

THE PARISH CHURCH *of*  
**ST GEORGE**  
EDGBASTON

**Registered Charity Number 1134777**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the  
Parochial Church Council for the  
Year Ended 31st December 2022**



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**ANNUAL REPORT 2022**  
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**What are the Parochial Church Council's Tasks?**

The PCC cooperates with the Incumbent in the whole mission of the Church. As part of the synodical structure of the Church of England, the PCC makes known and puts into effect any decision made by the Diocesan or Deanery Synods and gives advice to these Synods on any matters the PCC considers appropriate. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the Church; the PCC draws up a budget and has the responsibility with the Incumbent of appointing, paying and dismissing paid officers of the Parish. The PCC is responsible for the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Parish church. The PCC is also responsible for the care and maintenance of the churchyard.



## Vicar's Report

2022 was a year of continued growth and development in our parish life. As I do each year, I was recently reviewing the Parish Returns we are required to submit to the Church of England, which are a measure of the mission of our church. Looking at the year, our worshipping community (the number of people associated with St George's) grew from 139 to 169, while Sunday attendance for an average week in October was 75. Attendance at Christmas and Easter went up to 229 and 141 respectively. Broadly speaking, these figures are in line with those for St George's in the middle of last decade and represent a marked improvement on the years marred by the pandemic and its wider social fallout.

Although these figures are not the only measure of a church's health, and we will want to say much more about what God is doing in our midst, they do indicate the resilience of our community. Times are challenging for churches across the country, with church involvement continuing to decline overall and with many factors militating against people feeling able to confidently practise the faith. Therefore, these figures represent our commitment to flourishing, the hard work of our volunteers and our co-operation with the gifts of grace. We have made a good start on reconnecting with our rapidly changing local neighbourhood, encouraging younger people and families to take new steps in the Christian faith, and investing time and energy in children and students. There are signs that this is starting to bear fruit.

Of course, the numbers are only a sign of the underlying story of our church in 2022, which saw many positive events and services. The *St George's Talks* theology lecture series continued to flourish, with nine excellent lectures from a range of perspectives. The lectures continue to attract people beyond our parish and develop our reputation for Christian learning which includes hosting Reader IME2 and the Local Ministry Pathway. Ann Conway-Jones' talk on Christian-Jewish relations was a particular highlight and was attended by a multi-faith crowd. Our work with students and younger adults has continued to develop, and a particular highlight for me was a trip taken in early March by a group of 20s-30s to Lichfield Cathedral, where we got to socialise and make a mini-pilgrimage. Pastoral relationships between younger members have solidified, as well as between the generations, and we now see on Sunday mornings a younger demographic regularly attending worship alongside longer established congregation members. Junior Church flourished with activity days alongside the regular round of Sunday activities, which are now well attended – on one occasion in 2022, there were 14 children at Junior Church. Remarkably, there were eleven baptisms in 2022, ranging from newborn babies to adults on their way to Confirmation: the highest number on record in recent years. We continued with our outreach to a range of local institutions including services for local schools and care homes.

Our links with St George's CofE Primary School continue to strengthen. We regularly welcome the children's choir, ably led by Pat Bullock and Phil Ypres-Smith, to sing at All Age Eucharists. Events which were particularly appreciated by school families and their parents included the Corpus Christi service in June and Harvest Festival, followed by a shared lunch, in October. At Christmas, we celebrated a relaunched Calthorpe Estates Christmas Service, organised with the director and staff at Calthorpe Estates and welcoming a range of tenants and business people. This was a great success in reaching out to our community. Our



reorganised "Midnight" Mass at 8pm on Christmas Eve was very well attended, including by parents with children, as was the excellent Crib Service organised by Suganthi John and Zoë Challenor, which filled the church. Meanwhile, the profile of our congregation continues to diversify in age and background, as we have welcomed visitors and new members from the USA, Iran, China, Pakistan, India and a range of African nations.

Many more highlights could be included in this report, but suffice it to say that these paint a picture of a parish which is vibrant and engaged with the area we serve. I particularly want to thank all the volunteers who share in the ministry of St George's and make this possible, from those who preach and teach, serve at the liturgy, make the church hospitable, make music, or use their skills as school governors.

