



Parish Church of St Thomas

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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Administrative Information

The church of St Thomas is situated in Stourbridge, West Midlands. It is part of the Diocese of Worcester within the Church of England.

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Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity. The Charity Number is 1134825.

PCC members who served from 23rd May 2021 to xxxx April 2022 were:

Ex officio Members

Vicar and Chair Reverend Andrew Sillis

Churchwardens Val Charles, Jess Warburton

Deanery Synod Members Andrew Harding, Wendy Hemming, Gary Leek

Elected Members

Jannette Griffiths

Kathryn Harding

Wendy Hemming

Kathy Knight (Treasurer)

Gary Leek (Lay Vice-Chair)

Susan Marks

Janet Taylor

Esky Wood (Secretary)

Alistair Greeves

Joy Baylis

Jo Bond (Safeguarding)

Independent Examiner to the PCC, David Hawkins

Incumbent's Report

The Church of St Thomas Stourbridge Annual Report of The Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31st December 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St. Thomas' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Thomas' Church Hall.

Public Benefit

The public benefit is served by enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Thomas' and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning its charitable activities for the year, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

The average total attendance at Sunday worship during the year was 48 adults and 2 children (under 16).

Electoral roll

3 people have left the Electoral Roll and 0 have joined between May 2021 and April 2022. Total number of people on the roll stands at 82.

Incumbent's Report

Dear Friends,

When inviting contributions for our Annual Report, I ask contributors to celebrate the past year and to look forward to the next. We have to produce this document each year, so it makes sense to ensure that it is something more than just reminding you of events past.

2021 was an exceptional year. Painfully slowly, and with a number of false starts, we moved away from a pandemic virus, to an endemic one. A pandemic virus must be fought, but endemic viruses must be 'lived with'. Vaccinations have been essential in this, as have the various controls we have put in place to reduce infections. That the Covid generating viruses became weaker is likely due to the uptake of vaccinations and the precautions we took to reduce infections. Although many were infected with the virus, I am grateful to you all for being patient with all our precautions, such that St Thomas' was never the host of a super-spreader event; indeed, we were never contacted by NHS Track and Trace. Thank you. Equally we continue to thank God for the wisdom, dedication and expertise of the scientists who developed vaccines, years before the Covid virus emerged; and for the unstinting labours of those who laboured in our National Health Service.

In spite of the disruption, we managed not just to carry on almost as normal, but to hold significant events and celebrations. There have been some wonderful moments this past year. We said 'farewell' to Adam as he was licensed as the Priest-in-Charge at Kingswinford and Wall Heath; and the Pastoral Team were kept busy throughout the autumn as many families brought children to be baptised. Also in the Autumn was our amazing Climate Festival bringing together Environmental Groups to inspire and encourage our community to engage with the issues of climate change.

Sadly, amid the celebrations, we also said farewell to good friends of the church, amongst them David Stroyd, Olive Dukes and Christine Corker; others have moved away, and, wonderfully, others have joined in their place. Such is the way with church communities.

We should look forward.

During 2021 I worked with the PCC to examine the ways in which the Church operates and what we aim to achieve. Given that the demands of ministry shift from season to season, it is important to review our hopes and expectations, to define our goals and priorities, and to ensure that those priorities are adequately resourced.

Long before my arrival as your Vicar, there was a vision for a remodeling of the nave, removing the pews to create a more flexible space for both the church and local community. During the year we received generous legacies which make it credible for us to plan this work. Before embarking on such a project, we need to consider, not just what needs to be done, but also how we will maximise the opportunities afforded by the new layout. This means we must think about the expectations we have for the church's life in worship and community, and about how we can make the building available to the local community for cultural and heritage events. This is an exciting opportunity for the church, and it is important that every member gets involved and shares their dreams for the future of our church.

Whereas legacy income allows us to maintain and develop our built inheritance, it doesn't pay for the day-to-day expenses of mission and ministry. That relies on our regular income. In addition to the regular bills, clergy must be paid. A new scheme called Ministry Share comes into operation this year which pays for clergy. Ministry Share works on the basis of each parish paying the average cost of a clergy person, for each clergy person they have (excluding curates in training). The cost to St

Thomas' this year is over £65000*. Kathy and I have had to apply to the Diocesan Ministry Support Fund for additional support so that we can balance the budget, because our income will fall far short of our expected expenditure in 2022.

There are only two ways that we can change from being in need of support from the wider church to standing on our own feet. One is for existing members to give more - but please only give in line with what we have always taught - 5% of your income for the church and 5% to other Christian charities (poorer folk should aim to give from their disposable income - giving should never put you in difficulty). The other way is to grow the church numerically.

As part of its review, the PCC decided to reinstate the Worship Committee, with a view to creating more and more diverse opportunities to worship. The committee will be looking for non-PCC members, so come when meetings are advertised; but we'll also need people to consider helping to lead worship or support services (which might be different from the worship they personally prefer). To put it bluntly, we all need to 'muck in'.

So we have vision, for a church which better serves the community, growing in diversity and number, providing opportunities for people to grow both in faith and love, and which is simply a great bunch of people with which to enjoy life.

We can look forward to The Arts and Flower festival and we'll get yet another new curate - Sarah, joining us in July.

Thank you for playing your part in 2021;

Encourage one another as you play your parts in 2022;

Pray for your Church - nothing else is as important;

and expect the Church to grow, which it will, because God wants to bless us.



Andrew Sillis

Vicar, St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge

*Please understand that this is not my wage! It includes everything to do with having a vicar, providing their housing, a pension for when they retire, training your next vicar, and so on.

Churchwarden's Report

During 2021, The Covid Pandemic remained with us, causing a further lockdown. Our church adapted - relying heavily on on-line services, meetings, Lent and Bible Study groups. These gave a lifeline to all, especially those of our congregation living on their own, ensuring everyone stayed safe by following Government and Church of England guidelines.

