, Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial Instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	114,022	15,120	129,142	102,942	12,509	115,451
Legacies receivable	30,000	-	30,000	12,000	-	12,000
Grants receivable	4,914	4,000	8,914	-	-	-
	<u>148,936</u>	<u>19,120</u>	<u>168,056</u>	<u>114,942</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>127,451</u>
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	82,770	-	82,770	63,278	-	63,278
Christian Giving - non GA	7,923	-	7,923	14,418	-	14,418
Collections Charity	-	11,512	11,512	50	4,856	4,906
Donations - Coffee	794	-	794	311	-	311
Donations - Others	203	3,321	3,524	5,381	-	5,381
Donations - Hall and church	1,640	287	1,927	1,981	5,260	7,241
Tax recoverable CG	20,692	-	20,692	17,523	2,393	19,916
	<u>114,022</u>	<u>15,120</u>	<u>129,142</u>	<u>102,942</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>115,451</u>
Legacies receivable						
Legacies	30,000	-	30,000	12,000	-	12,000
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Fundraising and church events	2,086	-
Hall hire and allotment rent	15,025	4,731
	<u>17,111</u>	<u>4,731</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Income from listed investments	663	641
Interest receivable	90	13
	<u>753</u>	<u>654</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	2,354	1,129
Churchyard income, war memorial and sundry income	1,081	1,101
BHS Chaplain - grant	2,916	4,742
	<u>6,351</u>	<u>6,972</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	30,161	29,376
Giving	11,512	5,722
Parish share	83,767	67,939
Staff and speaker expenses	566	144
Altar expenses and flowers	608	606
Music and organist costs	4,861	2,594
Youth activities and education	7,772	231
Office costs	6,077	3,941
Church and hall establishment costs	12,920	8,382
Church & hall repairs and maintenance	18,376	14,738
	<u>176,620</u>	<u>133,673</u>
	<u>176,620</u>	<u>133,673</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	152,171	
Restricted funds	24,449	
	<u>176,620</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2021		
Unrestricted funds - general		122,232
Restricted funds		11,441
		<u>133,673</u>

8 Trustees

No remuneration or expenses were paid to members of the PCC for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2022	2021
Number	Number
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	30,161	29,376

The salary costs include the Parish Administrator and part of the cost of the Bishop Henderson School Chaplain.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2022	Unrestricted funds general 2021
Professional fees	632	887
Independent Examination	1,020	1,020
Bank charges	246	181
	<u>1,898</u>	<u>2,088</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>(2,975)</u>	<u>3,163</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	25,271
Valuation changes	(2,975)
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2022	22,296
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	22,296
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2021	25,271
	<u> </u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Financial instruments	2022	2021
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	22,295	25,270
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
14 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	6,330	4,765
Prepayments and accrued income	3,965	2,308
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	10,295	7,073
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
15 Other creditors falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	10,508	13,347
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2022	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments					
Wilton Church Allotments - CBF Church of England Investment Fund - income shares	22,107	3,164	25,270	(2,975)	22,295
	<u>22,107</u>	<u>3,164</u>	<u>25,270</u>	<u>(2,975)</u>	<u>22,295</u>
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This comprises 1079.06 units at market value of 2066.14 pence.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021		Movement in funds		Transfers		Balance at 1 January 2022		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2022	
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£	£	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£	£
Pews	3,000	750	-	-	-	3,750	-	-	-	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	1,204	-	-	-	(183)	1,021	287	-	-	-	-	1,308
Defibrillator	800	-	(800)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church WiFi & sound system	5,010	6,903	(5,785)	558	558	6,686	500	(7,186)	-	-	-	-
Giving	-	4,856	(4,856)	-	-	-	11,512	(11,512)	-	-	-	-
Mossy Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	(179)	188	(179)	9	9
TukTuk	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,668	(4,668)	4,668	(4,668)	-	-
Warm Space (Cosy Cafe)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,615	(654)	1,615	(654)	961	961
Hearing Loop	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	(250)	250	(250)	-	-
Prayer Room	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	100	-	-	100
	<u>10,014</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>(11,441)</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>11,457</u>	<u>19,120</u>	<u>(24,449)</u>	<u>6,128</u>				

Donations received for the specific purpose of Hall refurbishment and specific church repairs are treated as restricted income and are used as works are undertaken.

Donations made by worshippers for giving, in the UK and for overseas projects, are collected and distributed to charities as they are received.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:

Investments
Current assets/(liabilities)

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Endowment funds 2022	Total	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Endowment funds 2021	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	50,582	-	22,295	22,295	-	-	25,270	25,270
Current assets/(liabilities)	50,582	6,128	-	56,710	31,500	11,457	-	42,957
	<u>50,582</u>	<u>6,128</u>	<u>22,295</u>	<u>79,005</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>11,457</u>	<u>25,270</u>	<u>68,227</u>

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19 Related party transactions

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employment benefits including employer's pension contributions of the key management personnel in the year were £nil (2021: £ nil).

20 Cash generated from operations	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus for the year	10,778	7,210
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(753)	(654)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	2,975	(3,163)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(3,222)	(855)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,839)	5,980
Cash generated from operations	<u>6,939</u>	<u>8,518</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

May 2023

For Year Ending
31st December 2022

APCM
Reports

St George's Church, Wilton, Taunton
Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 15th May 2023
Churchwardens' Report for the year 2022
Including the 'Premises, Goods and Ornaments' Report.

1. Church Records

In accordance with The Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory are to the best of our knowledge up to date and accurate. These are available for inspection in the Church Office. Also, the Register of Services has been maintained and is kept in the Vestry. Other record books (Weddings, Baptisms, Burials and Confirmations) are kept in the small safe in the Vestry.

2. The Church

2.1 Goods and Ornaments

- The goods and ornaments recorded in the Log Book and Inventory are all present and in good order. The silverware and brass items are regularly cleaned by members of the congregation.

2.2 Repairs and Maintenance

- Boiler & Heating: The Church boiler had its annual service in September 2022. As recommended by the Church Architect, the temperature inside the Church has been maintained at around 13oC during the winter. A smart meter was fitted to the gas supply.
- West Door Handle: The Victorian wrought iron door handle of the West door, which was reported to the police as cut off and stolen in April 2020, was found in September beside a grave in the churchyard. This was repaired and re-fitted by Terry Ware in December.
- Other Potential Work: It should be noted that the last Quinquennial inspection of the Church was carried out on 22nd May 2014, so another survey and any recommendations for repair work by the Church Architect is long overdue, even allowing for the restricted activity during the pandemic.

2.3 Work and Improvements

- Hearing Loop System : The old, sub-standard hearing loop system was replaced on 13th June with a new amplifier and loop (Univox Listener system with loop receiver, testing device and headphones) by Gordon Morris of Somerton at a cost of £809. This has been working well.
- Bicycle Racks : Three bicycle racks were installed by Pete McKegney just outside the South Porch in the summer.
- Bell Maintenance : The possible need for maintenance of the bells has been checked on a regular basis by Jeremy Taylor, one of the regular ringers.