Two major events affected church life in 2022. The first was local but significant. The Commonwealth Games came to Birmingham in July and August 2022, and the athletes' village was situated just round the corner on the University of Birmingham campus. During that time we welcomed a small group of athletes' staff from the Solomon Islands to our worship. A link has been created with the parish of St George's, Kidron Valley in the capital Honiara, with regular correspondence from the Vestry there. On a much more sombre note, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 saw the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We marked this by opening up church to the local community for several days so that people could pray for the late Queen and sign a book of condolence. During this time, I estimate several hundred people passed through St George's, and our condolence book includes messages from children and adults, and in Hindi and Mandarin as well as English. We also celebrated a Eucharist of Requiem for the late Queen which was very well attended. Although her death was a time of great sadness, it was also an opportunity for thanksgiving for her lifelong Christian discipleship. Our response enabled a range of local people to voice their grief and offer their thanks.

In October 2022, we began a course for children aged 7-11, preparing them to be admitted to Holy Communion. PCC approved this step after a consultation with the congregation. I am very thankful to Harriet Ellis for designing this course from scratch, drawing on a range of resources, and we look forward to the admission of children to Communion in 2023. This course forms part of our discipleship and learning offer to a range of ages. In the autumn of 2022 we started a study course aimed at adults on the Psalms, which again was well attended and appreciated by all involved. There has also been significant effort towards catechism for new members from Iran, taking place typically on Thursday afternoons and sometimes involving translation from English to Farsi. A number of Iranian members are now on their way to Baptism or Confirmation as a result.

In 2022, two further developments in parish life started to emerge. First, we learned that we are to receive a full-time Assistant Curate for three years, beginning in summer 2023. This will double our ordained ministry capacity, and so our ability to lead God's people in reaching out to Edgbaston with the gospel of Christ. It also highlights the trust put in St George's as a parish capable of nurturing and resourcing new ministers. Second, we learned that the application for a Catholic Missioner made to the central Church of England's Strategic Development Fund (SDF) had been successful. St George's joined forces with four other parishes across Birmingham (St John's Perry Barr, St Mark's Kingstanding, St Matthew's Perry Beeches, St Alban's Highgate) to make this bid. Keith Uff represents St George's PCC as lay representative on the Steering Group

for this project. This project will provide funding for five years for St George's and the other parishes to host a full-time Missioner, to enable us to grow new disciples and develop our mission to the community. Both the arrival of the Curate and the appointment of the Missioner later in 2023 will mean that St George's is served by an active ministry team alongside me as Vicar and Jenny Uff as Reader. We also hope to have a full-time ordinand serving on placement in 2023, meaning that our time and energy for ministry will increase enormously. Alongside our excellent volunteers this provides a healthy outlook for future years.

Ministry at St George's continues to be well-resourced and I thank all those who donate regularly and have increased their giving so that we can pay our Common Fund and bills, and also develop our mission further. We are still challenged by a significant financial deficit, however, that could put our future stability in doubt. The challenge in 2023 will be to add new methods of giving and new donors, as well as putting into progress plans for a renewed Friends of St George's to fundraise for major building works.

In reflecting on 2022, I am filled with gratitude for the things we have been able to achieve together, and especially for the many ways in which parishioners, established and new, have been able to grow in faith. Looking ahead to 2023, I believe that a key marker of our faithfulness will be how well we are able to encourage and enable the new ministers who will be taking their place in our church life, and how well we are able to learn new ways of working from their example and expertise. If we continue with open hearts and minds, St George's will continue its journey well.

*Fr Sam Gibson, Vicar*



## Churchwardens' Report

The end of Covid lockdowns and the appointment of Rev Dr S. J. Gibson (Father Sam) in September 2020 meant that the normal pattern of services could be restored, with some services continuing to be live-streamed for part of the year. Numbers attending services gradually returned to approximately their pre-Covid level.

During the year there were two weddings and one service of blessing on a marriage, eleven baptisms, four funerals and one memorial service.

The series of talks on theological issues (broadly construed) instituted by Father Sam in 2021 continued successfully with the following talks:

14 January	Jessica Dalton	"Framing Transcendence in the Performing Arts"
11 February	Charlotte Gibson	"Hidden voices: Reading Luke Intertextually"
11 March	Jarel Robinson-Brown	"Grace, Bodies and Queer Blackness: Why the Incarnation Matters"
13 May	R. Steven Fox	"Charles Williams: A Curious Anglican"
10 June	Anne Conway-Jones	"Sibling Rivalry, Early Jewish-Christian Relations and their Legacy"
8 July	Hilary Pearson	"The Medieval Recluse"
9 September	Giles Penman	"Christianity and Peace"
14 October	Tom Breakwell	"Love Thy Neighbour"
11 November	Naomi Nixon	"Radical Morality"

During the year a new credence table was acquired using legacy in the Will of Mrs Anne Kenrick.