One of the highlights of 2021 has got to be The Mission Team's wonderful Climate Festival Exhibition, which took place in the autumn. A year in planning, our church was decorated throughout the week of the Exhibition, including two huge hand-painted rotating globes depicting our ever-changing world. They hung in the central isle and definitely created a talking point. The church was full of stands exhibiting many groups' on-going passionate contributions and offering talks and leaflets to

all who visited. We were overjoyed at the number of people walking through our doors to investigate for themselves, and learn that even small changes to our lifestyles can make a difference to protect our world for the future.

We thank Revd. Andrew for Leading us in Worship in many different circumstances during 2021. He led our Bible Study Group on Zoom and introduced a weekly in-person "Meditation" Prayer session, which everyone attending, has commented that they have benefitted greatly from. He took numerous Baptisms towards the latter part of 2021, which were all very well attended.

We thank our administrator, Emma for all the work she carries out in the Church Office, and in the wider field for our Dudley Deanery. Our thanks also to Kathy, our Treasurer for her continual work balancing the Church finances. Kathy has supplied a detailed financial report within the body of St Thomas' 2021 Annual Report.

We are extremely grateful to Wendy Hemming and the Fabric Committee for their hard work in maintaining and developing the Church buildings. To name but a few: the work being carried out on gaining Government and local council grants; seeking permission and obtaining the Wendy & Graham Gwynne Memorial wall plaque; obtaining quotes to enable various work to be carried out (church hall windows that require painting and replacing; the many consultations and meetings towards the extremely detailed on-going work for Project 300). Wendy and the Fabric Committee have submitted a detailed report within the body of St Thomas' 2021 Annual Report.

We are of course so thankful to all our on-going Committees, which include the many volunteers who offer their time and energy. However, we always welcome additional help in the busy church life, so please come forward to join in the many activities to lend a hand when you feel you are able.

We must not forget our Church gardeners, who work so hard to always make our garden look so beautifully stocked with seasonal plants. Our Stourbridge community have the pleasure of sitting on freshly painted benches (many thanks to Joy Totney) in such a picturesque and popular space, right in the heart of the hustle and bustle of our town's life.

As we move into 2022, we can look forward to commencing Project 300, which is raising much excitement within our Stourbridge community and St Thomas' congregation, as we plan and visualise changes to the inside of our church building, working towards removing pews and opening up its internal structure to eventually house multi-functional activities. This is a huge project - architects, consultants etc. have already given their professional opinions on how we can tackle some areas we will need to replace, all with eco-friendly and sustainable options.

We look forward to all that 2022 holds for St Thomas'.

Jess Warburton, Val Charles



Fabric Report

Since the April 2021 APCM we have:

- Obtained permission and installed a curtain across the Aumbry. Thank you to Judi Davies for making this.
- Obtained a faculty and installed a Brass Plaque in memory of Graham and Wendy Gwynne
- Approved a Memorials Policy
- Re-arranged the Maundy Money display.
- Investigated new noticeboards for the South Porch

- Installed a further CCTV camera in church
- Repaired the Tower Clock
- Involved our local councilor in trying to resolve the issue with the Bell Apartments concerning the gates and the supporting posts attached to our wall. The Planning Enforcement Team at Dudley MBC have this matter in hand and have given us an initial report.
- Considered the refurbishment of the hall kitchen and toilets
- Agreed the installation of new windows in the church hall toilets, office and meeting room.
- Investigated water damage to the Youth Room Ceiling.
- Repaired and painted the North Side windows of the church hall.
- Sought quotations to install quick release gates at both ends of the passage around the church hall to provide security for the area. Started to investigate possible public funding for this project.
- Agreed a scheme for making out the car park to establish a turning circle when crush parking is not needed.
- Sought advice and quotations for remedial work for the damp inside the church hall.
- Applied for and received a grant from The Anthony and Gwendoline Wylde Trust of £2,000 for the repair of the boundary wall. (We now have two grants for this work totaling £5,000).
- Installed a new pump for the church boilers.

During 22-23 we hope to:

- Repair the Boundary Wall
- Continue to press the Planning Enforcement Team for a resolution to the Bell Apartments problem.
- Resolve the damp problem in the church hall.

Project 300

We have:

- Made appointments for two meetings with the Diocesan Advisory Council
- Defined our plans for the Project
- Had a meeting with our Architect to put our plans into a presentable form
- Started Public Consultations using professionally produced publicity material.
- Started investigations into appropriate seating and re-started contact with lighting consultants.
- Investigated the history of the Font which Project 300 seeks to replace.

We intend to:

- Continue to work with the Architect and the DAC to refine our requirements and obtain permission for the project, enabling funding applications to be made.
- Continue with Public Consultations and with interesting the Community in the wider use of our church building.

We welcome new members to the Fabric Committee who are able to offer their skills towards our many projects.

Wendy Hemming

Safeguarding Report

The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the house of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In 2020 the PCC continued to use the "Safeguarding Toolkit" provided in the diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure it fulfils that duty. Self-assessment using the Parish Dashboard is being used now. The difference between the two is that the "Toolkit" was completed on paper and gave fewer options for self-assessment whereas the "Dashboard" is completed online in real time and can help us to assess our progress in more areas as the year progresses.

Several people have had their DBS clearance renewed during the year and several people have attended training courses for their roles, including leadership training. DBS clearances now need to be renewed every three years, rather than, as previously, every five years. All members of the PCC have completed basic safeguarding training via an online platform as this is now mandatory for members of the PCC. As from the start of January 2022, PCC members are required to complete the C1 course.

