

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST GEORGE NEW THUNDERSLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1134854

Details

Other names	ST GEORGE'S PCC NEW THUNDERSLEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-03-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: The primary activity is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Parish of New Thundersley according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC co-operates with the Vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£78,575	£98,272	-	-
2023-12-31	£84,019	£84,405	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,775	£156,726	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,817	£68,462	-	-
2020-12-31	£91,388	£63,311	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Hillman	Chair	2019-08-29
ANNE NUNN		2023-05-24
Dr Richard John Nicholas Baker		2023-05-21
Gillian Rowe		2025-04-27
Hannah Mickleburgh		2021-05-23
Heather Baker		2023-05-21
Ian King		2021-05-23
Irene Volk		2021-05-23
Jonathan Pinnock		2021-05-23
Joy Mickleburgh		2013-10-17
Lindsey Rye		2023-05-23
Matthew Rose		2022-05-24
Steven Doherty		2025-04-27

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Parish of Thundersley - Ministers' report 2025

The last twelve months have been a period of significant change for us as Parish. By far the most significant event of course came at the end of 2024 with the departure of our dear friends Andy and Lynn. Andy will always be remembered for being the "Vicar in the Van" amongst many other things including the Woodland Church events to name but two. We thank them for all that they did during their time here and ask God every blessing for them both and their family for the future.

The departure of our Rector has created both opportunity and challenge. Moving us from a situation where the "theory" or sharing ministry provision which has been discussed for some time has become a reality in very short order. We all understand the financial benefits of sharing ministry, that is a significantly reduced Parish Share, but the cost of that is something that we are slowly beginning to understand more clearly perhaps.

We will all be aware that some adjustments, are and will continue to be, necessary as we reflect upon how best to shape ourselves for mission and ministry in the next few years ahead as part of a bigger Team. When our new Team recruitment is complete we will be well resourced to explore developing new models of mission and ministry in our locality with stronger and healthier interdependent Parishes journeying together.

Services

Attendance at our usual Sunday services, St Peter's at 8am and 11am and St Michael's at 9.30am, has remained steady throughout the year. Pete began to take occasional services during the latter part of 2024 to help with the transition to a new ministry model and has been leading regularly since Andy's departure at the beginning of the New Year. Despite our Clergy team still being short of our full complement we have managed to maintain all of our services bar one mid-week service at St Peter's. There have thus far been minimal change to our service pattern each week. Split over the two churches in our Parish we are averaging a total of 16 services per month. This is double the number held at each of the other Parishes in the BTH Group.

Bishop Adam has visited the parish twice, once to carry out a Confirmation Service and then to take a Sunday service. Parade Services are held during the year on Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Remembrance Sundays.

Christmas is always a busy time, with Carol Services held for children from local schools, a Deanes Concert and a Remembering Service with Stibbards. This is in addition to Christingle services, Carol Services and a Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Working with our friends from Churches Together in Hadleigh, we hosted a service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held a service for the World Day of Prayer, and were part of the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

Thanks go to all those who make the services possible each week; servers, readers, those who lead intercessions, flower arrangers, cleaners and welcomers. With the congregation they all make our churches a warm and friendly community of Christians, with worship to God at its heart.

Activities

The Parish has held an Agape supper on Maundy Thursday, a Christmas meal and has a Bible Study Group.

Our year included a number of social, outreach and fundraising events. Regular events are coffee mornings, a Fish and Chip Lunch monthly. The Handicraft Group held a coffee morning and craft sale which raised funds. A Harvest Meal was held in September, where not only were people from the parish invited but also many others who have helped the church out during the year. There was a table top sale, a night of magic, 2 meals at Latinos, a coach trip to The Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park, 2 Quiz Nights, a Soup Lunch and a Strawberry Tea with proceeds to Christian Aid.

We hosted the Allegro Choir who were raising funds for MND and the Police Band, raising funds for the British Legion. There is of course the regular coffee morning at St Peter's on a Saturday.

Communications

Although communication is something we will be looking to review during the next year one of our great ongoing successes is the continued distribution of 170 printed copies of the church magazine each month. The cost of this is entirely covered by advertising and donations.

Other stuff

As you are also aware Pete serves as Hadleigh Area Dean and continues to invest time and energy in developing the Chapter and Synod with his leadership. In addition to spreading himself across our 4 Parishes he has been supporting Canvey Team Ministry as their Parish reels from the impact of 5 years of uncertainty followed by revelation of the full extent of the abuse carried out by their former Rector.

It is also worth making you aware that in the last 12 months Pete has completed a Level 5 Diploma in Applied Therapeutic Practice (the equivalent of a Foundation Degree) as part of his Fostering CPD.

Conclusion

Just this week at our home group we listened to an inspiring talk by leader of the 24-7 Prayer movement Pete Greg. He quoted the famous song title of Bob Dylan's 1964 hit "The times they are a-changin'" suggesting that it is also an anthem for the times through which we are living today.

I want to suggest that the changes we are experiencing are not merely the result of circumstances impacting us from the secular world or even from the wider church. What I think I detect along with so many of my colleagues in church leadership is that, to steal a phrase from CS Lewis "Aslan is on the move".

In the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe the things that mark the arrival of Aslan, the Lion who represents Christ in the world of Narnia, are not immediately obvious. In that land where "It's always winter but never Christmas" a thaw began. Subtle but clear signs that Spring was coming. In a similar way we are perhaps starting to see such signs in our own culture and our own community that Jesus is on the move.

Such things will evoke in each of us a different reaction. Some will be afraid of the inevitable changes coming. Others will seek to grasp and control what is happening. Many will simply be stunned and yet others heartened and thrilled by the events. As we move into another year let us perhaps consider the signs we see around us and prayerfully reflect upon our response. Thereafter may we seek to embrace what God is beginning to do and look to engage and work with Him as he calls us.

They say Aslan is on the move- perhaps has already landed.

And now a very curious thing happened. None of the children knew who Aslan was any more than you do; but the moment the Beaver had spoken these words everyone felt quite different. Perhaps it has sometimes happened to you in a dream that someone says something which you don't understand but in the dream it feels as if it has some enormous meaning- either a terrifying one which turns the whole dream into a nightmare or else a lovely meaning too lovely to put into words, which makes the dream so beautiful that you remember it all your life and are always wishing you could get into that dream again.