*Andy Butler and Keith Uff, Churchwardens*

## **Reports of Elected Officers and Safeguarding Statement**

### **Report of Electoral Roll Officer**

At the beginning of 2022 there were 78 names on the Roll, of which 15 were resident in the Parish. During the year, 3 names were removed due to deaths or non-attendance, and 2 were added. At the beginning of 2023, there are 77 names on the Roll, of whom 14 are resident in the parish.

*Jenny Astley, Electoral Roll Officer*

### **Report of Secretary to the PCC**

The PCC met six times during 2022 with an average attendance of twelve members. There was also a short extraordinary meeting by Zoom in August. Each regular meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Standing Committee (Vicar, Churchwardens, Vice-Chair (from May), Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member) to set the agenda.

Members of the PCC are *ex officio* or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The members of the PCC during the year 2022 were as follows (with retirement dates for elected members in brackets):

Vicar: The Revd Dr Samuel Gibson

Churchwardens: Nick Gibbs (until May), Keith Uff, Andy Butler (from May)

Representatives on Deanery Synod: Derek Mertling-Blake (2023), Sara Clethero (2023), Simon Kirby (2023)

Elected members: Carol Couse (2023), Harriet Ellis (2025), Nick Gibbs (2024), Justin Pinkess (2025), John Russell (2025) (Treasurer), Caroline Shaw (2023), Jenny Uff (2023) (Reader and Vice-Chair from May), Charles Williams (2024), Phil Ypres-Smith (2024).

David Hill attended meetings of the Standing Committee and PCC as Secretary.

The business of the PCC during the year returned almost to normal as the Covid restrictions relaxed. We spent time examining our worship, seeing how we could develop our relationship with local communities and beyond, and continuing to care for our church building. At the beginning of the year we received resignations from Carol Austin and Michael Pritchard who had served the Council constructively for a number of years. Matters the Council considered included purchase of a new photocopier, the approval of a First Communion Course for primary school children, the South Porch improvement scheme, the website and the magazine, the Anglo-Catholic Missioner project and agreement to join the



proposed Oversight Area. The PCC were delighted to learn that that we are to have a full-time curate from July 2023 and we needed to find somewhere for him to live.

Finance is always a major topic with careful stewardship of our income and expenditure. We revised our reserves policy and debated our contribution to the Common Fund. We took care to consider the use of the very generous legacy from Frank Drake (whose memorial service was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December), and of how to make use of it over a period of years both for the upkeep of the church building and for developing our mission.

*David Hill, PCC Secretary*

### **Safeguarding Statement**

We continue to seek to make St George's a safe and welcoming place for children, vulnerable adults and survivors of abuse.

John Everson was St George's Safeguarding Officer for the year and Derek Blake the Parish Identity Verifier and Safeguarding Dashboard Representative. Derek has kept the dashboard up-to-date and provided the PCC with copies for acceptance at meetings. He also guided PCC members to the required online training on safeguarding and recorded DBS checks. Nick Gibbs was appointed as Social Media Officer. In November Tracy Butler was elected to become Safeguarding Officer in succession to John Everson. She will assume the role on completion of the training programme.

A dedicated safeguarding email address and mobile phone number is available. Information about safeguarding is available at the back of church. There have been no referrals made to social care or the police during the year.



## Reports of the Committees

(\* indicates non-PCC member on membership of the committee)

The **Financial Statements and Reports** can be found commencing on page 14.

### Education and Worship Committee

#### *Membership and Meetings:*

Fr Sam (chair), Keith Uff, Jenny Uff, Caroline Shaw, David Hill, Phil Ypres-Smith, Simon Kirby, John Cooper, Suganthi Daniel, Heather Butler and Harriet Ellis. (The committee were very pleased to welcome Heather and Harriet during the year.)

The Committee met four times in 2022, in the Whitmore Room.

#### *Health Concerns*

The year started with face coverings still worn, and services live-streamed. As the year progressed, we were able to return to more relaxed, and fully in-person, arrangements, while still aiming to be considerate of those vulnerable or concerned, and indeed of our overall responsibility to protect all who come. The common cup at Communion was offered once more from Maundy Thursday, for those who are happy to share.

#### *Developments in Worship*

We have enjoyed some inspiring services of Choral Evensong, led by our own St George's choir.

A much-appreciated innovation was to move the Christmas Eve "Midnight Mass" forward to 8pm on Christmas Eve, which enabled more people to attend.

#### *Education*

The series of Friday talks continue to provide fascinating and knowledgeable speakers, and an opportunity to meet and talk with a range of attendees from neighbouring churches as well as St George's.

A Lent group ran, and a series of Sunday evening sessions studying Psalms started in the autumn and continuing in the spring of 2023.