Risk assessments for activities both in the church and the hall have been completed and we are working on a risk assessment for Home Communion visits which will be completed when we have information on the rules for visiting care homes and the homes of individuals from the government.

We have ensured that Childline and Parentline posters are displayed along with our Safeguarding Policy in the Church, Church Hall, Bell Tower and Song Room. Jo Bond is Parish Advocate – a person to whom anyone can talk if there is a safeguarding problem.

If anyone has any Safeguarding concerns, then they can inform any of the following people: the Vicar, a Churchwarden, or the Parish Safeguarding Officer, who will take any action necessary.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer email address is ps@stthomasstourbridge.org

We are extremely grateful to our choir members and to our team of bell ringing tutors for giving so freely of their time. If anyone would like to join either of these teams, please don't hesitate to speak to Richard Hurst (Bell Ringers) or Jo Bond (Choir).

I shall cease to be the Safeguarding Officer after the APCM. I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship.

Jo Bond, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod Report

At the beginning of 2021, the old system of 13 deaneries was dissolved and a new system of 6 deaneries covering the whole diocese was set up. St Thomas moved from being in the old Stourbridge Deanery and became part of the much larger Greater Dudley Deanery. Setting up the new deaneries has proved more difficult than anticipated and the pandemic hasn't helped. The new scheme offers many potential advantages over the old system, and brings some moderate financial savings.

The role of the deanery is to generate mutually supportive relationships between parishes, plan mission effectively in the locality and to enable churches to actively serve and transform their communities. Working out how to do that, when Deanery Synod was only initially able to meet on Zoom, proved tricky. However, the Synod did meet in person for the first time in September, and so we are hopeful that the benefits of having a larger deanery with more opportunities to share learning, resources and fellowship, will soon become apparent.

Your Deanery Synod representatives are Andrew Sillis (House of Clergy), Andrew Harding & Wendy Hemming (House of Laity)

Andrew Sillis

PCC Activity Report

The Church Council has met five times since the APCM in October 2020.

Key matters under discussion were:

- Arrangements for public worship and private prayer as Covid-19 defence arrangements changed
- Items of work for the protection and maintenance of the church buildings
- Oversight of the church finances
- Revision of certain policies of the council

Andrew Sillis

Choir's Report

Throughout the year, the choir has worked hard on providing music for services. Like many people, we enjoy using music to worship and to express our faith.

St Thomas' choir is small at present, but we are really lucky to have such a great group of committed people singing together. Rehearsals are informal and there is a lovely, informal atmosphere even though we work hard on our music. We have been lucky also in being able to work with some really helpful musicians who have rehearsed with us and accompanied us in services.

We now have two great musicians who have agreed to work with us as their other commitment allow, which makes us very happy! Welcome to Louis Stockton and Matt Davies!

We are hoping this year to gain more members and are hoping to recruit not only more children (by doing school visits and "Be a Chorister" events) but also more adults. We have welcomed some adults already this year; a tenor and two altos, but we would love to welcome more adults, especially basses! The more members we have, the more flexible we can be on attendance.

We are looking forward to the time when we can have a young voices choir or an adult choir singing at different services and there are other thoughts in our heads as well...

It has been a huge pleasure to work with such a great group of people and if anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome! Spread the word!

Nicky Dalton and Jo Bond

Belfry Report (St Thomas' Society of Change Ringers)

We re-started ringing in the tower on Monday May 17th with short practices and, following guidelines, limiting numbers to 6 taking it in turns to stay away. We moved to an unrestricted practice and Sunday Ringing from July 26th and returned to a full-length practice from September 6th.

We have been fortunate to have been able to restore ringing to our pre-pandemic routine without losing any of our ringers. This hasn't been the case for many towers.

Pre-pandemic we organised and rang quarter peals on a regular basis. This we should resume in 2022 as soon as it becomes practical.

During the months of not being able to ring three of us practiced handbells out of doors and often in the rain under an umbrella or in a gazebo. Now we are back to tower bell ringing we are trying to continue this, but indoors.

Ringing provides physical and intellectual challenges as well as a social life as a group activity. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to visit the tower informally on any Monday practice night. Our intention is to recruit new ringers to train over the next few months and years. We need to continue the tradition of ringing within the church especially now that we are the sole remaining practice in Stourbridge of the 4 churches with peals of bells.

Richard Hurst, Tower Captain

Flower Guild Report

Once again, we have had a strange year. Mothering Sunday bunches of Daffodils were placed in church for people to collect themselves as services where being held online.

Easter we were able to place flowers in the church again and with the help of donations we had the church full of wonderful arrangements and perfume.

Our next adventure was to combine Harvest with the Climate Expedition which was a great success working from dried arrangements to fresh flowers.

Christmas we were able to place in our flower arrangements with the embellishments of reds, gold and sparkle.

I would like to thank all the guild members for their time and talents for making the church flowers a glorious display. On a sad note, we have lost Christine Corker from our team and our condolences go to Father John and family. Janet Simmonds has also stepped down and thanks go to her for the help and support she has given to us over the past years of service.

We welcomed two new members, Daphne Darlington and Jason Emptage. If you would like to join us, please contact me or the office.

We are thankful for all the donations given to us as all the arrangements in church are covered this way. If you would like to contribute in anyway, please make your donations through the office as over the past year we seen a decline in this funding.

Looking forward to the forthcoming year.

Judi Davies

Rainbows Report

Well, if a global pandemic taught me anything it was that I could never be a Blue Peter presenter. As 2021 started we continued with weekly Zoom sessions of one hour a week, which we had started the previous November. Keeping 12 Rainbows aged between 5 and 7 years focused and entertained took quite a lot of effort. I quickly realised that it wasn't that easy to run a craft session even with 'here is one I made earlier' in place. During the term on Zoom we completed a badge - Mexico Adventure, with activities including craft, games and cooking - Chicken Enchilada's seemed a good idea when we were planning it. Turns out it is not easy to talk and cook at the same time whilst also trying to make sure everyone has done the same thing and has not cut themselves or burnt anything.