3. The Churchyard

- Old Choir Vestry / Prayer Room: This was converted to create a Prayer Room, with a smaller Church Store at the rear of the building. Fire extinguishers have been provided. Some general improvement to the Prayer Room and repair work (to gutters and windows) will be required in 2023 to make it more suitable for its purpose.
- Activity in the Churchyard. Over the last year, the Churchyard has been well used for different activities, including an Easter sunrise service (17th April), Mossy Church nature trails, and the successful Christmas Fayre (3rd December) and other events. In addition, the Churchyard has continued to be a place where people from the local community come to enjoy its peace and quiet, and where encounters give an opportunity for discussion, comforting and sharing faith.
- Gardening and Maintenance. Churchyard Gardening Volunteers (typically 4 – 6 people per session) continue to carry out tasks, including weeding, pruning shrubs and raking up grass cuttings. This happens as a group mainly on the third Saturday morning of each month (March – November), or on an individual basis at other times, to

keep the Churchyard looking well cared-for. As ever, more volunteers would be very welcome. In addition, gardening work in different areas is undertaken by four contractors (Patrick O'Shea of 'Cut No Corners'; David Baily of 'Cemetery Services'; Neal Kirkbride's Garden Services; and Tim Denovan-Smith).

4. Church Hall

- Equipment: A large television screen was provided in the Dunning Room. Also, thanks to a grant obtained by Pete McKegney, four bicycle racks were installed outside the entrance, and these have been well used.
- AV System: Additional electrical sockets were installed in November to facilitate the setting up of the AV equipment, including the cameras used for live-streaming services.
- Maintenance: Routine maintenance has been carried out, including servicing the gas boiler, replacement of a faulty valve in the heating control system, and the annual inspection of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

5. Pete McKegney:

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Pete McKegney on 1st December, after a long illness. Pete was formerly a Churchwarden here at St George's. A wonderful service of thanksgiving for his life was held in the very full Church on 19th December.

6. Thanks

We would like to record our thanks to the many volunteers who, over the last year have helped with all the tasks needed to support and encourage the life of our church family - for example as Welcomers at both Sunday services (9.30am in Church; 11am in the Hall); those who have worked in the coffee and refreshments team in the Hall, and those who set up the altar before services and those who clean in the Church, as well as the Choir and musicians. We would also like to thank those members of the Prayer Circle and the Pastoral Care visiting team for supporting those in need. Thanks are also due to those helping with Churchyard Gardening, our Flower Arrangers and Bell Ringers, as well as many others in often 'unsung' roles. Thanks too to Stuart Colwill (whose father, Ray, was Associate Priest at St George's) who generously continues to pay for the maintenance of the south side of the Churchyard.

We are very grateful to Bryony Griffin for planning and overseeing initiatives with children's and families work, specifically Mossy Church and Buggy Buddies. We continue to be indebted to Bethan Baigent, our Parish Administrator for her hard work and creativity. She has also maintained our general communication and connection with church members 'on the periphery' through the weekly News Board and social media. We also very much appreciate and are grateful that Ian Pinder has taken over from John Page the responsibility of Treasurer.

We look forward to 2023, confident that we will continue to 'grow in Spirit and in number'.

Peter Joyce & Hilary McKegney
Churchwardens
4th May 2023

Pastoral Care and Support Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

Pastoral care and support is provided in a variety of ways by many individuals and groups at St. Georges. This report, however, is specific to pastoral visiting, home communion and our work in care homes.

A team of pastoral visitors provide care and support for the vulnerable and those in need in the parish and wider community. Pastoral visitors serve as the eyes and ears of the church and are commissioned to visit by Rev. Nick Griffin who is ultimately responsible for pastoral care at St. Georges. Visits are carried out in the person's home whether this is in their own residence, hospital, nursing or residential home. The focus of the visit is to provide Christian fellowship and to meet any spiritual or emotional need which may involve conversation, reading and/or prayer. Visits are tailored to the individual needs of the person but will often include simply listening, practical tasks and signposting, if required, to other agencies.

Care and Residential Homes

During 2022 St George's have continued to offer a service to Care and Residential homes. Ellisfields have a monthly Communion Service which is attended by on average fifteen residents. There was a special service after the Queen had died which was well received. The Carol Service was a popular event with good attendance by residents who do not normally come to the Communion Service. Two residents attend the 9 30am service.

Elizabeth House is very welcoming, we meet monthly for a time of reflection and by request Songs of Praise. The staff value the support offered especially when there have been difficulties in the house. The Carol service was well attended. Two residents attend the 9 30 am service regularly.

St George's residential home has presented difficulties in engaging both the staff and residents. I have continued to visit monthly and offer one to one prayer and support and engage residents with craft activities based around seasonal themes.

Home Visits

Home Communions are offered on both long and short term basis for those unable to attend church. Mountbatten Nursing Home has not responded to our offer to provide a service.

Holy Communion is offered to people in their own homes if they, for whatever reason, are unable to come to church. This includes people who are ill, dying or housebound. Family members may also attend the short service of communion which is carried out in the home.

The visitors get together quarterly as a means of support for each other as well as discussing how things are going and how we could improve. Visitors are trained in all matters related to safeguarding, confidentiality and maintaining appropriate boundaries. The cosy cafe is promoted by the visitors as an excellent way for people to meet and socialise in a safe space.

The team is aware that there are many people of all ages in our community who have pastoral needs and would like to be able to extend the offer of support to all those who need it in whatever way they need it. We hope to develop some new ideas over the next 12 months to extend our offer. Please do contact the team on pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to refer someone for pastoral care or if you are interested in joining the team.

Hilary McKegney, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

St George's Children & Families Work Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

2022 was a busy year of outreach and development for the Family and Children's work at St Georges. We sought to develop good relationships with families through multiple points of contact with groups, events and services, to demonstrate the God's love by offering community care, action and development opportunities. 2022 had two clear focuses; stepping out in faith to try new initiatives and development of strong teams of volunteers to enable ministry. Recruitment for all groups is one of our chief challenges.

Ministry to Children on Sundays

September 2022 marked a new start for ministry to children on Sunday mornings. With the launch of the 11 service we didn't have sufficient volunteer numbers to begin Sunday groups for children straight away. Instead, we provided activity and craft packs to do in the service, followed on by the opening of the "Family Room". This provided a space for families to freely access together throughout the service for more space and crafts and activities based on the passage from the service. As our volunteer numbers increased, we were able to begin "Kids@11" in September 2022, weekly Sunday group for children aged 3-12. This provided space to explore Biblical truths, sing songs, stories, crafts, games and a space to play and make friends. The Kids@11 used resources from 'Trueway Kids'. The weekly attendance of children to December '22 grew steadily averaging between 5-10 children each session. We are so grateful for the team of dedicated volunteers, under the leadership of Hilary Hayes who have selflessly given their time, effort and love to our children. Thank you!

Mossy Church

From Jan – Dec 2022 we ran 12 Mossy Church events on various themes throughout the seasons including autumn, bug hunting, hibernation, the seaside, birds, creation and summer which all proved to be very popular. The Mossy team hosted two special sessions up at Wildside Experiences near Hemyock where we explored the starry skies and a harvest session too. We had a special fundraising event where teddy bears got the chance to zip wire and abseil from the church tower, which raised over £100 which was used to buy tuff trays and other equipment for the children's work and Mossy Church.

Buggy Buddies

With the colder weather, 2022 started quietly for Buggy Buddies, but we saw steady growth of people attending as the weather improved. We continued to hold all of the sessions outside until the winter time when we went to the church after our walk for the story/song/coffee time. Good relationships have been built with a number of families, and we have been able to welcome some of them to now be regular church members. Our team is small and more volunteers are needed.

Mums Bible Study

A number of Mums from the Buggy Buddies group wanted to be able to have a Bible Study together with the children present. This short Bible Study group took place after the Buggy Buddies sessions in the church hall.