The highlight of Education was the First Communion Course running from Autumn 2022 on for 16 sessions to prepare primary school children to start receiving Communion, leading to a formal Admission service by Bishop Anne in 2023.

#### *Junior Church*

We continue with specific provision for the children on three Sundays a month; the children then share their learning, to the delight and instruction of the rest of the congregation. On the other Sunday each month the children remain for the full service, sharing in the procession, helping the preacher and watching the ceremonies of the Communion. There have also been two activity days, on the second of which some school choir families were able to join. Suganthi and Emma prepared family friendly Good Friday and Christmas Eve crib services.

*Jenny Uff*



### **Fabric and Environment Committee**

*Carol Couse (Chair), David Hill, John Russell, David Allen, Nick Gibbs, Andy Butler and Keith Uff (Churchwardens)*

The saga of the boiler usage continues: Just as we were celebrating the completion of the installation of the new gas boilers on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January with the heating back on in church, little did we know that we would soon need to cope with a rapidly worsening world wide energy crisis. The use of even these new energy efficient boilers would have to be quite substantially reduced in order to keep control of the budgeted gas usage for the year.

With energy costs becoming a major expense of great churches such as St George's, it has become more important than ever that we find a way to draught proof the main entrance to the church building. The floor springs of all the 1884 internal doors are broken and beyond repair or replacement and allow the doors to swing open at the slightest breeze, bringing the cold winds into the church. The PCC submitted a Faculty application to alter one set of the inner doors to become automated with proper draught exclusion and insulation. The Diocesan Advisory Council and The Victorian Society requested that the church retain the inner middle doors because of their historical significance but pin them back in the open position to make the entrance to the church much more accessible, open and welcoming. These doors could be re-used inside the church in a future re-ordering of the inner lobby, subject to another Faculty application.

The ordinary maintenance of the church continued with the seasonal attention to the grounds and trees, the servicing of the roof alarm security system and the annual clearing of the roof and gutters. This year, we asked the church architect to accompany the operator on the high access machine to do a thorough inspection of the roof and report on his findings. As a result of this inspection, the Fabric Committee now knows that there are a number of smaller items which need attention. These include minor repairs to lead gutters and flashings, replacing broken roof door hinges, re-fixing slipped slates and ridge tiles and descaling certain areas of the high level exterior masonry which is deteriorating. These items might be worked into a repairs budget in the coming year.

But more serious is finding that the South aisle parapet, buttress heads and string course need comprehensive repair if not rebuilding (much as what was undertaken for the North elevation of the church in 2018). Given the many costly problems of the past few years, this may not be tackled so easily and may be a matter of another Heritage Lottery Fund application. St George's is one of the largest churches in Birmingham and in common with many churches of its age and size, it is in need of constant attention and of large infusions of funds for restoration. It should be noted that the church is still on the Heritage At Risk Register.

Nevertheless, we have carried on with clearing the church of old damaged noticeboards, other articles of unneeded previously donated furniture and decades of old papers in order to create a working space for the new curate arriving in the coming year. Many minor repairs to the interior fabric of the church have been carried out by willing volunteers and the West Porch and Whitmore Room entrance/passageway have both received a much needed fresh coat of paint.

The old photocopier finally broke down and a replacement was needed asap. A splendid new version which can fill so much more of our specialist printing needs was found very quickly and installed in the office.

More pleasing news is that a recent legacy provided the funds for a new Credence table to more closely match the Nave Altar and chairs, a bookcase to hold the service books for the Lady Chapel, bespoke linen for the table and a fabric fall for the legillum. Another generous gift provided for a new Nave Altar cloth and cover. And, a great achievement for St George's



was the receipt of a Silver Award from the Diocese for Eco-Church.

Finally, in order to add to our provision for Health and Safety requirements for St Georges, the PCC is presently investigating the feasibility of the installation of a defibrillator which can be mounted to the exterior of the church for our use and that of the immediate vicinity.

*Carol Couse*

#### **Social Committee**

*Carol Couse (Chair); Pat Bullock\*; Jenny Astley\**

Coffee fellowship, after the 10.30 service, was able to resume full time after the disruptions of the past few years and seems to be growing all the time. The children, especially, have enjoyed the re-introduction of biscuits and other treats.

The Theology Lecture Series throughout the year has provided us with the opportunity to extend the church's hospitality, with the offering of light refreshments and wine, to a number of visitors to St George's who were not of the regular congregation.

A bring and share luncheon was provided for St George's-tide, when we welcomed The Very Reverend Robert Grimley back to the church as our visiting preacher. Many thanks to Keith Uff, Churchwarden, who saw to much of the organisation.