After Easter, much to my relief, we were allowed back to face-to-face meetings, these we held outside. We welcomed new Rainbows and enjoyed being together in person. We completed another badge - Brilliant Bees, we had great fun learning all about bees and the effect the environment is having on them. We completed lots of activities and finished off with Bee Ball at the end of term, which included learning how bees dance.

When we returned in September we made use of the space in the church hall, this helped in social distancing measures. We completed our First Aid badge which included a lively session on bites, animal, insect and snake. Also, a very excitable session where they learnt how germs are spread and why it is so important to wash hands all with the aid of some Vaseline and glitter. After half term we completed our second badge of the term, Advent Challenge. We had 24 things to complete which

were varied and fun, we made reindeer food, Christmas decorations, collected food for the Foodbank and had a snowball fight, amongst other things.

Our start to 2022 was delayed as many of our girl's families were hit by Covid. We have kept our group size at a lower number since Covid, as life begins to return to normal, we are looking forward to talking on more girls. We have lots of things planned, we are having a party for the Queens jubilee with our own Coronation taking place and we also taking part in the Flower & Arts Festival at St Thomas' in July.

Emma Leek, Leader in Charge

Beavers Report

We restarted our Beaver Colony in October, initially with 10 Beavers now increased to 16, and we have had great feedback from the young people and their carers.

They visited Bodenham Arboretum to earn their Explorer Badge and they enjoyed their first outing in our group minibus.

Beavers are looking forward to their first sleepover (or possibly stay-awake-over) in a few weeks and a visit to the snowdome in March. We are going to find out how refined their tastes are while working towards the international badge and sampling Indian and French cuisine (leftovers available for volunteers...).

We are hoping to arrange an overnight stay on a scouting campsite in the warmer months - to give them a real flavour of the sort of adventures they can have within scouting.

We have a team of new volunteers (Blue, Baggie, Brillo and Big Bob) running the colony supported by some seasoned leaders but would welcome another pair of hands either on a regular or ad hoc basis, this would allow us to run different activities and increase the size of the colony.

Kate Bond

Cubs Report

Cubs are back to a full program of activities after the recent challenges. We restarted online via Zoom meetings in November 2020, and we were amazed at the enthusiasm of the young people to participate remotely, while their schooling kept them in front of their computers for much of the day as well. We were even more amazed that the pack grew with new members during the lockdown to nearly its largest ever capacity.

The enthusiasm of the young people never ceases to impress us, and it is what keeps us enjoying Scouting leadership long after our own children have passed through. We would love to be able to share this experience with other parents and adult helpers who, we are sure, would find it equally rewarding.

Recent highlights have been bat watching at Saltwells Nature reserve, rhododendron underworld at Bunkers Hill and ancient history at Norton Covert.

Forthcoming plans include a visit to the fire station, behind the scenes at Waitrose, evenings out at Clent and Kinver, den building at Lickey and inevitably a camp at our favourite home-from-home, Rhydd Covert at Bewdley. Nothing beats the outdoor life, open fire cooking, the all-pervading smell of wood smoke and bringing home a dozen grubby, tired but delighted 8-10 year-olds.

Graeme Lowcock

Scouts Report

For a generation obsessed with technology and video games we were surprised by how joyful the scouts were when we were finally able to restart meeting face to face. After so long without meeting going for a simple hike was a real gift! The rules benefited us as we spent more time outside and really put the out in scOUTing, but we were happy for the opportunity to return indoors as the nights began to draw in!

We spent time listening to the scouts and have lots planned for the coming year. Our elder members are currently preparing for their expedition challenge, they will walk for two days and camp overnight being as self-sufficient as possible. We have skills days planned at local campsites and are in practice for a district shooting competition and working towards an orienteering badge.

We have a full troop, but because of the pandemic they have not had the opportunity to build the skills that they would have previously. We're working hard to on this but would welcome anyone that would be interested in helping, either as a one-off session in an area that they are knowledgeable in, as a regular helper at weekly meetings or weekends away.

Kate Bond

Treasurer's Report

Dear Friends

The pandemic continued to make 2021 difficult. Hall bookings which post pandemic was providing income remained unpredictable due to infection rates and the emergence of Covid variants.

However, the outcome was better than could have been anticipated mainly due to the grants that were received from DMBC and a refund of charges from HSBC.

Utilities remained lower this year which may have occurred because of the reduced use of facilities. However, it is recognised that our fuel charges will increase when our tariff ends in October, and this could be substantial.

Ministry Share has now replaced Fairer share in 2022 with the cost set at £65,755. Our income has been reducing steadily over the last few years and as previous years we are unable to meet this cost, therefore a 'Ministry Support Fund Grant' together with a 'Lowest Income Community Grant' has been applied for and we await news as to whether this application has been successful.

An amount of money has been restricted to develop a means whereby our church community and visitors alike can donate more easily, as cash appears to be carried far less since the pandemic.

Although our donations are reduced, on a positive note we received substantial legacies in 2021 which were restricted to the fabric of the building thereby providing a good base for Project 300.

As always, I aim to give a realistic account of our finances and the accounts reflect the points I have raised.

I have also projected that there will be an increase in clergy expenses as we are to have a curate join us this year.

I am not privy presently of any plans for the music department and therefore have acted conservatively.

The income from the hall is not one that I or anyone else can predict. The pandemic continues and sadly this has an effect on bookings being cancelled or not continued.

We have been extremely fortunate in receiving legacies in 2021 which are restricted for our fabric fund.