Christmas Buggy Service

All of the St George's Families groups came together at Christmas to run the first Buggy service for parents/carers and their 0-5's in the church for a short and informal service. This interactive service told the nativity story and the families enjoyed making crafts, singing carols and songs as well as sensory play trays throughout. The Stay and Play team kindly hosted some festive refreshments in the hall and a space for more playtime for the children. We will look to do a Buggy service during future seasons.

Stay and Play

Our longstanding baby and toddler group is always a full hall on a weekly basis for families to gather with their tiny ones for fun, play, stories and friendship. A Christmas service was held in Church for everyone. Our leaders deserve great thanks for sharing the work load of planning, leading and cake making so thank you to the team. Special thanks to Laura Archibald, Judith Pickles and Barbara Reeves. We also have a band of willing helpers working in the kitchen who usually have as much fun, cake and coffee as those coming along! Thank you all.

We are in need of help with setting up and putting away as this is getting trickier so there is still a need for additional helpers, even if this is possibly once a term. Help with just chatting to the adults and help in the kitchen would make a difference.

We do receive wonderful feedback for our toddler group and the fresh snacks, fresh coffee and homemade cakes are always appreciated. We are all looking forward to another exciting year.

Christmas Fayre

All of the different families groups were involved in running stalls and activities for the Christmas fayre including Santa's grotto, face painting, tombolas and more. This festive event was really helpful in being able to develop links with individuals and businesses in the local community, to share the Christmas message and invite people to the Christmas services as well as raise funds for the church.

Uniformed Organisations

We have been able to run a number of sessions for the uniformed organisations in the church. Each of them enjoyed completing a scavenger hunt around the church as well as games and the opportunity to ask questions about the Christian faith and the church.

The Families team

Bishop Henderson CEVA Primary School Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

2022 was a very mixed year in school with parts of the year still severely impacted by COVID and then parts which have seen a super return to 'normality'.

The year started with the school still in Amber measures meaning that there were strict bubbles around the school and parts of the school where we struggled to remain open. Whereas previously we had seen only a few cases, we saw a sudden rise in cases, particularly amongst staff and we had a few weeks where different classes needed to close as we simply couldn't staff them. The Spring term was very challenging and teaching and learning were impacted as a result.

This began to ease and by the time we reached the summer term, we were able to start to tentatively lift some restrictions and start to resume some normal activities.

We had a lovely time as a school celebrating Easter, with pupils in each key stage planning and delivering their own Easter service at St Michael's church. Though we were still not able to have parents come and join us, this was the first time we had handed the planning over to the children and we were really blown away by what they produced for us.

We were then able to welcome parents to celebrate sports day with us and wow, did we have an amazing turn out! It was such a joy to see so many of our families with us again and to enjoy sharing their children's successes with them.

As we drew the term to an end, we prepared to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. They entertained us with a fabulous production of 'Star Wars' and displayed their amazing acting and singing skills. For the second year in a row, we enjoyed an 'in-house' residential where we saw our school field overtaken by tents as the year 6 children and some of our staff families joined together for a sleep over outside. Great fun (and a little sleep) was had by all! We finished the year with a moving leavers service where we spoke about each child as a plant which had been tended and grown and left the children with their own seeds to plant.

As the term drew to a close, we also saw a change in Reverend Jenny's role as she switched from being a paid member of staff, kindly supported by St George's and St Michael's as well as the school, to changing to a voluntary role. Jenny did not want any fanfare or farewell as her role has continued throughout the year, but we want to acknowledge what an incredible service she has been to our school community over the years – and continues to be.

When we returned to school in September it really was school like it used to be and our full range of activities resumed. This has been a great joy and we have made the most of being able to go out on trips again, join as a whole school for collective worship and invite parents to share more widely in the life of the school.

The year ended on a real high. To celebrate the fact that we could all be back together, we mounted a community performance of 'While Shepherds Watched.' By Roger Jones. The children in KS2 performed the acting roles and each year group had their own part to play. This was accompanied by an adult choir of over 20 parents, grandparents and friends of the school, and a live band of 9 incredible musicians. We performed to a packed-out audience at St Michael's and it was an amazing end to the year. There has been a call to do the same with another musical next year – we would love to have folks from St George's involved if you would like to! Keep an eye out for a flier nearer the time!

If you would like to find out more about the life and goings on of the school, please have a look at our new website to find out more. Once again, thank you to the congregation of St Georges for their continued prayer support and financial support of the work of Jenny.

Rachel White, Headteacher Bishop Henderson

St George's Bellringers

Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

The past 12 months have been a busy time for us. Apart from our regular practice sessions on Tuesday evenings and ringing every Sunday for the 9.30 service we have marked various national events, and other more local, domestic events, with additional ringing, bringing in assistance from other churches where necessary.

In June 2022 we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a quarter peal on the 2nd of June and a period of general ringing the following day.

In sad contrast we marked the passing of Queen Elizabeth by ringing the bells 'half muffled' on 8th September. The muffles were then removed for us to ring the bells 'open' on 10th September to celebrate the proclamation of Charles as king. We then had to refit the muffles so we could ring a quarter peal 'half muffled' on the 13th September on the Queen's return from Scotland to Buckingham Palace, and again on the 19th September for her funeral. Quarter peals were also rung to mark other notable local events including the arrival of a new member to the Griffin family and Brenda Arscott's 'big' birthday.

We have been pleased to welcome bands of visiting ringers from as far afield as Essex, Kent, Scotland, Bristol and Exeter.

On the 14th January 2023 we hosted the AGM of the Taunton branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers where our new recruits were made members of the Association. We estimate that at least 40 ringers had a chance to have a go on our bells either side of a soup lunch and the AGM in the hall. A very successful event.

The number of ringers at St George's has been falling steadily over the past few years for a variety of reasons but we are now delighted to report that recent events, such as the Advent Fair, have seen us gather some new recruits, and we are now teaching 5 adults and 3 young people at various stages in the learning process. We have also welcomed 2 'lapsed ringers' and hope they will join us on a regular basis.

In April 2023 we were able to enter bands into 3 of the 4 categories in the Taunton Branch striking competition. The bands entering the 'rounds' and the 'call changes' categories included some of our more advanced 'novice ringers' supported by more experienced ringers, while our 'A Team' competed in the 'method' category. We were delighted to win all 3 categories that we entered and were able to show off our trophy haul to the congregation the next day. Some of our newer ringers will be ready to have a go at this next year when we hope to repeat our success!

The coronation of King Charles III on 6th May was marked by a ringing of all 10 bells at 9.00 am with a band of local ringers past and present, friends, visitors and, most importantly, our cohort of new and recent recruits.

We have always raised a modest amount of money to be used for day-to-day maintenance of the bells from personal donations, fees and donations from visiting ringers. In the past this money has been kept on deposit at HSBC but this has been becoming increasingly inconvenient and expensive to a point where we decided it was not cost effective. The balance of £1,640.99 was transferred into the St George's account in January 2023 where it will be kept 'ring fenced' for use at the discretion of the bellringers for maintenance and ancillary purposes relating to the bells and bell ringing. Our thanks to the PCC for allowing us to do this. We are very grateful for the support that we have from Nick, the PCC and the congregation and we are pleased to report that the future of bell ringing at St George's is looking good!

Brenda Arscott, Jeremy Taylor and Elizabeth Lane.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WILTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1134647

Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

Wilton PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev. Dr Nick Griffin in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the aforementioned properties. It is our intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its Hall, Churchyard, and Allotments should be available to the local community, whether they are church members or not.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Parochial Church Council should undertake.