It was like that now. At the name of Aslan each one of the children felt something jump in its inside. Edmund felt a sensation of mysterious horror. Peter felt suddenly brave and adventurous. Susan felt as if some delicious smell or some delightful strain of music had just floated by her. And Lucy got the feeling you have when you wake up in the morning and realise that it is the beginning of the holidays or the beginning of summer.

— C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Even so, Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Analysis of receipts and payments

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
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0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	32,109.00	—	—	—	32,109.00	39,039.58
0107 - CAF	1,000.00	—	—	—	1,000.00	54.00
0108 - Charitable Giving	713.00	—	—	—	713.00	693.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,830.00	—	—	—	2,830.00	3,655.00
0201 - Other planned giving	3,110.00	—	—	—	3,110.00	3,060.00
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS)	3,127.24	—	—	—	3,127.24	2,863.06
0302 - Loose plate collections (Non GASDS)	650.00	—	—	—	650.00	430.00
0401 - Gift day	1,210.00	—	—	—	1,210.00	—
0410 - Donation box	54.72	—	—	—	54.72	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	380.00	—	—	—	380.00	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	563.40	—	—	—	563.40	510.00
0551 - Donations - Flowers	14.59	—	—	—	14.59	—
0552 - Donations - Sumup Gasds	875.80	—	—	—	875.80	523.15
0553 - Donations - Sumup Non Gasds	1,537.72	—	—	—	1,537.72	540.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,554.64	—	—	—	8,554.64	12,425.59
0602 - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)	1,143.23	—	—	—	1,143.23	618.24
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	2,521.15
0901 - Other funds generated	1,674.37	—	—	—	1,674.37	1,305.98
Donations and legacies Sub-totals	59,547.71	—	—	—	59,547.71	68,238.75
Donations and legacies Totals	59,547.71	—	—	—	59,547.71	68,238.75
Income from charitable activities						
Income from charitable activities						
0001 - tba	—	—	—	—	—	(20.00)
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	299.00	—	—	—	299.00	478.00
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	220.00	—	—	—	220.00	183.00
1230 - Hall hire	18,491.93	—	—	—	18,491.93	15,140.17
Income from charitable activities Sub-totals	19,010.93	—	—	—	19,010.93	15,781.17
Income from charitable activities Totals	19,010.93	—	—	—	19,010.93	15,781.17

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Investments						
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	16.39	—	—	—	16.39	—
Investments Sub-totals	16.39	—	—	—	16.39	—
Investments Totals	16.39	—	—	—	16.39	—
Receipts	78,575.03	—	—	—	78,575.03	84,019.92
Grand totals						

Payments

Raising funds

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1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,869.33	—	—	—	1,869.33	1,688.39
1735 - Costs of Coffee Shop	126.42	—	—	—	126.42	62.75

Raising funds Sub-totals	1,995.75	—	—	—	1,995.75	1,751.14
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Raising funds Totals	1,995.75	—	—	—	1,995.75	1,751.14
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Expenditure on charitable activities

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1801 - Mission giving	9,810.60	—	—	—	9,810.60	6,342.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	49,615.80	—	—	—	49,615.80	42,775.90
2002 - Honorarium	—	—	—	—	—	200.00
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	35.00
2170 - Education	510.00	—	—	—	510.00	—
2201 - Parish outreach	1,155.26	—	—	—	1,155.26	1,030.36
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,187.76	—	—	—	1,187.76	1,133.70
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,718.49	—	—	—	1,718.49	1,868.24
2330 - Church maintenance	3,322.30	—	2,353.32	—	5,675.62	3,190.13
2331 - Church running - cleaning	2,378.30	—	—	—	2,378.30	2,244.19
2340 - Upkeep of services	831.69	—	—	—	831.69	917.18
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard and gardens	1,575.99	—	—	—	1,575.99	1,546.98
2360 - Administration	2,662.49	—	—	—	2,662.49	1,795.45
2361 - Sumup charges	41.58	—	—	—	41.58	66.63
2401 - Church running - electric	4,195.36	—	—	—	4,195.36	4,355.57
2420 - Church running - water	660.41	—	—	—	660.41	228.84
2515 - Hall running - management	1,800.00	—	—	—	1,800.00	1,800.00
2530 - Hall running - electricity	1,397.47	—	—	—	1,397.47	1,913.21
2540 - Hall running - gas	3,252.28	—	—	—	3,252.28	3,804.42
2550 - Hall running - insurance	2,396.23	—	—	—	2,396.23	2,282.61
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	1,043.86	—	—	—	1,043.86	934.89
2563 - Hall running - cleaning	3,615.36	—	—	—	3,615.36	3,489.10
2565 - Hall running - refuse collection	601.71	—	—	—	601.71	572.35
2580 - Hall running - water	95.03	—	—	—	95.03	77.81

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	55.00	—	—	—	55.00	50.00
2820 - New Hall works	—	—	—	—	—	8,096.03
Expenditure on charitable activities Sub-totals	93,922.97	—	2,353.32	—	96,276.29	90,750.59
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	93,922.97	—	2,353.32	—	96,276.29	90,750.59
Payments Grand totals	95,918.72	—	2,353.32	—	98,272.04	92,501.73

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	59,547.71	—	—	—	59,547.71	68,238.75
Income from charitable activities	19,010.93	—	—	—	19,010.93	15,781.17
Investments	16.39	—	—	—	16.39	—
Total receipts	78,575.03	—	—	—	78,575.03	84,019.92
Payments						
Raising funds	1,995.75	—	—	—	1,995.75	1,751.14
Expenditure on charitable activities	93,922.97	—	2,353.32	—	96,276.29	90,750.59
Total payments	95,918.72	—	2,353.32	—	98,272.04	92,501.73
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(17,343.69)	—	(2,353.32)	—	(19,697.01)	(8,481.81)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	30,000.00	30,000.00	—	—	60,000.00	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)	—	—	(60,000.00)	—
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(17,343.69)	—	(2,353.32)	—	(19,697.01)	(8,481.81)
Net movement in funds	(17,343.69)	—	(2,353.32)	—	(19,697.01)	(8,481.81)
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2024	31,806.15	30,000.00	2,353.32	—	64,159.47	72,641.28
All assets at 31 December 2024	14,462.46	30,000.00	—	—	44,462.46	64,159.47
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	14,462.46	—	—	—	14,462.46	31,806.15
Designated						
PCC Reserve Fund	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	30,000.00
Restricted						
Church building fund	—	—	—	—	—	1,360.97
New Hall fund	—	—	—	—	—	992.35