Unfortunately, the trend currently is that our income is reducing steadily on an annual basis and therefore our projected income, taking into account our Ministry Share only meets approx. 45% of our 2022 expenditure.

Kathy Knight, Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the associated notes as set out on pages 1 to 13

Respective responsibilities of the members of the PCC and the examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the members of the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature: 

Address: 17 VICARAGE ROAD DYF 43D PCC 1689293

Date: 15/3/2022

THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021

The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	38,947	165,033	—	203,980	45,884
Activities for generating funds	—	7	—	7	512
Investment income	305	38	—	343	490
Incoming resources from charitable activities	11,959	209	—	12,168	7,872
Other incoming resources	21,081	6,880	—	27,960	8,209
Total income	72,292	172,166	—	244,458	62,967
Resources used					
Charitable activities	60,195	8,168	—	68,363	71,527
Total expenditure	60,195	8,168	—	68,363	71,527
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,098	163,998	—	176,096	(8,560)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,950	—	2,950	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,950)	—	—	(2,950)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	1,508	1,508	678
Net movement in funds	9,148	166,948	1,508	177,604	(7,882)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	10,382	47,779	10,489	68,650	76,532
Total funds carried forward	19,530	214,727	11,997	246,254	68,650
Represented by					
Unrestricted	18,358	—	—	18,358	9,422
General fund	—	—	—	—	565
Designated	592	—	—	592	395
Friends of the Music	580	—	—	580	—
Guttering Maintenance	—	8	—	8	7
Restricted	—	2,500	—	2,500	—
Church Hall Improvements	—	209,438	—	209,438	44,639
Development Fund	—	882	—	882	907
Fabric Appeal Fund	—	432	—	432	592
Flower Festival	—	1,247	—	1,247	1,545
Flower Guild	—	148	—	148	20
Organ Improvement Fund	—	72	—	72	69
Social Mission Concerns	—	—	—	—	—
St Thomas Gardening Fund	—	—	11,997	11,997	10,489
Endowment	—	—	—	—	—
Gallimore Burton Trust	—	—	—	—	—

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The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825
Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments	11,997	10,489
	<u>11,997</u>	<u>10,489</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	2,064	1,892
Cash at bank and in hand	232,192	56,268
	<u>234,256</u>	<u>58,160</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>234,256</u>	<u>58,160</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	18,357	9,422
Designated		
Designated - Friends of the Music	591	564
Designated - Guttering Maintenance	580	395
Designated - Church Hall Improvements	—	—
Restricted		
Restricted - Church Improvement Fund	—	—
Restricted - Development Fund	2,500	907
Restricted - Flower Festival	881	591
Restricted - Flower Guild	432	44,639
Restricted - Fabric Appeal Fund	209,438	69
Restricted - St Thomas Gardening Fund	72	6
Restricted - Church Hall Improvements	7	6
Restricted - Organ Improvement Fund	1,246	1,544
Restricted - Social Mission Concerns	147	19
Endowment		
Endowment - Gallimore Burton Trust	11,997	10,489
Funds of the church	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>

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The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

From 01 January 2021 01 January 2020
To 31 December 2021 31 December 2020

DVP - Development Fund (Restricted) Fund

Transfers to/(from)	2,500	—
Total carried forward balance	2,500	—

FF - Flower Festival (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		299
Voluntary income		299
Donations	—	—
Total Voluntary income		299
Activities for generating funds		
Flower Festival	7	512
Total Activities for generating funds	7	512
Total receipts	7	812
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Stationery, Printing & Postage	32	—
Total Charitable activities	32	—
Total payments	32	—
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(25)	812
Brought forward balance	907	95
Total carried forward balance	881	907

FG - Flower Guild (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		721
Voluntary income		721
Donations	329	—
Total Voluntary income	329	721
Total receipts	329	721
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Flowers	489	130
Total Charitable activities	489	130
Total payments	489	130
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(159)	591
Brought forward balance	591	—

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PCC of St Thomas Church

From 01 January 2021 To 31 December 2021

Total carried forward balance

432 591

FOM - Friends of the Music (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds
Voluntary income
Donations

230 —

Total Voluntary income

230 —

Total receipts

Payments

Charitable activities
Choir expenses
Piano Tuning

202 —

Total Charitable activities

202 100

Total payments

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used
Brought forward balance

27 (100)

Total carried forward balance

564 564

Fabric - Fabric Appeal Fund (Restricted) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds
Voluntary income
Donations
Legacies received

895 538

Total Voluntary income

163,800 538

Investment income

Interest received

37 195

Total Investment income

37 195

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Collections - funerals

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities

209 —

Other Incoming resources

Grants received

VAT recovered

6,879 1,000

2,598 3,598

Total Other Incoming resources

6,879 3,598

171,820 4,332

Total receipts

Payments

Charitable activities

Major repairs - Church

Major repairs - Church Hall

Minor repairs and maintenance - Church

Minor repairs and maintenance - Church hall

Architects and Chartered Surveyors Fees

Organ repairs & tuning

4,032 9,896

1,170 —

1,127 3,235

376 1,209

— 701

315 —

Total Charitable activities

7,021 15,042

7,021 15,042

Total payments

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PCC of St Thomas Stourbridge

F

	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		464,499	(46,466)
Brought forward balance		44,639	55,348
Total carried forward balance		209,438	44,639

GBT - Gallimore Burton Trust (Endowment) Fund

Brought forward balance	10,489	9,811
Gains & losses	1,508	677
Total carried forward balance	11,997	10,489

Garden - St Thomas Gardening Fund (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Donations	3	—
Total receipts	3	—
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		
Brought forward balance	3	—
	69	69
Total carried forward balance	72	69