Achievements and performance

2021 was significantly disrupted by Covid-19 pandemic. This shaped our activities and responses in numerous ways.

Church Membership and Activity

There are 116 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31st December 2021 was 158.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2021 there were 0 weddings and 5 baptisms in the church. There were 11 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Deane Crematorium. All of these events bring the Church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It does present an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Worship

- The congregation met weekly in person at 10.00am and online through our weekly recorded services. These recorded services enabled us to engage with a wide variety of the community that find access to church services difficult for various reasons.
- Seven 'outdoor worship' services were held through the year. These always attracted large numbers.
- The 10.00 Tuesday communion service met during the latter part of the year.
- On Thursdays at 12.30, we held an hour of worship between September to December. This was led ecumenically by the 'Pursuit' worship team.
- St George's also holds regular services in local residential homes: St George's Residential Home, Elizabeth House and Mountbatten Nursing Home.
- Holy Communion is taken to a small number of housebound people who are not in residential care.
- Music is an important part of our worship. The choir are a great help, rehearsing regularly under the direction of one of our organists, Stephen Page.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

- We have added new styles of musical worship including a band.
- Our 10am Sunday service is heralded by the ringing of the church bells. Our dedicated team of ringers practice regularly. They have recruited and trained younger members to continue the tradition of calling the community to worship.
- Special services of remembrance were held for those lost during the pandemic and during remembrance season with the Scouts.

Outreach

- Through Revd. Jenny Jeffery, St George's has a very important link with Bishop Henderson CE VA Primary School. She gives so much to her role as School Chaplain where she meets many people who would not normally come to church but are grateful for her ministry. This has been disrupted during the pandemic and Jenny has offered support in different forms.
- The 'Mossy Church' initiative has held multiple events throughout the year and engaged many people from beyond the existing congregation. This work has also developed a significant online following.
- Buggy Buddies is a weekly opportunity for local parents to walk and talk coordinated by Bryony Griffin.
- 'Stay and Play', a group for mums and toddlers, meets weekly in the Hall during term time.
- Our online engagement has swelled to over 250 subscribers on YouTube with normally over 100 views per week for our recorded material.
- We enjoy getting to know each other socially through various events organised through the Church, and monthly soup lunches. These are also great opportunities to involve members of the wider community in the life of the church.
- The church website and notice boards are important sources of information for church members and local people. The number of enquiries coming through our website continues to increase.
- Many groups meet regularly in the Church Hall, which we also hire out for private celebrations. It has been estimated that some 500 people use it every week.
- Several members of St George's are involved in service to the community on behalf of the wider church e.g. Street Pastors and School Pastors.

Nurture

- There are 3 bible study groups and two 'activity groups'.
- A Lent course was held on zoom, attracting over 50 people.
- 'Knit and Natter' has offered a monthly opportunity for women to gather and chat online.
- Pastoral support is offered through our visiting team.
- 'Coffee zoom' is an opportunity for people to engage socially for those who aren't able to attend in person.
- All of the occasional offices, baptisms, weddings and funerals, are provided with support and preparation prior to the service.
- Stay and Play, our weekly mother and toddler group, helps create friendship and support among those who attend.

Buildings: the Church, the Church Hall and Churchyard.

- The Church building continues to be maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the last quinquennial survey which was carried out by our Church Architect, Jonathan Rhind.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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- The Hall is used for a huge variety of purposes: exercise classes, Scouts, badminton, Antenatal classes and other uniformed organisations, support groups and private parties. We are committed to improving these facilities which are used by so many in the community.
- The Churchyard Working Group led by Jane Joyce has continued to maintain and improve the churchyard. Except during winter, it holds monthly gardening sessions with volunteers to keep the Churchyard in good order. At other times the grass is cut by both volunteers, and a contractor. The Churchyard is visited by many people and is a much appreciated haven for quiet reflection.
- On the south side of the Church, the Churchyard is maintained by a contractor, whose cost is largely borne by a generous, regular donation from the son of a former Associate Priest of St George's Church.

People

Rev. Dr Nick Griffin, the new vicar was installed on 19/1/21 but due to the pandemic only had the first 'in-person' service on Good Friday. His installation was made official in a service in November.

Bethan Baigent has been the friendly, helpful and perpetually enthusiastic face of St George's to innumerable visitors to the Church Office. Always positive and exceptionally creative, she continues to have a huge impact on the running of our Church. Bethan's paid hours were increased to a full time contract in 2021.

Peter Ball has been issued a new license as a reader and continues to be a great support to the ministry offered. Dr. Robert Dunning retired as a reader and was sent off with a special service and gift.

St Georges is now home to a number of retired clergy that are of great help and support to the ministry offered here. Special mention must be made of Rev. Martin Kirkbride, Rev. Jenny Jeffery, Rev. Geoff Treasure and Rev. Michael Hayes.

Financial review

Finances

Government restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact adversely on the Church finances. This was felt most keenly with the inability to pay the Parish Share in full and the substantial loss of Hall revenue. Although much regretted, around two and a half months' Parish Share payment had to be withheld from the Diocese in order to retain 3 months' Unrestricted Reserves at the end of the year. However, this shortfall was almost 50% less than that in 2020, thereby raising the hope that full payment might be achievable in 2022.

Voluntary Income for 2021 was £127,451, an increase of £13,707 on the previous year. However, Christian Giving was down £1,732 on the previous year, and Hall Revenue was down £9,154 on the amount expected during a Covid-free year. The Unrestricted and Restricted funds showed an overall surplus of £4,046 for the year. The consolidated CBF Investment made an exceptional gain of £3,164 (14.3%) which contributed handsomely to the increase in the overall funds of £7,210.

We were able to send £4,856 to charities from our Sunday collections this year, which was restrained sadly by the lack of attendance in church. Nevertheless, Church members were encouraged to make their donations direct to the nominated charity for each month.

The PCC will continue to set a budget with challenging objectives to pursue measures that improve the appearance and functionality of the Hall in order to attract greater usage, and thereby increase revenue.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reserves Policy

Having considered what its needs are, the PCC has agreed that every endeavour will be made to retain Unrestricted Reserves for a three-month period in order to cover any foreseen and unforeseen expenditure.

Investment Powers and Policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds and the endowment fund.

Risk Management

The trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. The level of voluntary income and settlement of the parish share are regularly reviewed and discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr M Yardley

Mr C Michell

Mrs R Parsloe

Mrs C Smith

Mrs C Steel

Mrs R Neal

Mr P Joyce

Mrs J Norman

Rev'd Dr N Griffin

(Appointed 19 January 2021)

Mr P McKegney

Mrs H McKegney

Mr M Norman

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (1996).

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC, and which is reviewed annually.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity), and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated "for ecclesiastical purposes".