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2024

	Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand		
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset		
General fund Unrestricted	14,462.46	31,806.15
New Hall fund Restricted	—	764.40
Church building fund Restricted	—	1,360.97
PCC Reserve Fund Designated	—	30,000.00
	<u>14,462.46</u>	<u>63,931.52</u>
6503: NatWest 600943 79638074 Hall Fund - Asset		
New Hall fund Restricted	—	227.95
	<u>—</u>	<u>227.95</u>
6505: Market Harborough B S - Asset		
PCC Reserve Fund Designated	30,000.00	—
	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>44,462.46</u>	<u>64,159.47</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>44,462.46</u></u>	<u><u>64,159.47</u></u>

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**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of New Thundersley St George –
Charity No - 1134854**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee 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 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 these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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St George's (New Thundersley) - Minister's report 2024

In case anyone was wondering I have now been serving as the Minister of St George's for nearly 5 years. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun! For the purposes of continuity and accountability I have kept the layout of my report the same for 2024 as for 2023 so that, those of you who are enthusiastic enough, can compare how we are doing this year compared to last!

Outreach

We begin with outreach. We continue to hold our core outreach activities namely Seniors Tuesday Club, Toddler Group and Legacy XS. It was a delight just a few weeks ago to join with the Tuesday Club in celebrating their 20th anniversary. It was a great afternoon with live music, lovely food and a visit from Bishop Adam. There have been special events through the year as well such as our Church anniversary event, coronation celebration for the community and of course the ever popular Christmas Festival. Once again we hosted Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs in Santa's grotto on the Friday evening and they loved their visits.

We have had several men's breakfasts over the last few months with engaging and interesting speakers. It is always good to see that there is a roughly 50/50 split of men who are regular church congregation members and those on the fringe of even completely unconnected visitors.

Services

This year we continued our varied pattern of Sunday services aimed at developing our prayer focus, understanding of the Lord's Table, sharing of our own experiences of God's work in our lives all in the context of making our worship accessible to all. We hold a monthly book of common prayer communion service which honours our heritage and 9:30 communion services are structured but not stuffy or starchy.

The biggest development this year has been with Messy Church. In January we began our focus on expanding our monthly Saturday afternoon messy gatherings to include features aimed at those without young families so that we focus on building connections between Messy Church families and the wider church family.

Each messy weekend our Saturday gathering takes the place of our 11am Sunday service to ensure that the workload of services is not too onerous as well as encouraging all who would normally attend at 11am on a Sunday to come instead on the Saturday afternoon when our young families are willing and able to come.

Alongside corporate worship we have added a seminar for adults to each Messy gathering as well as facilities for teenagers and of course the prayer room is open for those wanting to be in prayer for families and young people during this time. All this is rounded off with a shared meal in the hall. I will be quite frank and say that I am still hoping to see more of our regular 11am congregation take the plunge and come on a Saturday instead once a month. This is our opportunity to engage in the friendship evangelism we speak about so often. I hope that opting out of coming for anything other than reasons of a practical nature are not in our minds. Our own personal preferences or comfort must surely be the very least we are prepared to sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel?

Our Sunday evening monthly intimate worship gatherings have continued and have become for many a delightful time of hearing from God and enjoying simply spending time with Jesus. Again, this does not appear to be a priority for very many of our number but I would encourage anyone who would draw closer to Jesus and knowing him better to come along and join in these special informal times of worship.

In the last year, with the opening of our prayer room in Ian and Lynda's back garden, we have begun monthly prayer weekends with the aim of filling a rota of daytime slots to capacity. Whilst we have made a start we have some way to go in order to see these hour long times filled. As a PCC leadership team we believe that God has called us to take prayer more seriously as a church so it is essential that we work harder to prioritise these prayer weekends and other opportunities to pray together as a church. If the time to pray is not when war dominates the headlines, climate change affects our lives, economic instability brings poverty and secularism pushes faith to the margins - then when is it? Jesus instructs us to become a people of prayer and we must take his command seriously if we wish to be obedient to him.

Thanks must be expressed to all who enable our worship. Our preachers, worship leaders, musicians, readers, leaders of prayer, servers at communion, sides people, and those who arrange hospitality. This also includes those who “maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service” - that’s the church Wardens in case you were wondering!

Our parade services have continued to be great fun as well as sometimes moving, such as our Remembrance Sunday community acts of Remembrance.

Our Christmas services for 2023 were all the best attended for many years which was very encouraging. Though I do have to warn you that, having dressed as a dinosaur for the Chaos Round the Crib service I am running out of ways to up my game when it comes to that particular event!

Home groups & pastoral care

Our home groups continue to be places of fellowship, learning and mutual support and ministry. These include groups led by Ian & Lynda, Lynda, Denise, Matt & Nicola, Hazel, Dave Brown and Jen and I. These home groups remain the primary channel through which pastoral care is delivered and we would encourage everyone to consider becoming part of a group if that is not already the case.

Children’s ministry

As I have already mentioned under the heading of worship I been delighted at the beginning we have made with our new Messy Saturday initiative so I shall not repeat the importance of that here.

The recent Easter holiday saw a successful Sporting Champions themed holiday club which was fully booked for each of the 3 days. Massive thanks go to Jenni, Hazel for their organisation along with the rest of the team for all their efforts and energy expended throughout the week.

I’ve continued to be the local vicar for the children of Woodham Ley hosting regular visits to the church building as well as have the privilege of attending assemblies at Christmas, Easter and Harvest time. I can only describe the pleasure at being greeted out in the street (or indeed in Aldi) by bubbly little ones excited to see me as they shout “Hello Reverend Hillman!”

I continue to serve as a Trustee of the Compass Multi Academy Trust which oversees Appleton, Billericay, Bromfords, and Woodlands schools and we were able to host a meeting of the Board recently here in the Hospitality Hub. A great way to practically demonstrate our support for the educational establishments in our local area.

As a family, and in part as representatives of the church family, our fostering continues with D our Ukrainian lad in placement with us and in connection to this I also serve as a Carers Rep for the foster agency with our owners Five Rivers. I also undertake in depth training and development in the area of Trauma informed care which is also very valuable in my work as the vicar!