We were also able to celebrate Harvest Time with another bring and share luncheon at which we welcomed many newcomers to the church.

Pat Bullock continues to host the monthly luncheons which are a welcome treat in an otherwise busy week and to which we note a growing of the numbers attending.

What would really be good is if we could find time in the busy church calendar to bring back some of the old favourites, such as the Souper Sunday Lunches (especially in the colder months when hot homemade soup seems to be most welcome) and the fund raising cottage pie and dessert evenings (with entertainment)!

*Carol Couse*

## **Reports of Church Activities**

### **Bible Reading Fellowship**

Six people receive Guidelines notes and three take Daylight notes. I would be pleased to order more copies if people request them.

*Eve Kirby*

### **The Children's Society**

The donations for our box collections are often coming in the form of cheques these days; much easier to transport to the bank. A few boxes were not returned again this year, for a variety of reasons. The total collected was £614 (mostly plus Gift Aid). There was a Christingle service in December, after which St George's sent £313 to the Society

Contact Pat Bullock on 0121 475 6875 if you wish to register as a new box holder/donor  
*Pat Bullock*

### **Joined Up Reading**

The Joined-up Reading Group which meets on a Monday evening once a month, usually attracts about seven or eight people. Most of us are from St. George's, some, however, are from other local churches. We read a book and discuss it.

We have heard interesting talks from Fr. Andrew Lenox-Conyngham (his sermon on the resurrection) and from Fr. Sam Gibson (reading church Bibles in the Middle Ages.)

Books read during last year include:

"Book of Common Prayer, a biography" by Alan Jacobs;

"Tsunami Journey" by Mark Dowd;

"The Stripping of the Altars" by Eamon Duffy;

"Aquinas" by Turner.

We have also had a play-reading of "The Tidings brought to Mary" by Paul Claudel.

*Eve Kirby*

### **The Monthly Lunch Club**

Everyone has now adapted to the change to the second Thursday in the month, which has enabled people who had commitments on Tuesdays to come along. Numbers continue to be a healthy 15-20. New members of the congregation are also beginning to join us too. We continue to make money each month, which goes straight to Church funds.

*Pat Bullock*

### **Music liaison with St George's Primary School**

School Choir now operates as an after-school club twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 attend and are making good progress. They sang at the Edgbaston Village Lights Switch on in November and sing once a month at the all-age Eucharists in term time as well as at School services in church. They have learned new repertoire, including the Gloria from Schubert's German Mass and the Hora and Israeli Masses. Their next new Gloria will be one specially written for them by Phil Ypres-Smith

*Pat Bullock*



### **The Parish Magazine**

2022 was yet another relatively normal year for the Parish magazine. The regular eleven issues, with one joint issue for July and August, carried the usual mix of articles of local, general and theological interest and reports of activities of the church and in our building, and circulated among the congregation, old friends who like to keep in touch and what seems to be an increasing number of visitors, besides local clergy and libraries, and our advertisers. I am grateful to contributors, though as always I would love to have more. If you have anything of interest to say, or have done something interesting or plan to do so, do write about it. Towards the end of the year we began to using more frequent illustrations. As ever, thanks are due to David Allen, the advertising manager, who keeps the magazine viable, and to our friendly and helpful printers, Bromsgrove Printing Co - I wish I could say the same about the Royal Mail.

*Justin Pinkess - Editor*

### **Sewing Group**

We are still meeting on a fortnightly basis and are pleased we are able to share the meetings between us so that we can be in a home rather than the Whitmore Room (although we are very grateful of this space when needed). We continue our usual varied sewing projects with some members being more prolific than others. It is worth noting that sewing labels into school clothes is no longer a project for any of us but blankets to put over our arthritic knees is more likely. The group will be 25 years old next year and certainly worthy of a celebration in 2024. As usual some of us do more talking than sewing!

We are hoping that we will manage an outing this Summer and of course anyone would be welcome to join us. We will make a note on the Pew Sheet when our plans are in place.

*Carol Austin*

### **Verger's Report**

A more normal but busy year, with the new photocopier coming into its own, producing service orders, pewsheets and much else, often in colour. Special thanks to the monthly church cleaning crew. More volunteers are needed: think coffee morning with vacuums, mops and dusters. A plea also for church users to clear up after themselves.

*Charles Williams*

### **Community Involvement**

St George's has developed a strong presence on Facebook, with postings and photographs of special events. That and the St George's Talks have made the church better known to a wider area of the city. Open Church on Thursday mornings often attracts visitors keen to see inside. The church became the local focus for remembering Queen Elizabeth for several days in September. Five local schools use the church for their special services. B'Opera's performances for small children have continued and are very popular. The church also became the rehearsal space for Obsidian Theatrical Productions and the venue for concerts by outside orchestras and choirs.