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved, unless otherwise stated, are:

Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin Chair
(started 19.01.21)

Churchwardens: Mr Peter Joyce
Mrs Hilary McKegney

Deanery Synod Representatives: Mr Christopher Michell
Dr Michael Yardley

Secretary to the Church Council: Mrs Bethan Baigent

Electoral roll officer: Mr Laurie Jeffery

Treasurer to the Church Council: Cdr John Page

Elected members:

Mr Pete McKegney
Mrs Jenny Norman
Mrs Rosa Parsloe
Mrs Carole Smith
Mrs Clare Steel
Mrs Rachel Neal
Mr Matthew Norman
Mrs Bethan Baigent (Co-opted November 2021)

The charity Trustees are: Dr M Yardley, Mr C Michell, Revd Dr Nick Griffin, Mrs C Steel, Mrs R Neal, Mrs J Norman, Mrs C Smith, Mrs R Parsloe, Mr P Joyce, Mr P McKegney, Mrs H McKegney and Mr M Norman.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

PA Stallard
Lentells Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants

Ash House
Cook Way
Bindon Road
Taunton
Somerset
TA2 6BJ

Dated:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	114,942	12,509	-	127,451	113,745
Other trading activities	4	4,731	-	-	4,731	4,041
Investments	5	654	-	-	654	694
Other income	6	6,972	-	-	6,972	6,615
Total income		127,299	12,509	-	139,808	125,095
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	122,232	11,441	-	133,673	96,652
Other expenses	10	2,088	-	-	2,088	1,768
Total resources expended		124,320	11,441	-	135,761	98,420
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	3,163	3,163	1,422
Net incoming resources before transfers		2,979	1,068	3,163	7,210	28,097
Net incoming resources before transfers		2,979	1,068	3,163	7,210	28,097
Gross transfers between funds		(375)	375	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,604	1,443	3,163	7,210	28,097
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		28,896	10,014	22,107	61,017	32,920
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		31,500	11,457	25,270	68,227	61,017

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	100,183	13,562	-	113,745
Other trading activities	4	4,041	-	-	4,041
Investments	5	694	-	-	694
Other income	6	6,615	-	-	6,615
Total income		111,533	13,562	-	125,095
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	7	91,896	4,756	-	96,652
Other expenses	10	1,768	-	-	1,768
Total resources expended		93,664	4,756	-	98,420
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	1,422	1,422
Net incoming resources before transfers		17,869	8,806	1,422	28,097
Gross transfers between funds		1,197	(1,197)	-	-
Net movement in funds		19,066	7,609	1,422	28,097
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		9,830	2,405	20,685	32,920
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		28,896	10,014	22,107	61,017

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		25,270		22,108
Current assets					
Debtors	14	7,073		6,217	
Cash at bank and in hand		49,231		40,059	
		<u>56,304</u>		<u>46,276</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	13,347		7,367	
		<u>13,347</u>		<u>7,367</u>	
Net current assets			42,957		38,909
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>68,227</u>		<u>61,017</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds	16		25,270		22,107
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		11,457		10,014
Unrestricted funds - general			31,500		28,896
			<u>68,227</u>		<u>61,017</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Trustee

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's, Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	20		8,519		18,258
Investing activities					
Investment income received		654		694	
Net cash generated from investing activities			654		694
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			9,173		18,952
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			40,059		21,107
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			49,231		40,059
CASH FLOW OUT OF BALANCE BY:			1		-

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and gifts	102,942	12,509	115,451	100,183	10,262	110,445
Legacies receivable	12,000	-	12,000	-	2,500	2,500
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	800	800
	<u>114,942</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>127,451</u>	<u>100,183</u>	<u>13,562</u>	<u>113,745</u>
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	63,278	-	63,278	65,681	-	65,681
Christian Giving - non GA	14,418	-	14,418	13,747	-	13,747
Collections Charity	50	4,856	4,906	-	4,302	4,302
Donations - Coffee	311	-	311	178	-	178
Donations - Others	5,381	-	5,381	1,714	-	1,714
Donations - Hall and church	1,981	5,260	7,241	374	5,960	6,334
Tax recoverable CG	17,523	2,393	19,916	18,489	-	18,489
	<u>102,942</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>115,451</u>	<u>100,183</u>	<u>10,262</u>	<u>110,445</u>
Legacies receivable						
Legacies	12,000	-	12,000	-	2,500	2,500
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Hall hire and allotment rent	4,731	4,041

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Income from listed investments	641	619
Interest receivable	13	75
	<u>654</u>	<u>694</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	1,129	1,191
Churchyard income, war memorial and sundry income	1,101	1,151
BHS Chaplain - grant	4,742	4,273
	<u>6,972</u>	<u>6,615</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

7 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	29,376	21,972
Giving	5,722	4,441
Parish share	67,939	46,614
Staff and speaker expenses	144	1,315
Altar expenses and flowers	606	235
Music and organist costs	2,594	827
Youth activities and education	231	181
Office costs	3,941	4,645
Church and hall establishment costs	8,382	9,177
Church & hall repairs and maintenance	14,738	7,245
	<u>133,673</u>	<u>96,652</u>
	<u>133,673</u>	<u>96,652</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	122,232	
Restricted funds	11,441	
	<u>133,673</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2020		
Unrestricted funds - general		91,896
Restricted funds		4,756
		<u>96,652</u>

8 Trustees

No remuneration or expenses were paid to members of the PCC for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2021 Number	2020 Number
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	29,376	21,972

The salary costs include the Parish Administrator and part of the cost of the Bishop Henderson School Chaplain.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2021	Unrestricted funds general 2020
Professional fees	887	578
Independent Examination	1,020	1,008
Bank charges	181	182
	<u>2,088</u>	<u>1,768</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>3,163</u>	<u>1,422</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	22,108
Valuation changes	3,163
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At 31 December 2021	25,271
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	25,271
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At 31 December 2020	22,108
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Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Financial instruments	2021	2020
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	25,270	22,107
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14 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	4,765	4,839
Prepayments and accrued income	2,308	1,379
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	7,073	6,218
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15 Other creditors falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	13,347	6,359
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,008
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	13,347	7,367
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at		Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at									
	1 January 2020	£	Incoming resources	£	Resources expended	£	Transfers	£	Revaluations gains and losses	£	Incoming resources	£	Resources expended	£	Transfers	£	Revaluations gains and losses	£	Balance at 31 December 2021	£
Permanent endowments																				
Wilton Church																				
Allotments - CBF																				
Church of England																				
Investment Fund																				
- income shares	20,685	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	1,422	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	3,164	£	25,271	£
DIFFERENCE TO ANALYSE	-	£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£	(1)	£
	20,685	£		£		£		£	1,422	£		£		£		£	3,164	£	25,270	£

This comprises 1079.06 units at an original cost of £8,451.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020		Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2021		
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	£	£
Pews	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	3,000	750	-	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	973	450	450	(454)	235	1,204	-	-	(183)	-	1,021
Defibrillator	-	800	800	-	-	800	-	(800)	-	-	-
Church WiFi & sound system	-	5,010	5,010	-	-	5,010	6,903	(5,785)	558	6,686	6,686
Giving	-	4,302	4,302	(4,302)	-	-	4,856	(4,856)	-	-	-
Church repairs	1,432	-	-	-	(1,432)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,405</u>	<u>13,562</u>	<u>13,562</u>	<u>(4,756)</u>	<u>(1,197)</u>	<u>10,014</u>	<u>12,509</u>	<u>(11,441)</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>11,457</u>	<u>11,457</u>

Donations received for the specific purpose of Hall refurbishment and specific church repairs are treated as restricted income and are used as works are undertaken.

Donations made by worshippers for giving, in the UK and for overseas projects, are collected and distributed to charities as they are received.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

18 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds		Total	
	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2020	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:								
Investments	25,270		-		-		-	22,108
Current assets/(liabilities)	42,957		-		38,908		-	38,909
	<u>68,227</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>38,908</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>61,017</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

19 Related party transactions

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employment benefits including employer's pension contributions of the key management personnel in the year were £nil (2019: £ nil).