Other stuff

Together with my colleague Jeremy Noles I host the local New Wine leaders network gatherings every few months and we of course hosted the Re:Fresh earlier this year, with another last year. These have proved great times of refreshing for like minded local Christians and we hope to have another event later this year with Bishop Adam speaking.

As you are also aware I serve as Hadleigh Area Dean and have spent the last couple of years building relationships with the other clergy in the Chapter. The Church of England is a strange and clunky old beast sometimes and it’s tempting to ignore the rest of it and just focus on what God is doing in our little corner of the world. However, it seems right to me that we remember that God’s church is a body and we need all the constituent parts, however alien and wobbly those bits may look to us!

In the same spirit I have met with the new minister of The Beacon (what was TCC), David Turner, for coffee and we have agreed that we should be meeting more regularly for prayer and mutual encouragement across the year. It is our intention to connect with all church leaders across Benfleet, Thundersley and Hadleigh in the months ahead.

Conclusion

If there is one thing that can be said of life it is that change is inevitable. The changing of the seasons, our own growing older. Change is a part of life. I know some people find change very hard but personally I have always struggled to understand that. To resist it has always felt as silly as king Canute standing in the sea and commanding the tide to turn back. So together we do well to embrace change, to shape it where we can, and to look for opportunities where we find the changes challenging or hard.

Change will inevitably come to us as a Parish during the next 12-18 months. This Christmas sees the long planned retirement of my colleague Andy Hudson as Rector of Thundersley so the sharing of ministry provision with Thundersley that has been on the horizon for so long will draw closer much more quickly. In addition my other colleague Ruth Cartwright who is Rector of St James the Less and Vicar of St Barnabas in Hadleigh has just announced her retirement at the end of September. Finally Fr Ben Drury who took up the role of Priest in Charge at St Mary's is also moving to a new post abroad. So this all throws yet another spanner (or in fact a whole toolbox) in the works of the Deanery!

All change, all challenge but equally all opportunities. Where will God lead us in the next 12 months? None of us knows. However, what we do know is that God promises "I know the plans I have for you, ... 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" Let us walk together into that future with faith and hope.

Thank you to all for being the family of St George's here in this place. However often you make it to services or meetings. Whatever you are able to contribute by your practical efforts, your time or your financial giving. Simply your presence, your participation, your prayers and your partnership are all of immeasurable value. Please know that you are appreciated for who you are, not simply because of what you do or bring. We love our family not because of what they give us or do for us, but simply because they are our family. We are the family of God here and we each of us belong. Please, never doubt that for a moment.

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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	84,019.92	—	—	—	84,019.92	85,805.52
Total expenditure	84,405.70	—	8,096.03	—	92,501.73	156,726.04
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(385.78)	—	(8,096.03)	—	(8,481.81)	(70,920.52)
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	3,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(3,000.00)
Net movement in funds	(385.78)	—	(8,096.03)	—	(8,481.81)	(70,920.52)
Total funds brought forward	32,191.93	30,000.00	10,449.35	—	72,641.28	143,561.80
Total funds carried forward	31,806.15	30,000.00	2,353.32	—	64,159.47	72,641.28
Unrestricted						
General fund	31,806.15	—	—	—	31,806.15	32,191.93
Designated						
PCC Reserve Fund	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	30,000.00
Restricted						
Church building fund	—	—	1,360.97	—	1,360.97	1,360.97
New Hall fund	—	—	992.35	—	992.35	9,088.38

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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2023

	Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand		
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset		
General fund Unrestricted	31,806.15	32,191.93
New Hall fund Restricted	764.40	764.40
Church building fund Restricted	1,360.97	1,360.97
PCC Reserve Fund Designated	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<u>63,931.52</u>	<u>64,317.30</u>
6503: NatWest 600943 79638074 Hall Fund - Asset		
New Hall fund Restricted	227.95	8,323.98
	<u>227.95</u>	<u>8,323.98</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>64,159.47</u>	<u>72,641.28</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>64,159.47</u></u>	<u><u>72,641.28</u></u>

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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank			
CAF		39,039.58	43,428.00
Charitable Giving		54.00	—
Gift Aid - Envelopes		693.00	—
Other planned giving		3,655.00	5,850.00
Loose plate collections (GASDS)		3,060.00	2,732.00
Loose plate collections (Non GASDS)		2,863.06	3,672.38
One-off Gift Aid gifts		430.00	849.00
Donations appeals etc		—	1,500.00
Donations - Sumup Gasds		510.00	90.00
Donations - Sumup Non Gasds		523.15	159.30
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		540.00	—
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)		12,425.59	11,631.92
Non-recurring one-off grants		618.24	937.13
Other funds generated		2,521.15	—
		1,305.98	1,152.38
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>68,238.75</u>	<u>72,002.11</u>
Income from charitable activities			
tba		(20.00)	—
Fees for weddings and funerals		478.00	36.33
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		183.00	293.00
Hall hire		15,140.17	13,443.78
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>15,781.17</u>	<u>13,773.11</u>
		84,019.92	85,775.22
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		1,688.39	1,549.05
Costs of Coffee Shop		62.75	—
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>1,751.14</u>	<u>1,549.05</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Mission giving		6,342.00	6,718.00
Ministry parish share etc		42,775.90	33,239.46
Honorary		200.00	—
Working expenses of incumbent		35.00	431.37
Vicarage expenses		—	61.23
Parish outreach		1,030.36	617.22
Church running - insurance		1,133.70	1,102.00
Church office - telephone		1,868.24	1,605.50
Church maintenance		3,190.13	5,307.38
Church running - cleaning		2,244.19	1,923.37
Upkeep of services		917.18	611.13
Upkeep of churchyard and gardens		1,546.98	—
Administration		1,795.45	2,064.33
Sumup charges		66.63	—
Church running - electric		4,355.57	4,310.17
Church running - water		228.84	123.30
Hall running - management		1,800.00	1,800.00

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From To 01 January 2023 01 January 2022
31 December 2023 31 December 2022

Hall running - electricity		1,913.21	1,245.49
Hall running - gas		3,804.42	1,922.20
Hall running - insurance		2,282.61	2,204.31
Hall running - maintenance		934.89	999.53
Hall running - cleaning		3,489.10	2,697.52
Hall running - refuse collection		572.35	612.36
Hall running - water		77.81	107.18
Governance costs examination/audit fee		50.00	50.00
New Hall works		—	(3,000.00)
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>82,654.56</u>	<u>66,753.05</u>
Total expenditure		84,405.70	68,302.10
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(385.78)	17,473.12
Brought forward balance		32,191.93	17,718.81
Transfers to/(from)		—	(3,000.00)
Total carried forward balance		31,806.15	32,191.93