Guttering - Guttering Maintenance (Designated) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Donations	935	395
Total receipts	935	395
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Minor repairs and maintenance - Church	750	160
Total payments	750	160
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		
Brought forward balance	185	235
	395	160
Total carried forward balance	580	395

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PCC of St Thomas Stourbridge

From 01 January 2021 To 31 December 2021

01 January 2020 31 December 2020

Hall - Church Hall Improvements (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Investment income		
Interest received	0	
Total Investment Income	0	
Total receipts	0	
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	0	
Brought forward balance	6	6
Total carried forward balance	7	6

Organ - Organ Improvement Fund (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Donations	5	
Total Voluntary Income	5	
Total receipts	5	
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Organ repairs & tuning	303	
Total Charitable activities	303	
Total payments	303	
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(298)	
Brought forward balance	1,544	1,544
Total carried forward balance	1,246	1,544

SMC - Social Mission Concerns (Restricted) Fund

Payments		
Charitable activities		
Social Mission Concerns	321	
Total Charitable activities	321	
Total payments	321	
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(321)	
Brought forward balance	19	19
Transfers to/(from)	450	
Total carried forward balance	147	19

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General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

Planned giving	28,515	29,318
Loose cash	894	1,040
Gift Aid Recovered	7,807	7,387
Donations	565	6,182
Total Voluntary income	37,782	43,928

Investment income

Dividends received	304	294
Total Investment income	304	294

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Christmas Tree Festival	—	3
Sundry sales	—	43
Church hall lettings	10,581	7,280
Fees - weddings	135	53
Collections - funerals	—	130
Collections - Baptisms	673	51
PCC Fees: Funeral	569	291
PCC Fees other	—	20
Total Incoming resources from charitable activities	11,959	7,872

Other incoming resources

Sundry income	282	10
Grants received	13,034	4,600
HSBC Refund of Charges	7,701	—
Insurance claims	62	—
Total Other incoming resources	21,080	4,610

Total receipts

71,127

Payments

Charitable activities

Parish share	25,000	15,000
Insurance - Church	5,086	5,088
Insurance - Church Hall	1,643	1,669
Severn Trent Water: Church	—	21
Gas - Church	141	—
Electricity- Church	2,203	2,258
Gas- Church Hall	1,213	1,082
Electricity-Church Hall	1,040	1,884
Director of Music	767	1,096
Choir expenses	—	6,666
Organists fees	350	20
Choristers fees	2,120	745
Cost of services	69	75
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	1,939	1,235
Secretary's salary	685	630
Cleaners - Church Hall	3,531	6,656
Gardener	2,163	1,789
Church Cleaner	290	125
Stationery, Printing & Postage	1,383	1,342
Telephone	1,429	1,258
Hire of photocopier	414	402
Hygiene Services Church hall	4,371	4,327
Sundry expenses	1,703	1,807
	577	(66)

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PCC of St Thomas Stourbridge

From 01 January 2021 To 31 December 2021

01 January 2020 31 December 2020

Cleaning & toilet requirements	121	27
Bank charges	358	394
Visiting clergy	154	—
Vicar's expenses	387	222
Curates Expenses	93	543
Total Charitable activities	59,241	56,094
Total payments	59,241	56,094
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	11,885	610
Brought forward balance	9,422	8,811
Transfers to/(from)	(2,950)	—
Total carried forward balance	18,357	9,422

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PCC OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

1.1 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the parish becomes entitled to make a claim from HM Revenue & Customs. This is done on a quarterly basis.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by book fairs and similar fund-raising events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of cards and any other sundry sales are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of the church hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest is accounted for when received.

Gains and losses on investments

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments every December.

1.2 Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Parish Share is a voluntary obligation of the PCC to the Diocese. For 2021 this was £42,458. These accounts show the amount paid, and agreed by the PCC, during the year of £25,000. The shortfall of £17,458 is not reflected in these accounts.

PCC OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000, or on the repair of movable church furnishings is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 2.

Endowment funds

Endowment funds are those funds where the capital must be retained and details of these funds are provided in note 2.

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 or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

PCC OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

2. Funds

Restricted funds

Fabric Fund

The Fabric Account represents grants and amounts donated for the purposes of the repair, upkeep, and renovation of the church buildings.

Church Hall Fund

This fund represents a grant and money donated to be used towards refurbishments in the church hall. There are only a few pounds left in this fund, but it remains open.

Organ Fund

The organ fund represents donations made for the refurbishment of the organ.

Gardening Fund

The small balance in the fund has been maintained for 2021. This was mainly due to donations being made for plants etc. that were bought for the garden area.

Social Mission Concerns Fund

The SMC fund has previously raised money primarily for the benefit of a school in ITAMBA. This year it has been involved in the Climatic Festival. Funds were transferred to the SMC to cover expenses and a surplus to enable other projects. This has been necessary due to a lack of fund-raising activities due to the Covid pandemic.

Flower Festival Fund

This money for this fund is generated from a bi-annual flower festival held in the church. Fund raising began for a festival in 2020 but this had to be postponed due to national Covid restrictions and will now take place in 2022.

Development Fund

This is a new restricted fund created to enable devices or activities for the improvement of donations or other income streams.