20 Cash generated from operations	2021	2020
	£	£
Surplus for the year	7,210	28,097
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(654)	(694)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(3,163)	(1,422)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(854)	9,332
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,980	(17,055)
Cash generated from operations	<u>8,519</u>	<u>18,258</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WILTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1134647

Accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Dr M Yardley
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

It is our intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard, and allotments should be available to the local community, whether they are church members or not. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar (although currently in vacancy) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the aforementioned properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Parochial Church Council should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Church membership and activity

There are 122 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31st December 2020 was 160 and there were 97 donors to the St George's Christian Giving Scheme.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. However, the year 2020 was quite unusual because of the restrictions of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. There was only one wedding and although 3 baptisms were booked to be in the Church before the 'lockdown', all of them were put 'on hold'. No funeral services were held in the Church but 5 were held by members of the Church's ministry team in Taunton Deane Crematorium with very restricted numbers of people attending, and there were 3 burials of ashes in the churchyard. All of these events bring the church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives, and present an opportunity to make them aware of the church's mission. At these times, our experience is that the ministry of the church is clearly appreciated..

Review of the year

While there are areas of overlap, all the activities of St George's can be considered under three headings, *worship, nurture and outreach*.

Worship is what energises all our activities as a church. Love of God overflows into love for our neighbour, in service (outreach) and encouraging the best in others (nurture).

Worship

The congregation of St George's normally meets regularly at two Sunday morning services: an 8am Holy Communion service, followed by a 10am eucharistic service, except on the 1st Sunday of the month when the 4Everyone service (All Age Worship) is held. It is a shorter, more informal and non-eucharistic service to enable those new to church services and families to feel more at ease. A 10am Tuesday morning Holy Communion service was normally held, usually attended by a small, but faithful number of Church members. This provided an opportunity for quiet, reflective worship during the week.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

However, following the start of the first Covid-19 'lockdown' on 23rd March 2020, all services in the Church building were suspended: it was probably the first time ever that a service was not held in the Church on Easter Day! Services in Church were able to resume on 26th July when the restrictions were eased. Gathered worship then resumed with a 9am Holy Communion service on Sundays, albeit where congregants had to maintain 'social distance', wear facemasks, record their attendance and sanitise their hands, and sadly no singing was allowed. The 9am service continued until the start of the second Covid-19 lockdown on 5th November 2020, when once again the Church building was closed. There was a brief respite in the lockdown which allowed some Christmas services to be held in Church. However, the popular Carol service, and the Christingle service normally held on Christmas Eve had to be cancelled this year because of the dangers of large gatherings. Also, arrangements had to be made for people to book their attendance at the Holy Communion services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in order to ensure a maximum of only 50 people inside the Church for safety reasons. However, an on-line recorded service with a community emphasis was broadcast via You Tube on Christmas Eve.

Although the Church building was closed during the two periods of lockdown, people were able to join in worship through the broadcasting of recorded services uploaded to the Internet on 'You Tube'. This was made possible by Reverend Martin Kirkbride (in effect our 'locum Vicar') recording services inside the Church and then by Bethan Baigent (Parish Administrator) editing and adding other recorded music and prayers to the recording. The analysis of viewings of these recorded services showed that typically more people participated than would normally attend collective worship in Church.

Also, when the two periods of lockdown were ended, the Church building was re-opened on 30th June for private prayer and reflection on Tuesday mornings (10am – 12noon) and, during the summer also on Friday afternoons (4.30 – 6pm).

In normal times, there is an opportunity for church members to catch up with each other as well as welcome visitors and newcomers, over freshly made coffee in the Church Hall after the 10am service on Sundays. However, the pandemic prevented such social gatherings and fellowship.

'Stay and Play', a group for toddlers with their parents or carers, normally met weekly in the Hall during term time. Also the 'Harmony Club', for people with learning difficulties, used to meet three times a week in the Hall, and occasionally for a special short service in the Church. Both of these activities have had to cease during the periods of pandemic lockdown.

'Prayer Space' is a meeting of Church members for half an hour on Mondays with the exception of the 1st Monday of the month. It is a mixture of silent and intercessory prayer and takes place in the Winston Room of the Church Hall, or in the Church in warmer months. Unfortunately this too had to be cancelled during the lockdowns.

The short services regularly held in local residential homes: St George's Residential Home, Elizabeth House and Mountbatten Nursing Home, sadly have had to cease for almost the whole year because of the pandemic. The same is true for the Home Communion service where Holy Communion is taken to a small number of housebound people who are not in residential care.

We are very grateful to our talented Lay Readers (PTO) Peter Ball and Robert Dunning for their help in leading services and preaching. (That is in addition to the help they give to churches in other parishes).

Numerous church members make our services possible by generously giving their time to tasks behind the scenes such as cleaning the church, washing altar linen, running the PA system, decorating the church, maintaining our buildings and even keeping records of hymns and songs for the payment of copyright fees etc.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The joint services normally held with other churches (eg. Choral Evensong on St George's day with St George's Roman Catholic Church, or Ash Wednesday with members of St Michael's Church) also had to be cancelled this year.

Music is normally such an important part of our worship. Sadly, this year when singing in Church has not been allowed, the choir has been unable to contribute to our worship. However, when the Church was open between lockdowns, worship has been enhanced by organ and keyboard music thanks to the playing of Stephen Page and Ian and Mary Carson, even though singing was not allowed and face masks had to be worn.

The ringing of the church bells by our dedicated team of ringers normally calls the community to worship. Their ringing and regular practicing has been restricted by the lockdowns.

Outreach

Through its historic role in the foundation of Bishop Henderson CE VA Primary School, and also with Rev'd Jenny Jeffery's continuing role as School Chaplain, St George's has a very important link with the School. Rev'd Jenny gives so much to her role where normally she meets many people (pupils, staff, parents and governors) who would not usually come to church, but are grateful for her ministry. However, for much of this year during the lockdowns and also whilst she was recovering after sick leave, most of her contact with staff, pupils and parents has had to be on line. St George's historical links with the School are also maintained through the Vicar being an Ex-officio Governor, and also through the nomination of two Foundation Governors one of whom (Alex Cameron) is a member of the congregation.

The various social events organised through the Church, including harvest supper and monthly soup lunches, which enable fellowship and getting to know new people from the wider community, regrettably have had to be cancelled this year.

The Church website and notice boards are important sources of information for church members and other local people. The number of enquiries coming through our website continues to increase. Copies of News Board have been delivered to Church members who were unable to access the website. Many found the publication on the Church website of regular 'Thought for the Day' items during the lockdowns very comforting and enlightening.

Normally many groups meet regularly in the Church Hall, which we also hire out for private celebrations. It has been estimated that around 500 people use it every week. This important source of income to the Church has dried up during the pandemic, whilst some of the overhead running costs have continued. This has resulted in a significant loss of income of around £1,100 a month.

Several members of St George's are involved in service to the community on behalf of the wider church e.g. Street Pastors and School Pastors.

Nurture

Normally two regular Bible study home groups are held, including a monthly one run by a PCC member, and also a small monthly Christian discussion group, "No Holds Barred". These have had to stop during the pandemic when meetings in person and in others' houses have been banned. After Easter a Bible study course, with extensive guidance notes on the Book of Jude was led on line by Rev'd Martin Kirkbride.

Couples getting married at St George's are offered marriage preparation. This usually includes a day of face-to-face sessions. During 2020, because of the pandemic restrictions, only one wedding was held in the Church.