NewHall - New Hall fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations appeals etc		—	14.00
Other funds generated		—	13.00
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>27.00</u>
Total income and endowments		—	27.00
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Hall + major repairs - structure		—	24,879.31
New Hall works		8,096.03	63,544.63
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>8,096.03</u>	<u>88,423.94</u>
Total expenditure		8,096.03	88,423.94
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(8,096.03)	(88,396.94)
Brought forward balance		9,088.38	94,485.32
Transfers to/(from)		—	3,000.00
Total carried forward balance		992.35	9,088.38

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From
To

01 January 2023
31 December 2023

01 January 2022
31 December 2022

ChBuilding - Church building fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments

Bank and building society interest

Total Investments

Total income and endowments

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

—	3.30
—	3.30
—	3.30
—	3.30
1,360.97	1,357.67
1,360.97	1,360.97

PCCReserve - PCC Reserve Fund (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

30,000.00	30,000.00
30,000.00	30,000.00

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Minister's Report 2023

Just after Easter of 2022 we were in a position, as a Parish, where we had prepared our Parish Profile and were looking for a new Priest in Charge. Unfortunately as a new one was not available, we had to make do with a reconditioned model and so, after interview, I was duly appointed as Priest in Charge of St George's on a half-time basis. Sorry about that! Having already outlined our vision for 2023 and into 2024, we didn't really need anything new by way of direction but instead we proceeded with seeking to follow through on our sense of calling towards service of our community. In this way we continue to seek to share the gospel with every opportunity.

Shortly after my appointment as Minister I was asked, by the Archdeacon and the Bishop of Chelmsford, if I would consider serving as Hadleigh Area Dean and I agreed to take on this task. You can be relieved that I have not yet been invited to become a Canon of the Cathedral and, although the post of Bishop of Bradwell is now vacant, I have no plans to apply!

Outreach

In addition to our regular outreach activities, Seniors Tuesday Club, Toddler Group, Legacy XS, we have held special events through the year. These included a Jubilee Cream tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Church Anniversary event, half term junk modelling and the ever popular Christmas Fair. Indeed this last event was probably the biggest we have seen and included Santa's grotto being open for Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs on the Friday evening. We have had several men's breakfasts over the last few months with inspiring speakers and it has been good to see many men who do not normally come to church services or events join in and be challenged by God's love.

Services

This year we have continued with our pattern of Sunday services which has hopefully created some variety in our times together as well as making space for Sharing, Extended times of Prayer, a healthy focus on the Lord's Table and a friendly welcome to Guests. Our monthly Sunday evening gatherings in the Hospitality Hub have proved to be wonderful times of prayer and intimate worship as we spend time with Jesus together. These have been opportunities for refreshing and closeness which have served to feed those who have gathered and inspire us to press deeper into God and his loving presence by the Spirit. They are an opportunity to pray together as is the Tuesday morning prayer time hosted by Ian and Lynda.

It has been good to welcome back the Uniformed organisations for parade services which are always fun and hopefully gives the youngsters an opportunity to engage in church life. Remembrance Sunday saw us gathering outside again and

this more recent development seems to be attracting members of the local community as well as reserving time for us to maintain our worship focus on God when we return inside.

On 8th September 2022 we were all saddened to hear of the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The church bell was rung when news of her death broke and on the day of her funeral. The week following the announcement, 14th September, we held a special service of thanksgiving for her life here in church. A book of remembrance was opened and for a month members of the church and local community wrote their messages of condolence and thanksgiving in a book in the foyer.

Our Christmas services saw a healthy growth in attendance this year as peoples' confidence in mixing post-Covid grew. The Chaos Round the Crib service proved popular and this may be linked to the growth in Messy Church ministry seeing our connections to young families expand.

Home groups & pastoral care

Our home groups continue to be places of fellowship, learning and mutual support and ministry. Post-Covid two of the groups have closed down due to members circumstances having changed and in some cases members having passed away. Other groups have grown in number and an additional group started up last Autumn. These home groups remain the primary channel through which pastoral care is delivered and we would encourage everyone to consider becoming part of a group if that is not already the case.

In the last few weeks we have re-formed a small Pastoral Care team with the aim of better supporting individuals who are not part of a home group. Referrals of pastoral care needs should be made to me and I will then be able to share the load with the other members of the team.

Children's ministry

Both before and after the summer we took the decision to redouble our energies expended on Messy Church with the idea that, if numbers did not begin to creep up, we would re-think our strategy. Given that running Messy Church is a good 5 hours of work on the day, with preparation time on top of that, I think part of us was hoping it would become obvious that Messy Church's time was over. However, God clearly has other ideas and we have seen steady growth in attendance and the energy levels at the sessions is through the roof! Messy Church is only possible because of the dedication of leaders and volunteers such as Nichola, Jenni, Margaret, Jen and all those others who lead activities, cook food, move furniture and wash dishes!

The recent Easter holiday saw a successful space themed holiday club which, though always hard work, is also always very rewarding. Thanks of course go to Jenni, Hazel and the rest of the team for all their efforts throughout Holy Week.

Alongside these aspects of our work with children you should also be aware that we have seen a rebuilding of our relationship with Woodham Ley. I have been in to lead assemblies on a number of occasions and we have welcomed groups of children here into church regularly throughout the year. I am building a good rapport with the Head and the rest of his team which is a lovely opportunity for me to represent the church as The Vicar to the local children.

Having served as Chair of Governors at The Appleton School for 10 years, and longer as a Governor, I will be stepping aside from this role in June. However, I will be continuing by involvement with the school as I am now serving as a member of the Compass Multi Academy Trust board which oversees Appleton, Billericay, Bromfords, and soon, Woodlands schools. I do all this of course as a representative of God's church here at St George's and therefore on your behalf.

Similarly, of course, although Jen and I foster as private individuals it is well known by the fostering community that I am also the local Vicar so speaks loudly to the wider community of the Church's concern for children in need of love and compassion. I am speaking at two events this year on the theme of fostering wearing my collar so, again this is an opportunity to witness on your behalf.