Endowment fund - Gallimore Burton Trust

This consists of 513 Income Shares in the C B F Church of England Investment Fund, the income from which is for the upkeep of a grave and the dividends generated for the general purposes of the PCC

PCC OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOUNTS APPROVAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3	Salaries During the year the PCC employed a secretary however no national insurance or PAYE was payable.		
4	Payments to PCC members No expenses or payments were paid to any PCC member, persons connected to them or related parties other than expenses reimbursed to the vicar & curate amounting to £482.		
5	Investment Assets	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
	Market Value at 1 January	10489	9,812
	Revaluation (loss) / gain	1,508	677
	Market Value at 31 December	11,997	10,489
6	Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
	Unrestricted funds : Utilities	-	-
9	Related Party Transactions There were no related party transactions during the year other than those explained in note 4 above of £482.	-	-

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on - 6th Dec 2022
and signed on its behalf by:

Rev A Sillis
Vicar



K Knight
Treasurer



THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH
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The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	38,947	165,033	—	203,980	45,884
Activities for generating funds	—	7	—	7	512
Investment income	305	38	—	343	490
Incoming resources from charitable activities	11,959	209	—	12,168	7,872
Other incoming resources	21,081	6,880	—	27,960	8,209
Total income	72,292	172,166	—	244,458	62,967
Resources used					
Charitable activities	60,195	8,168	—	68,363	71,527
Total expenditure	60,195	8,168	—	68,363	71,527
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,098	163,998	—	176,096	(8,560)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,950	—	2,950	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,950)	—	—	(2,950)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	1,508	1,508	678
Net movement in funds	9,148	166,948	1,508	177,604	(7,882)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	10,382	47,779	10,489	68,650	76,532
Total funds carried forward	19,530	214,727	11,997	246,254	68,650
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	18,358	—	—	18,358	9,422
Designated					
Friends of the Music	592	—	—	592	565
Guttering Maintenance	580	—	—	580	395
Restricted					
Church Hall Improvements	—	8	—	8	7
Development Fund	—	2,500	—	2,500	—
Fabric Appeal Fund	—	209,438	—	209,438	44,639
Flower Festival	—	882	—	882	907
Flower Guild	—	432	—	432	592
Organ Improvement Fund	—	1,247	—	1,247	1,545
Social Mission Concerns	—	148	—	148	20
St Thomas Gardening Fund	—	72	—	72	69
Endowment					
Gallimore Burton Trust	—	—	11,997	11,997	10,489

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The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825

**Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021**

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments	11,997	10,489
	<u>11,997</u>	<u>10,489</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	2,064	1,892
Cash at bank and in hand	232,192	56,268
	<u>234,256</u>	<u>58,160</u>
	<u>234,256</u>	<u>58,160</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities		
	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		
	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>
Total net assets less liabilities		
	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	18,357	9,422
Designated		
Designated - Friends of the Music	591	564
Designated - Guttering Maintenance	580	395
Designated - Church Hall Improvements	—	—
Restricted		
Restricted - Church Improvement Fund	—	—
Restricted - Development Fund	2,500	—
Restricted - Flower Festival	881	907
Restricted - Flower Guild	432	591
Restricted - Fabric Appeal Fund	209,438	44,639
Restricted - St Thomas Gardening Fund	72	69
Restricted - Church Hall Improvements	7	6
Restricted - Church Hall Improvements	1,246	1,544
Restricted - Organ Improvement Fund	147	19
Restricted - Social Mission Concerns	—	—
Endowment		
Endowment - Gallimore Burton Trust	11,997	10,489
Funds of the church	<u>246,253</u>	<u>68,649</u>

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The Parish Church of St Thomas Stourbridge - 1134825
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
DVP - Development Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Transfers to/(from)		2,500	—
Total carried forward balance		2,500	—
FF - Flower Festival (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Donations		—	299
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		—	299
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>			
Flower Festival		7	512
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>		7	512
Total receipts		7	812
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Stationery, Printing & Postage		32	—
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		32	—
Total payments		32	—
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(25)	812
Brought forward balance		907	95
Total carried forward balance		881	907
FG - Flower Guild (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Donations		329	721
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		329	721
Total receipts		329	721
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Flowers		489	130
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		489	130
Total payments		489	130
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(159)	591
Brought forward balance		591	—

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PCC of St Thomas Church	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Total carried forward balance		432	591

FOM - Friends of the Music (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

Donations

	230	—
Total Voluntary income	230	—

Total receipts

230

Payments

Charitable activities

Choir expenses

Piano Tuning

	202	—
	—	100
Total Charitable activities	202	100

Total payments

202

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

27 (100)

Brought forward balance

564 664

Total carried forward balance

591 564

Fabric - Fabric Appeal Fund (Restricted) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

Donations

Legacies received

	895	538
	163,800	—
Total Voluntary income	164,695	538

Investment income

Interest received

	37	195
Total Investment income	37	195

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Collections - funerals

209 —

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities

209 —

Other incoming resources

Grants received

6,879 1,000

VAT recovered

— 2,598

Total Other incoming resources

6,879 3,598

Total receipts

171,820 4,332

Payments

Charitable activities

Major repairs - Church

4,032 9,896

Major repairs - Church Hall

1,170 —

Minor repairs and maintenance - Church

1,127 3,235

Minor repairs and maintenance-Church hal

376 1,209

Architects and Chartered Surveyors Fees

— 701

Organ repairs & tuning

315 —

Total Charitable activities

7,021 15,042

Total payments

7,021 15,042

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PCC of St Thomas Stourbridge	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		164,799	(10,709)
Brought forward balance		44,639	55,348
Total carried forward balance		209,438	44,639
GBT - Gallimore Burton Trust (Endowment) Fund			
Brought forward balance		10,489	9,811
Gains & losses		1,508	677
Total carried forward balance		11,997	10,489
Garden - St Thomas Gardening Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income			
Donations		3	—
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>
Total receipts		3	—
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		3	—
Brought forward balance		69	69
Total carried forward balance		72	69
Guttering - Guttering Maintenance (Designated) Fund			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income			
Donations		935	395
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		<u>935</u>	<u>395</u>
Total receipts		935	395
Payments			
Charitable activities			
Minor repairs and maintenance - Church		750	160
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<u>750</u>	<u>160</u>
Total payments		750	160
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		185	235
Brought forward balance		395	160
Total carried forward balance		580	395