'Stay and Play', our weekly toddler group that helps create friendship and support amongst parents and other carers who attend, has been cancelled because of the pandemic.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Buildings: the Church, the Church Hall and Churchyard

Church: The Church building continues to be maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the last quinquennial survey which was carried out by our Church Architect, Jonathan Rhind in 2014. In March 2020, following a rash of thefts of lead from church roofs in Somerset and nationally, 'Smartwater' was re-applied to the areas of lead on the St George's roof. In April, someone cut off the Victorian decorative wrought iron door handle of the West door and stole it. This was reported to the Police and the Church's insurers. In December we launched our 'WiFi and Associated IT Equipment Appeal' in order to raise the funds needed to enable access to the Internet in Church and to provide the equipment needed for live-streaming services and other events in future. We believe that this will help to enhance our worship, connect us to people outside the Church, and help the Church to grow.

Church Hall: In 'normal times' the Church Hall is used for a huge variety of purposes: exercise classes, Morris dancing, Scouts and other uniformed organisations, badminton, antenatal classes, support groups and private parties. Typically over 500 people a week use the Hall, and the Church Administrator manages all the bookings and invoicing of users. Unfortunately, these have been heavily restricted because of the pandemic. We are committed to improving these facilities which are used by so many in the community. During 2020, the men's toilets upstairs were refurbished, and the external doors on the south end of the Hall were re-painted. After the first lockdown was lifted in July and some activities resumed in the Hall, it was felt that rather than leaving the cleaning to volunteers, a more thorough professional cleaning service was required. So a Cleaner was employed on a casual basis for four hours a week, and she has greatly improved the standard of cleanliness.

Churchyard: The Churchyard Working Group led by Jane Joyce has continued to maintain and improve the churchyard. Except during winter, it holds monthly gardening sessions with volunteers to keep the Churchyard in good order. At other times the grass is cut by both volunteers, and a contractor. The Churchyard is visited by many people and is a much appreciated haven for quiet reflection. It offers a great opportunity for outreach to visitors, and also for improving the natural environment locally.

On the south side of the Church, the Churchyard is maintained by a contractor, whose cost is largely borne by a generous, regular donation from the son of a former Associate Priest of St George's Church. The beech hedge adjacent to the east side of the Hall was extended towards the northern boundary with the planting of saplings in February. This will help to screen off the Scout Hut, and Scout activity from the graves near the boundary.

Church Office & Vicarage: In January 2020, the Diocese carried out work to separate the Church Office from the Utility Room of the Vicarage, and also to refurbish areas of the Vicarage in anticipation of letting the property during the Vacancy. Tenants occupied the Vicarage between February and August 2020.

People and Thanks

Throughout 2020, St George's was in vacancy following the retirement of James Clapham in November 2019. During the year we have been extremely grateful for all the clergy who have stepped in to maintain regular services in Church (when permitted), or through recorded services via the Internet on You Tube: *Reverends David Ager, Michael Hayes, Jenny Jeffery, Denis Cavaghan, Geoff Treasure, and Martin Kirkbride*. However, particular thanks must go to Martin Kirkbride who in effect became our 'locum Vicar' for most of the year, and who mastered the art of recording services to be broadcast regularly via You Tube. Special thanks are also due to our Licensed Readers, Robert Dunning and Peter Ball whose leading of Morning Prayer services and preaching was much appreciated.

We have been saddened in this year of the pandemic by the death of several long standing and faithful members of our congregation, whose lives we have not been able to remember and celebrate in Church in the way we would have wished because of the restrictions. These include: *Phyllis Lloyd, Richard Booth; Nigel Libby; Ron Gibbs; Pearl Heard; Don Rimmer; Pam Thorne*.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Thanks are due to the PCC members and all who helped with the process of preparing our 'Parish Profile', and all the other aspects of recruiting a new Vicar. We were fortunate in having a very good response to our advertisement in August. Four candidates were interviewed on 30th September, after which we were delighted that the appointment of The Reverend Dr Nick Griffin was confirmed. His Licensing was then planned for 19th January 2021.

St George's owes a huge debt of gratitude to the large number of people who have given their time and talents to the work of the Church over the last year with generosity, good humour, faith and faithfulness as together they create the ministry of St George's. We would particularly like to thank John Page, Treasurer; Michael Small, Christian Giving Officer; Laurie Jeffery, Electoral Roll Officer; Matt Norman, IT specialist; and Bethan Baigent, Church Administrator. We are also very grateful for the dedicated and important work of the team of five Coordinators: Clare Steel (Home Groups); Rachel Neal (Prayer Ministry); Hilary Buckley (Pastoral Care); Liz Flower (Safeguarding); Rosa Parsloe (Social Events & Fundraising); and Carole Smith (Christian Concerns). We would also highlight the work of our Tower Captain Brenda Arscott, and Brain Matthews and all the bellringers; Sheena Page and Sue Stenhouse who produce such beautiful flower arrangements and all those on our Welcomers' Rota.

We were delighted that Hilary McKegney was elected as a Churchwarden at our APCM on 18th October. She has previously served in this office some years ago, so brings her previous experience to the role.

Although Bethan Baigent has been working from her home for most of the year, she continues to be the friendly, helpful and perpetually enthusiastic face of St George's to our 'virtual' visitors and all who contact the Church. Her creative flair and IT skills have proved invaluable during the year, not only in enabling the professional standard of our publications, including the production of the Parish Profile and weekly News Board, but also putting together and editing the recorded services and uploading them to You Tube. This has had such a beneficial impact on the running of our Church, and it is greatly appreciated by our congregation.

Financial review

Finances

Government restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic had a detrimental impact on the Church finances. This was felt most keenly with the inability to pay the Parish Share in full and the resulting loss of Hall revenue of approximately £1,100 each month during lockdown periods.

Application was made to the Diocesan Discretionary Parish Support and Relief Scheme which resulted in Parish Share relief of £3,048 and came with instruction to retain three months' unrestricted reserves at the end of the year – to achieve this around four and a half months' Parish Share payment had to be withheld from the Diocese regrettably.

Voluntary Income for 2020 was £113,745, a reduction of £14,855 on the previous year. Christian Giving was down £1,644 and hall revenue was down £9,842. The unrestricted and restricted funds showed an overall surplus of £26,675 for the year. The consolidated single CBF Investment made a significant gain of £1,422.

We were able to send £4,301 to charities from our Sunday collections this year, which was restrained sadly by the lack of attendance in church due to lockdown restrictions. Nevertheless, Church members were encouraged to make their donations direct to the nominated charity for each month.

The PCC will continue to set a budget with challenging objectives to pursue measures that improve the appearance and functionality of the Hall in order to attract greater usage and increase revenue.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Reserves policy

Having considered what its needs are, the PCC has agreed that unrestricted reserves for a three-month period should be held in order to cover any foreseen and unforeseen expenditure.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds and the endowment fund.

Risk management

The trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. The level of voluntary income and settlement of the parish share are regularly reviewed and discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr M Yardley

Mr C Michell

Mrs R Parsloe

Mrs C Smith

Mrs C Steel

Mrs R Neal

Mrs H Buckley

(Retired 1 October 2020)

Mr P Joyce

Mrs J Norman

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (1996).

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

Day to day operational decisions are taken at the weekly Staff Meeting (Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Administrator, and Treasurer - if required).

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity), and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated "for ecclesiastical purposes".