Hall refurbishment

Following the successful cladding of the church hall we became painfully aware that whilst outside looked like 2023, inside it was still 1975. So the decision was taken to refurnish the main hall, installing brand new heating, lighting, ceiling together with cladding the walls and replacing window treatments. The small hall was redecorated with lighting and window treatments also replaced. Both kitchens were completely gutted and replaced with modern easy clean finishes and brand new stainless steel units and appliances. This was a very large undertaking and I would like to thank all those who gave up time to undertake the work especially Matt Rose, Jon and Hazel together with my foster sons Bailey and Alex (the latter two being less "volunteers" and more resigned members of the press gang!). In part, as a result of this work, hall bookings have increased and the satisfaction of the hall users is much improved. It should also be said that the works are a clear signal to the local community of our desire to serve them the best we can as God's people.

Hospitality hub & Grounds

Towards the end of 2022 we launched the Hospitality Hub which operates out of the small hall and which is open each Wednesday morning. Matt Rose has been co-opted from Legacy XS to oversee this project and he is supported by a team of volunteers. Although not as busy as we would like numbers using the hub are beginning to grow and we hope to have an external seating area operating on the grassed area outside for the Summer.

Speaking of which, our church grounds are well maintained by Martin Nunn to whom huge thanks are offered for his hours of service. Martin intends to continue to cut the grass (supported by Brian when Martin is away) but the beds and shrubs now need to be taken on by others. If you are able to volunteer for regular grounds maintenance duties we'd be grateful to hear from you but otherwise we will be contracting this work to a firm from the next couple of weeks to ensure they look their best.

Celebration of Ministry

Due to my prior 3 years service to the Parish as Associate Minister I requested a low key Licensing to the post of Priest in Charge which took place in August at the home of the Archdeacon. Instead we held a Celebration of Ministry service to coincide with the completion of the refurbishment works to the Hall and were joined by local Councillors and the Archdeacon of Southend. We were able to celebrate and give thanks for Ministry which is carried out in Jesus' name in this Parish and for the financial provision to refurbish the hall to a high standard.

Conclusion

Now I am going to be entirely honest with you all and remind you of what I have said on numerous occasions over the years when asked. That is that I have never really wanted to be a Parish Priest. However, despite that I appear to have been doing that job for the best part of 4 years now. And I have to say that I am very much enjoying serving the Parish of St George's. We all know that the church is not the building, it is the family of people who form part of the community. It is all of you that make this such a pleasure and privilege.

There have been too many "highs" to describe in a report like this. But these stick in my mind as a snapshot:- Being Santa for the Uniformed groups, Leading the Community Act of Remembrance, Baptising my friend Ruben and pronouncing the blessing in Lingala! Building a castle model of the Tower of London, being "The Vicar" at the cream tea afternoon. Being ridiculously larger than life at Messy Church and Chaos round the crib, Presiding at the funerals of aged Saints who have now passed to glory such as Phylis, Terry and Kola. Seeing God move in power in services or worship, experiencing us grow in understanding and depth of prayer, preaching God's word and, of course, Presiding at the Lord's table.

So whilst I never really wanted to be a Parish Priest, it would seem that I was wrong and that the key to experiencing blessing is not to simply pursue our own dreams and interests, but rather to seek to be obedient and available to God.

Thank you to all of you for playing your part in the family of God's church here at St George's. You are valued, you belong and you are essential. And, in case I hadn't mentioned it before, it would be very boring without you!

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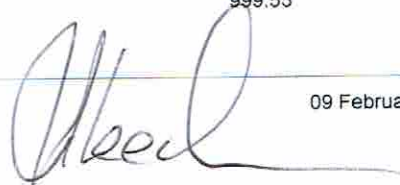


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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
		43,428.00	42,677.00
		5,850.00	7,855.90
		2,732.00	3,424.00
		3,672.38	2,797.56
		849.00	700.00
		1,500.00	252.00
		90.00	990.63
		—	(156.60)
		159.30	68.24
		11,631.92	12,445.48
		937.13	629.89
		1,152.38	653.49
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>72,002.11</u>	<u>72,337.59</u>
Income from charitable activities			
		36.33	203.00
		293.00	235.00
		13,443.78	8,962.12
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>13,773.11</u>	<u>9,400.12</u>
Other trading activities			
		—	50.00
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	Total income and endowments	85,775.22	81,787.71
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
		1,549.05	250.46
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>1,549.05</u>	<u>250.46</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
		6,718.00	6,628.25
		33,239.46	37,653.70
		—	4,167.54
		431.37	354.51
		61.23	108.10
		617.22	453.30
		1,102.00	1,100.60
		1,605.50	1,307.47
		5,307.38	1,192.19
		1,923.37	1,874.45
		611.13	703.63
		2,064.33	1,394.05
		4,310.17	1,695.11
		123.30	102.70
		1,800.00	1,800.00
		1,245.49	1,424.35
		1,922.20	1,409.59
		2,204.31	2,164.10
		999.53	120.00



Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
		2,697.52	2,069.38
		612.36	279.10
		107.18	159.87
		50.00	50.00
		(3,000.00)	—
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>66,753.05</u>	<u>68,211.99</u>
Total expenditure		68,302.10	68,462.45
		17,473.12	13,325.26
		17,718.81	34,393.55
		(3,000.00)	(30,000.00)
Total carried forward balance		32,191.93	17,718.81

NewHall - New Hall fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc	14.00	—
Other funds generated	13.00	29.35

Total Donations and legacies 27.00 29.35

Total income and endowments

27.00 **29.35**

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Hall + major repairs - structure	24,879.31	—
New Hall works	63,544.63	—

Total Expenditure on charitable activities 88,423.94 —

Total expenditure

88,423.94 **—**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure (88,396.94) 29.35

Brought forward balance 94,485.32 94,455.97

Transfers to/(from) 3,000.00 —

Total carried forward balance

9,088.38 **94,485.32**

ChBuilding - Church building fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments

Bank and building society interest	3.30	0.70
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Total Investments 3.30 0.70

Total income and endowments

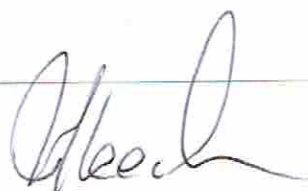
3.30 **0.70**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure 3.30 0.70

Brought forward balance 1,357.67 1,356.97

Total carried forward balance

1,360.97 **1,357.67**



Note

From 01 January 2022 01 January 2021
To 31 December 2022 31 December 2021

PCCReserve - PCC Reserve Fund (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	30,000.00	—
Transfers to/(from)	—	30,000.00
Total carried forward balance	30,000.00	30,000.00