Relations with St George's Primary School have continued to develop strongly, providing a link to the local community around the school. The link is reciprocal with the school choir singing at the Eucharist in church each month.

The area is continuing to change with the Edgbaston Village initiative still expanding and with the tram terminus on Hagley Road giving easy access to and from the city centre and beyond. The population is increasing with more residential developments to come. The year ended with many carol services including the Calthorpe Estates Carol Service and the tall, splendid and fully decorated Christmas tree in church which the Estates as usual provided.

## **PCC Financial Responsibilities**

In relation to the financial statements, Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the PCC's affairs and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements, the PCC are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the PCC will continue.

The PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act of 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Risk Management**

The PCC keep under review the major strategic and operational risks which they face to ensure that systems have been established and all necessary steps have been undertaken to minimise these risks.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain the general fund, which represents its free reserves, at least at a level which approximately equates to three months' worth of general expenditure at current levels plus nine months' premiums on the church insurance policy. The PCC believes that such a level of reserves is needed to ensure that their ongoing commitments can be met.



Other Fund raising activities during the year 2022 by Special Agency Collections ,  
not being part of PCC funds but raised to be paid out to whom it beneficially belongs,

These amounts are not included as income or expenditure in our  
2022 accounts but are set out below for information.

	£ Details	£ Totals
<b>1 Christian Aid</b>		
Covid 19 continued implications on the usual street collections. In 2022 we managed a reduced house collection with a no-contact envelope system together with CA envelopes and CAF Voucher received at church services raising a net total excluding Gift Aid Tax able to be collected by Christian Aid	1,075	
A separate collection was made for the Christian Aid Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal which raised	340	
<b>Net Total collected by us and forwarded to Christian Aid</b>		<b>1,415</b>
<b>2 The Children's Society</b>		
Home collecting boxes counted and Banked net direct to Childrens Society Bank Acc.	614	
Collections and Envelopes at Christingle Services in Church counted and forwarded with Gift Aid to The Childrens Society's Bank account	313	
<b>Total collected by us and forwarded to The Children's Society</b>		<b>927</b>
<b>3 Christmas Charity Collections for Local Edgbaston Food Banks</b>		
Bucket collections at services in Church	654	
Donations at church services including Gift Aid	150	
<b>Total Collected for Edgbaston food banks</b>		<b>804</b>
<b>4 Calthorpe Estate Offices Carol Service</b>	60	
Total Collection at Carol service to be equally divided between 5 recipients		60
<b>5 Fees collected on behalf of Birmingham D B of F from Weddings, Funerals etc.</b>	1,516	1,516
<b>6 Organ fees collected for Special services</b>	660	660
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,382</b>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S, EDGBASTON

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the 12 months to 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Designated			2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>							
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	83,011	-	-	-	83,011	71,034
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	24,378	-	8,989	-	33,367	133,773
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>	2(c)	20,168	-	-	-	20,168	18,068
<i>Other ordinary income resources</i>	2(d)	781	-	-	-	781	195
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	1,130	-	-	236	1,366	519
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	2	<b>129,468</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>138,693</b>	<b>223,589</b>
Note 4							
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>							
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	115,620	2,334	12,859	-	130,813	217,892
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	950	-	-	-	950	690
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	0	-	-	-	0	791
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	3	<b>116,570</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>12,859</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131,763</b>	<b>219,373</b>
Note 4							
<b>NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>12,898</b>	<b>(2,334)</b>	<b>(3,870)</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>4,216</b>
Note 4							
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>							
<i>General to Mission Development</i>		(10,000)	10,000	-	-	0	-
<i>Clergy Stipend to General</i>		236	-	-	(236)	0	-
<i>General to Fabric</i>		(10,000)	10,000	-	-	0	-
<i>General to Boiler</i>		(5,759)	-	5,759	-	0	-
		<b>(25,523)</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>(236)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>							
<i>Unrealised</i>	7	(1,029)	0	0	(1,238)	(2,267)	(1,207)
Note 4							
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(13,654)</b>	<b>17,666</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>(1,238)</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>3,009</b>
Note 4							
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY</b>							
<i>As previously reported</i>	4	96,623	40,000	5,868	9,762	152,253	149,244
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER</b>	4,5	<b>82,969</b>	<b>57,666</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>8,524</b>	<b>156,916</b>	<b>152,253</b>