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Hall - Church Hall Improvements (Restricted) Fund

Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Investment income		0	—
Interest received		0	—
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	0	—
Total receipts		0	—
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	0	—
	Brought forward balance	6	6
Total carried forward balance		7	6

Organ - Organ Improvement Fund (Restricted) Fund

Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		5	—
Donations		5	—
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	5	—
Total receipts		5	—
Payments			
Charitable activities		303	—
Organ repairs & tuning		303	—
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	303	—
Total payments		(298)	—
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	1,544	1,544
	Brought forward balance	1,246	1,544
Total carried forward balance			

SMC - Social Mission Concerns (Restricted) Fund

Payments			
Charitable activities		321	—
Social Mission Concerns		321	—
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	321	—
Total payments		(321)	—
	Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	19	19
	Brought forward balance	450	—
	Transfers to/(from)	147	19
Total carried forward balance			

General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

Planned giving	28,515	29,318
Loose cash	894	1,040
Gift Aid Recovered	7,807	7,387
Donations	565	6,182

Total Voluntary income 37,782 43,928

Investment income

Dividends received	304	294
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Total Investment income 304 294

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Christmas Tree Festival	—	3
Sundry sales	—	43
Church hall lettings	10,581	7,280
Fees - weddings	135	53
Collections - funerals	—	130
Collections - Baptisms	673	51
PCC Fees: Funeral	569	291
PCC Fees other	—	20

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities 11,959 7,872

Other incoming resources

Sundry income	282	10
Grants received	13,034	4,600
HSBC Refund of Charges	7,701	—
Insurance claims	62	—

Total Other incoming resources 21,080 4,610

Total receipts

71,127 56,705

Payments

Charitable activities

Parish share	25,000	15,000
Insurance - Church	5,086	5,068
Insurance - Church Hall	1,643	1,669
Severn Trent Water: Church	—	21
Severn Trent Water: Church Hall	141	—
Gas - Church	2,203	2,258
Electricity- Church	1,213	1,092
Gas- Church Hall	1,040	1,684
Electricity-Church Hall	767	1,096
Director of Music	—	6,666
Choir expenses	350	20
Organists fees	2,120	745
Choristers fees	69	75
Cost of services	1,939	1,235
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	685	630
Secretary's salary	3,531	6,656
Cleaners - Church Hall	2,163	1,789
Gardener	290	125
Church Cleaner	1,383	1,342
Stationery, Printing & Postage	1,429	1,258
Telephone	414	402
Hire of photocopier	4,371	4,327
Hygiene Services Church hall	1,703	1,807
Sundry expenses	577	(66)

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Cleaning & toilet requirements		121	27
Bank charges		358	394
Visiting clergy		154	—
Vicar's expenses		387	222
Curates Expenses		93	543
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<i>59,241</i>	<i>56,094</i>
Total payments		59,241	56,094
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		11,885	610
Brought forward balance		9,422	8,811
Transfers to/(from)		(2,950)	—
Total carried forward balance		18,357	9,422

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PCC OF ST. THOMAS, STOURBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

1.1 Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the parish becomes entitled to make a claim from H M Revenue & Customs. This is done on a quarterly basis.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by book fairs and similar fund-raising events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of cards and any other sundry sales are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of the church hall is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when receivable and interest is accounted for when received.

Gains and losses on investments

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments every December.

1.2 Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Parish Share is a voluntary obligation of the PCC to the Diocese. For 2021 this was £42,458. These accounts show the amount paid, and agreed by the PCC, during the year of £25,000. The shortfall of £17,458 is not reflected in these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000, or on the repair of movable church furnishings is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 2.

Endowment funds

Endowment funds are those funds where the capital must be retained and details of these funds are provided in note 2.

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 or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2. Funds

Restricted funds

Fabric Fund

The Fabric Account represents grants and amounts donated for the purposes of the repair, upkeep, and renovation of the church buildings.

Church Hall Fund

This fund represents a grant and money donated to be used towards refurbishments in the church hall. There are only a few pounds left in this fund, but it remains open.

Organ Fund

The organ fund represents donations made for the refurbishment of the organ.

Gardening Fund

The small balance in the fund has been maintained for 2021. This was mainly due to donations being made for plants etc. that were bought for the garden area.

Social Mission Concerns Fund

The SMC fund has previously raised money primarily for the benefit of a school in ITAMBA. This year it has been involved in the Climatic Festival. Funds were transferred to the SMC to cover expenses and a surplus to enable other projects. This has been necessary due to a lack of fund-raising activities due to the Covid pandemic.

Flower Festival Fund

This money for this fund is generated from a bi-annual flower festival held in the church. Fund raising began for a festival in 2020 but this had to be postponed due to national Covid restrictions and will now take place in 2022.

Development Fund

This is a new restricted fund created to enable devices or activities for the improvement of donations or other income streams.

Endowment fund - Gallimore Burton Trust

This consists of 513 Income Shares in the C B F Church of England Investment Fund, the income from which is for the upkeep of a grave and the dividends generated for the general purposes of the PCC

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOUNTS APPROVAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Salaries

During the year the PCC employed a secretary however no national insurance or PAYE was payable.

4 Payments to PCC members

No expenses or payments were paid to any PCC member, persons connected to them or related parties other than expenses reimbursed to the vicar & curate amounting to £482.

5 Investment Assets

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Market Value at 1 January	10489	9,812
Revaluation (loss) / gain	1,508	677
Market Value at 31 December	11,997	10,489

6 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Unrestricted funds : Utilities	-	-
	-	-

9 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than those explained in note 4 above of £482.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on - 6th Feb 2022
and signed on its behalf by:

Rev A Sillis
Vicar



K Knight
Treasurer