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Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022


	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	85,775.22	—	30.30	—	85,805.52	81,817.76
Total expenditure	68,302.10	—	88,423.94	—	156,726.04	68,462.45
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	17,473.12	—	(88,393.64)	—	(70,920.52)	13,355.31
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	3,000.00	—	3,000.00	30,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,000.00)	—	—	—	(3,000.00)	(30,000.00)
Net movement in funds	14,473.12	—	(85,393.64)	—	(70,920.52)	13,355.31
Total funds brought forward	17,718.81	30,000.00	95,842.99	—	143,561.80	130,206.49
Total funds carried forward	32,191.93	30,000.00	10,449.35	—	72,641.28	143,561.80
Unrestricted						
General fund	32,191.93	—	—	—	32,191.93	17,718.81
Designated						
PCC Reserve Fund	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	30,000.00
Restricted						
Church building fund	—	—	1,360.97	—	1,360.97	1,357.67
New Hall fund	—	—	9,088.38	—	9,088.38	94,485.32



New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2022

	Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand		
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset		
General fund Unrestricted	32,191.93	17,718.81
New Hall fund Restricted	764.40	750.40
Church building fund Restricted	1,360.97	—
PCC Reserve Fund Designated	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<u>64,317.30</u>	<u>48,469.21</u>
6503: NatWest 600943 79638074 Hall Fund - Asset		
New Hall fund Restricted	8,323.98	93,734.92
	<u>8,323.98</u>	<u>93,734.92</u>
6510: CCLA (CBF) Building Fund 608381001D - Asset		
Church building fund Restricted	—	1,357.67
	<u>—</u>	<u>1,357.67</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>72,641.28</u>	<u>143,561.80</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>72,641.28</u></u>	<u><u>143,561.80</u></u>



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Associate Minister's report - 2021/22

*Revd Peter Hillman, BD (Hons), Associate Minister
May 2022*

Introduction

Since our last meeting which was held this time last year we have seen something of a return to more normal life albeit with the oft recurring shadow of COVID rearing its head. As we met last year masks were still obligatory and we were still unable to enjoy corporate singing so were continuing to meet for blended worship services. These were a feature of our worshipping life until the Autumn of 2021 and served us well for a time. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the life of the church by compromising their preferred style of corporate worship for the good of all by supporting our blended worship times.

By the middle of July we were able to reintroduce some sung worship into our gatherings and from September we moved back to our two Sunday morning service model with an early BCP service once a month. With a slight tweak to timings of our services we have now settled for a while on our 8:30 monthly BCP followed by weekly 9:30 more traditional style Holy Communion service with refreshments afterwards before the start of our 11:00 contemporary service.

We have continued our monthly prayer focus for both morning services which, with our mid-week live-streamed prayer time and Tuesday morning prayer time, has meant a significant increase in our regular corporate prayer times as a church.

An increased focus on accessibility has also been introduced with a monthly "guest friendly" 11am service with language at the 9:30 service also adapted to be accessible by newcomers too. These measures, with our new monthly family focussed Sundays will hopefully see our worship times adapted to welcome families with children at ease on Sunday mornings.

Of particular joy to me has been the way in which we have structured our Holy Communion services at 11:00 now described as Table Sundays where we focus on giving thanks for God's hospitality as expressed in the Communion Table. These Sundays see an emphasis on bringing food to share with the needy via the feedback in the context of God sharing his bread with us. The flow of sung worship and contemporary liturgy leading us through our time together is always a joy to lead and I hope in which to participate.

Christmas 2021

Although Christmas of 2021 was a vast improvement on the previous year we were still in a very fragile state as a community and so, unsurprisingly, attendance was not as large as we would have hoped. The Christmas Festival was an excellent opportunity for us to throw open our doors and welcome children and adults alike to enjoy the grotto alongside craft stalls and refreshments.

Sadly the local schools were unable to make use of the church due to COVID spikes just before Christmas. However, the Chaos Round the Crib service was well received and most enjoyable and the Community Carol service saw us welcome guest readers from across the community participate in our festive worship. Guests included the local Member of Parliament, Local Council Members and the local Secondary Headteacher. All have said how much they enjoyed this community focussed service boosted as in previous years by the Christmas singers who once again surpassed themselves.

Outreach

With more of a return to normality both of our weekly outreach activities have recommenced. Toddlers has continued to see carers and children come together in the hall for fun and support and Senior's Tuesday Club has also made a much welcome comeback. Both groups have had to implement COVID measures but life, which was interrupted so severely for so many members, is starting to resemble more normal times again. Huge thanks go as always to the volunteers who make both these much valued pieces of work happen each week. The lives of so many would be so much the poorer without your input and commitment.

Messy Church has also made a welcome comeback and, though always in need of more helpers, we are starting to see good numbers attend and have plans for developing this flagship childrens' ministry work. Next months' Messy Church will see two baptisms and it will be exciting to see the congregation grow as we expend more effort, energy and creativity into its development.

Holy Week also saw a welcome return of holiday club. As with lots of children's work here at St George's the hiatus which COVID brought gives both challenge and opportunity. Challenge in that we have lost some of the children who were regular attenders as they have out grown the event during two years of break. But opportunity to reinvent ourselves and reach out to new groups of children who have no expectations or prior experience of church childrens' work. Thanks again to those who made holiday club happen. I shall endeavour not to have flu next year!

Finances

As we heard from our financial report we continue to maintain a healthy reserve and our finances look to be in good shape to enable us to weather the storms of inflation and energy price increases. My thanks go to Dave Parmenter and the finance team for monitoring and reporting on an ongoing basis. Plus of course a thank you to all who continue to be faithful in your giving to God and the Ministry of this church.

Ministry provision

Having made our decision to adopt a half post model of ministry provision there has been slow progress on an appointment but an updated Parish Profile has been adopted by the PCC and submitted to the Archdeacon's office in order to advertise the post. This will be an interim measure until such time as Andy Hudson at St Peter's retires at which point a new appointment will likely be made to oversee both Parishes. It will be good for whoever is appointed here to begin the process of working more closely with Andy and the people at St Peter's and St Michael's in order to develop a close working relationship for the future.