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S, EDGBASTON

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Digital Organ			
Cost		40,451	40,451
Depreciation		(40,451)	(40,451)
Net book value		0	0
Investments	5,7	14,499	16,766
		<u>14,499</u>	<u>16,766</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	8,126	15,807
Short term deposits	5	73,204	72,261
Cash at bank and in hand	5	68,087	97,358
		<u>149,417</u>	<u>185,426</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	9	(7,000)	(49,939)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>142,417</u>	<u>135,487</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>156,916</u>	<u>152,253</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted:			
General	4,5	82,969	96,623
Designated	4,5,10	57,666	40,000
Restricted	4,5,10	7,757	5,868
Endowment	4,5,10	8,524	9,762
		<u>156,916</u>	<u>152,253</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Dr. Samuel Gibson M.A. PhD:

Mr John Russell (Treasurer):



The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these accounts.

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**1 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value.

**Funds**

*General Funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. *Designated Funds* have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose, but are unrestricted and may be redesignated by the PCC for any other purpose. *Restricted Funds* have been given to the PCC to be used only for particular purposes. *Endowment Funds* have been given to the PCC with the condition that the capital given is to be retained, and only the income from the capital expended.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC not when banked. Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised in the same accounting year as the income is recognised, not in the year when it is recovered. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount is due. Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when due. Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

**Resources used**

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Fixed assets**

The Church and associated buildings are owned by the Diocese of Birmingham. The cost of repairs, renewal of fixtures and additions of new items of furniture or new fixtures are paid for by the PCC. All such costs are expensed to the SOFA in full in the year in which the expense is incurred with the exception of the digital organ which was fully depreciated straight line over 12 years from 2007 to 2018.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at December 31.



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<b>2 INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Gift aid	51,396			51,396	47,687
Income tax recovered	13,873			13,873	11,744
Non - gift aid	4,486			4,486	4,483
Collections (open plate) at all services	370			370	989
Sundry donations	6,445			6,445	2,708
Use of Church including concerts	6,441			6,441	3,423
	<u>83,011</u>			<u>83,011</u>	<u>71,034</u>
<i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Legacies	19,000			19,000	76,310
Donations to New Boiler fund (incl tax £1,914)		8,814		8,814	25,286
Donations to Let there be Light fund (incl tax £4,398)		-		0	31,391
Donations to restricted Fabric fund (inc tax £35)		175		175	140
Donations to Urban Mission fund		-		0	646
Energy grant from Birmingham Diocese	5,378			5,378	
	<u>24,378</u>	<u>8,989</u>		<u>33,367</u>	<u>133,773</u>
<i>2(c) Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Magazine	2,136			2,136	1,954
Fees and other charges	3,182			3,182	1,183
Car parking	14,850			14,850	14,931
	<u>20,168</u>			<u>20,168</u>	<u>18,068</u>
<i>2(d) Other ordinary income resources</i>					
Sundry	781			781	195
	<u>781</u>			<u>781</u>	<u>195</u>
<i>2(e) Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest	1,130	-	236	1,366	519
	<u>1,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>1,366</u>	<u>519</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES 2022</b>	<b>129,468</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>138,693</b>	<b>223,589</b>

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3 RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>3(a) Grants</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving- Malawi student	0	-		0	791
<i>3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>					
Ministry					
Diocesan Common Fund	60,780			60,780	60,780
Working expenses of incumbent	1,172			1,172	673
Assistant Clergy expenses	193			193	512
Administration expenses	2,537			2,537	2,353
New photocopier	2,880			2,880	-
Secretarial assistance	6,261			6,261	6,202
Vicarage maintenance:	810			810	1,288
Church running expenses					
Gas and electricity	14,404			14,404	8,145
Insurance	8,220			8,220	7,925
Church maintenance					
Routine repairs, maintenance, cleaning	6,387			6,387	4,498
Asbestos removal	-			-	9,085
Release of organ retention	-			-	(2,023)
Director of Music	6,353			6,353	6,198
Organists and choir	669			669	358
Parish magazine expenses	1,325			1,325	1,288
Training, development, lent books, cards	379			379	98
Social events and fund raising	509			509	134
Upkeep of services (altar requisites, music, books)	1,458			1,458	1,625
Credence table and covers	1,240			1,240	0
Sundry	43			43	290
	115,620			115,620	109,429
Designated Mission Fund; SWPorch welcome project	2,334			2,334	0
Restricted funds:					
New boiler		12,859		12,859	27,000
Let there be Light- new lighting system		0		0	78,877
Fabric expenditure		0		0	1,769
The Friendship Place		0		0	817
	117,954	12,859		130,813	217,892
<i>3(c) Church management and administration</i>					
Examination of accounts (2022: £900+£50 prior year)	950			950	690
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED 2022</b>	<b>118,904</b>	<b>12,859</b>		<b>131,763</b>	<b>219,373</b>
Total resources used 2021	110,910	108,463		219,373	