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved, unless otherwise stated, are:

Vicar:	Vacant (from November 2019)
Churchwardens:	Mr Peter Joyce Mrs Hilary McKegney (appointed October 2020)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mr Christopher Michell Dr Michael Yardley
Secretary to the Church Council:	Mrs Bethan Baigent
Electoral Roll Officer:	Mr Laurie Jeffery
Treasurer to the Church Council:	Cdr John Page
Elected Members:	Mr Pete McKegney Mrs Hilary Buckley (resigned October 2020) Mrs Jenny Norman Mrs Rosa Parsloe Mr Matthew Norman (appointed October 2020) Mrs Rachel Neal Mrs Clare Steel Mrs Carole Smith
Ex-Officio Members:	Mr Christopher Michell Dr Michael Yardley Mr Peter Joyce Mrs Hilary McKegney Dr Michael Yardley
Other Officers:	Mr Laurie Jeffery (Electoral Roll Officer) Mr Michael Small (Christian Giving Office) Mrs Elizabeth Flower (Safeguarding Officer)

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr P Joyce

Churchwarden

Dated:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	100,183	13,562	-	113,745	128,600
Other trading activities	4	4,041	-	-	4,041	13,865
Investments	5	694	-	-	694	731
Other income	6	6,615	-	-	6,615	7,840
Total income		111,533	13,562	-	125,095	151,036
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	91,896	4,756	-	96,652	160,018
Other expenses	10	1,768	-	-	1,768	1,594
Total resources expended		93,664	4,756	-	98,420	161,612
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	1,422	1,422	3,259
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		17,869	8,806	1,422	28,097	(7,317)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		17,869	8,806	1,422	28,097	(7,317)
Gross transfers between funds		1,197	(1,197)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		19,066	7,609	1,422	28,097	(7,317)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		9,830	2,405	20,685	32,920	40,237
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		28,896	10,014	22,107	61,017	32,920

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	110,014	18,586	-	128,600
Other trading activities	4	13,865	-	-	13,865
Investments	5	731	-	-	731
Other income	6	7,840	-	-	7,840
Total income		132,450	18,586	-	151,036
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	7	140,758	19,260	-	160,018
Other expenses	10	1,594	-	-	1,594
Total resources expended		142,352	19,260	-	161,612
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	3,259	3,259
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(9,902)	(674)	3,259	(7,317)
Net movement in funds		(9,902)	(674)	3,259	(7,317)
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		19,732	3,079	17,426	40,237
Fund balances at 31 December 2019		9,830	2,405	20,685	32,920

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		22,107		20,686
Current assets					
Debtors	13	6,218		15,549	
Cash at bank and in hand		40,059		21,107	
		<u>46,277</u>		<u>36,656</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	14	7,367		24,422	
		<u>7,367</u>		<u>24,422</u>	
Net current assets			38,910		12,234
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>61,017</u>		<u>32,920</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds	15		22,107		20,685
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		10,014		2,405
Unrestricted funds - general			28,896		9,830
			<u>61,017</u>		<u>32,920</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Mr P Joyce
Trustee

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	19		18,258		(15,869)
Investing activities					
Proceeds on disposal of investments		-		(1)	
Interest received		694		731	
Net cash generated from investing activities			694		730
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			18,952		(15,139)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			21,107		36,246
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			40,059		21,107

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's, Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and gifts	100,183	10,262	110,445	110,014	18,586	128,600
Legacies receivable	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
Grants receivable	-	800	800	-	-	-
	<u>100,183</u>	<u>13,562</u>	<u>113,745</u>	<u>110,014</u>	<u>18,586</u>	<u>128,600</u>
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	65,681	-	65,681	68,229	-	68,229
Christian Giving - non GA	13,747	-	13,747	12,843	-	12,843
Collections Charity	-	4,302	4,302	-	12,542	12,542
Donations - Coffee	178	-	178	669	-	669
Donations - Others	1,714	-	1,714	2,141	-	2,141
Donations - Hall and church	374	5,960	6,334	7,400	6,044	13,444
Tax recoverable CG	18,489	-	18,489	18,732	-	18,732
	<u>100,183</u>	<u>10,262</u>	<u>110,445</u>	<u>110,014</u>	<u>18,586</u>	<u>128,600</u>
Legacies receivable						
Legacies	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £
Hall hire and allotment rent	4,041	13,865
	<u>4,041</u>	<u>13,865</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £
Income from listed investments	619	601
Interest receivable	75	130
	<u>694</u>	<u>731</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	1,191	1,723
Churchyard income, war memorial and sundry income	1,151	1,463
BHS Chaplain - grant	4,273	4,654
	<u>6,615</u>	<u>7,840</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7 Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs	21,972	23,629
Giving	4,441	13,217
Parish share	46,614	88,542
Staff and speaker expenses	1,315	751
Altar expenses and flowers	235	838
Music and organist costs	827	2,634
Youth activities and education	181	134
Office costs	4,645	4,915
Church and hall establishment costs	9,177	11,670
Church & hall repairs and maintenance	7,245	13,688
	<u>96,652</u>	<u>160,018</u>
	<u>96,652</u>	<u>160,018</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	91,896	
Restricted funds	4,756	
	<u>96,652</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2019		
Unrestricted funds - general		140,758
Restricted funds		19,260
		<u>160,018</u>

8 Trustees

No remuneration or expenses were paid to members of the PCC for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2020 Number	2019 Number
2	2

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	21,972	23,629

The salary costs include the Parish Administrator and part of the cost of the Bishop Henderson School Chaplain.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2020	Unrestricted funds general 2019
Professional fees	578	360
Independent Examination	1,008	1,008
Bank charges	182	226
	<u>1,768</u>	<u>1,594</u>

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2019 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>1,422</u>	<u>3,259</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	20,686
Valuation changes	1,422
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At 31 December 2020	22,108
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	22,108
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At 31 December 2019	20,686
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Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	4,839	4,906
Prepayments and accrued income	1,379	10,644
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	6,218	15,550
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14 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	6,359	23,414
Accruals and deferred income	1,008	1,008
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	7,367	24,422
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at		Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at		
	1 January 2019	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	31 December 2020	£
Permanent endowments													
Wilton Church													
Allotments - CBF													
Church of England													
Investment Fund													
- income shares	17,426	£	-	-	-	3,259	20,685	-	-	-	1,422	22,107	£
	<u>17,426</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,259</u>	<u>20,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>22,107</u>	

This comprises 1079.06 units at an original cost of £8,451.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2019		Movement in funds		Balance at 1 January 2020		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2020	
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£	£
Pews	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Hall refurbishment	3,079	3,248	3,248	(5,354)	973	450	(454)	235	1,204	
Defibrillator	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	-	800	
Church WiFi & sound system	-	-	-	-	-	5,010	-	-	5,010	
Giving	-	12,542	12,542	(12,542)	-	4,302	(4,302)	-	-	
Church repairs	-	2,796	2,796	(1,364)	1,432	-	-	(1,432)	-	
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>18,586</u>	<u>18,586</u>	<u>(19,260)</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>13,562</u>	<u>(4,756)</u>	<u>(1,197)</u>	<u>10,014</u>	

Donations received for the specific purpose of Hall refurbishment and specific church repairs are treated as restricted income and are used as works are undertaken.

Donations made by worshippers for giving, in the UK and for overseas projects, are collected and distributed to charities as they are received.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

18 Related party transactions

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employment benefits including employer's pension contributions of the key management personnel in the year were £nil (2019: £ nil).

19 Cash generated from operations	2020	2019
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	28,097	(7,317)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(694)	(731)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(1,422)	(3,259)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	9,333	(6,602)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(17,055)	2,039
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>18,259</u>	<u>(15,870)</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.