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**4 Analysis of movement on funds**

	At 31.12.21	Movements in the current year						At 31.12.22
		Incoming Resources	Resources Used	Net incoming (outgoing) resources	Transfers between funds	Gains and (losses) on investments	Net movement in funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>								
General excluding legacies	60,313	110,468	(116,570)	(6,102)	(15,523)	(1,029)	(22,654)	37,659
General legacies	36,310	19,000	0	19,000	(10,000)	0	9,000	45,310
General sub-total	96,623	129,468	(116,570)	12,898	(25,523)	(1,029)	(13,654)	82,969
Designated: Fabric	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
Designated: Mission Development	40,000	0	(2,334)	(2,334)	10,000	0	7,666	47,666
	136,623	129,468	(118,904)	10,564	(5,523)	(1,029)	4,012	140,635
<b>Restricted</b>								
New Boiler	(1,714)	8,814	(12,859)	(4,045)	5,759	0	1,714	0
Let there be Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	3,892	175	0	175	0	0	175	4,067
Urban mission	3,690	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,690
	5,868	8,989	(12,859)	(3,870)	5,759	0	1,889	7,757
<b>Endowment</b>								
Clergy Stipend	9,762	236	0	236	(236)	(1,238)	(1,238)	8,524
<b>Total per Statement of Financial Activities</b>	<b>152,253</b>	<b>138,693</b>	<b>(131,763)</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,267)</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>156,916</b>

Note 2      Note 3

**5 Analysis of net assets by fund**

	Fixed assets	Debtors	Short term deposits	Cash at bank	Liabilities	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General	6,575	8,126	72,604	2,664	(7,000)	82,969
Designated Fabric	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Designated: Mission Development	0	0	0	47,666	0	47,666
	6,575	8,126	72,604	60,330	(7,000)	140,635
<b>Restricted</b>						
New Boiler	0	0	0	0	0	0
Let there be Light	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fabric	0	0	0	4,067	0	4,067
Urban Mission	0	0	0	3,690	0	3,690
	0	0	0	7,757	0	7,757
<b>Endowment</b>						
Clergy Stipend	7,924	0	600	0	0	8,524
<b>Total per Balance Sheet</b>	<b>14,499</b>	<b>8,126</b>	<b>73,204</b>	<b>68,087</b>	<b>(7,000)</b>	<b>156,916</b>

CBF Deposit Account      11,185  
CBF Combined Account      62,019  
73,204

Note: For administrative purposes all the cash at bank is held in the one general fund bank account on behalf of all funds.

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<b>6 Salaries, wages, honoraria and fees</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Director of Music	6,353	6,198
Organist and choir	669	358
Secretarial	6,261	6,202
	<u>13,283</u>	<u>12,758</u>

**7 Investments within Fixed assets.**

In the unrestricted general fund there are 4,813 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund with a net asset value of £6,575 (2021: £7,604) and a historical cost of £6,221 (2021: £6,221).

In the endowment clergy stipend fund there are 5,793 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund with a net asset value of £7,194 (2021: £9,152) and a historical cost of £7,543 (2021: £7,543).

<b>8 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7,706	12,446
VAT recoverable	0	2,695
Prepaid insurance	0	666
Other debtors	420	0
	<u>8,126</u>	<u>15,807</u>

<b>9 Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
New boiler	0	27,000
New lighting system	0	16,169
Accruals and other creditors	7,000	6,770
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>49,939</u>



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**10 Designated, Restricted and Endowment Fund details**

<b>Designated</b>	
Fabric	To maintain and restore the fabric of the Church
Mission Development	To support projects that will be of missional benefit to St George's Church and parish
<b>Restricted</b>	
New Boiler	To provide a new boiler for the Church ( provided and fund closed)
Let there be Light	To provide a new lighting system for the Church (provided and closed)
Fabric	To maintain and restore the fabric of the Church
Urban Mission	To support the church to enable it to help urban causes outside the parish.
<b>Endowment</b>	
Clergy Stipend	The income (only) is applied towards vicar's working expenses

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St George's**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 14 to 21

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

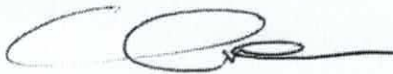
### **Independent examiner's statement**

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Name: Anna Madden

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

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Date 13/7/23