Building development

It has been great to see the cladding work to the hall nearing completion with the installation of windows and now the new doors. Although the doors have been slow in coming they should all be complete soon at which point we will be turning our attention to the inside during the summer. At this point we hope to install a new heating system encompassing both the main hall and extension. Re-fitting the main kitchen and cladding the internal walls of the main hall for a fresh modern look to complement the outside and make it even more attractive to the local community as a facility.

Our plans for the main building are also progressing and we hope to present these in their final form in the next couple of months. These will encompass a new entrance close to the road, a suite of toilets, new entrance doors on the traditional entrance. New glass doors from the carpark at the rear with a glass airlock to prevent heat loss and wind cutting through when they are opening. We will also be looking to improve the cafe space to make it inviting and comfortable. All this with a view to reopening our cafe as a community space as part of our Vision 22.

In conclusion

Looking back over the last 12 months we have clearly begun to return to a sense of a new normal. The ongoing COVID situation has taken some adapting to and as a community we have demonstrated our ability to rise to extraordinary challenges which have come our way. I am deeply encouraged by the way in which so many have begun to re-engage with the life of the church though I am also conscious of that fact that we still have so far to go. Some have fallen out of the habit of coming to church and participating in our life and that is a shame. We must always keep the door of welcome wide open to all who would return. Most in our community continue to have little or any idea of the good news of the gospel and so our mission must continue to be to find ways of engaging with them by stepping outside our walls whilst at the same time ensuring that the welcome people receive when they do come is warm and inclusive.

Just as with COVID was at the start of 2020 there will undoubtedly be unknown challenges ahead. But these are just as much opportunities as they are threats. I am filled with confidence that here is a community, a family who long to see Jesus shared with our neighbours and who seek to be a blessing to this community among which we are called to live. Let us resolve to redouble our efforts to live and work to the praise and glory of Jesus in this place filled afresh by the Holy Spirit into 2022 and beyond.

New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
		42,677.00	44,179.00
		7,855.90	7,437.00
		3,424.00	3,575.00
		2,797.56	1,883.11
		700.00	562.00
		252.00	200.00
		990.63	3,094.36
		(156.60)	—
		68.24	—
		12,445.48	13,024.45
		629.89	886.57
		—	5,200.00
		653.49	37.11
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	72,337.59	80,078.60
Income from charitable activities			
		203.00	1,042.00
		235.00	359.95
		—	217.00
		8,962.12	8,910.68
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	9,400.12	10,529.63
Other trading activities			
		50.00	—
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	50.00	—
Total income and endowments		81,787.71	90,608.23
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
		250.46	64.45
		—	36.28
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	250.46	100.73
Expenditure on charitable activities			
		6,628.25	10,862.00
		37,653.70	29,638.50
		4,167.54	4,866.21
		354.51	—
		108.10	241.34
		453.30	447.43
		1,100.60	1,092.31
		1,307.47	1,245.86
		1,192.19	1,069.25
		1,874.45	1,486.62
		703.63	731.41
		1,394.05	1,928.91
		1,695.11	2,602.60
		102.70	188.46
		1,800.00	1,800.00
		1,424.35	738.27

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Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
		1,409.59	1,657.73
		2,164.10	535.34
		120.00	—
		2,069.38	1,913.09
		279.10	—
		159.87	114.85
		50.00	50.00
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	68,211.99	63,210.18
Total expenditure		68,462.45	63,310.91
		13,325.26	27,297.32
		34,393.55	7,096.23
		(30,000.00)	—
Total carried forward balance		17,718.81	34,393.55

NewHall - New Hall fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc

Other funds generated

Total Donations and legacies

Total income and endowments

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

— 30.00

29.35 744.00

29.35 774.00

29.35 774.00

94,455.97 93,681.97

94,485.32 94,455.97

ChBuilding - Church building fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments

Bank and building society interest

Total Investments

Total income and endowments

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

0.70 5.75

0.70 5.75

0.70 5.75

1,356.97 1,351.22

1,357.67 1,356.97

Note

From
To

01 January 2021
31 December 2021

01 January 2020
31 December 2020

PCCReserve - PCC Reserve Fund (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	—	—
Transfers to/(from)	30,000.00	—
Total carried forward balance	30,000.00	—

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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	81,787.71	—	30.05	—	81,817.76	91,387.98
Total expenditure	68,462.45	—	—	—	68,462.45	63,310.91
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	13,325.26	—	30.05	—	13,355.31	28,077.07
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,000.00)	—	—	—	(30,000.00)	—
Net movement in funds	(16,674.74)	30,000.00	30.05	—	13,355.31	28,077.07
Total funds brought forward	34,393.55	—	95,812.94	—	130,206.49	102,129.42
Total funds carried forward	17,718.81	30,000.00	95,842.99	—	143,561.80	130,206.49
Unrestricted						
General fund	17,718.81	—	—	—	17,718.81	34,393.55
Designated						
PCC Reserve Fund	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	—
Restricted						
Church building fund	—	—	1,357.67	—	1,357.67	1,356.97
New Hall fund	—	—	94,485.32	—	94,485.32	94,455.97

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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2021

	Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand		
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset		
General fund Unrestricted	17,718.81	34,393.55
New Hall fund Restricted	750.40	750.40
PCC Reserve Fund Designated	30,000.00	—
	<u>48,469.21</u>	<u>35,143.95</u>
6503: NatWest 600943 79638074 Hall Fund - Asset		
New Hall fund Restricted	93,734.92	93,705.57
	<u>93,734.92</u>	<u>93,705.57</u>
6510: CCLA (CBF) Building Fund 608381001D - Asset		
Church building fund Restricted	1,357.67	1,356.97
	<u>1,357.67</u>	<u>1,356.97</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>143,561.80</u>	<u>130,206.49</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>143,561.80</u></u>	<u><u>130,206.49</u></u>



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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of New Thundersley St George

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

My examination was carried out remotely this year and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee 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 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 these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Danny Keech
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19th March 2022

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**Independent Examiner's Report
to the PCC of New Thundersley St George
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

Because of the Covid19 restrictions this examination was carried out remotely by email, including the sight of scanned copies of original documents requested by the examiner, and has been carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the management committee 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 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
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


15-3-2021

Richard Shorter ACMA CGMA
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Rayleigh
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New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2020

	Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand		
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset		
General fund Unrestricted	34,393.55	7,096.23
New Hall fund Restricted	750.40	750.40
	<u>35,143.95</u>	<u>7,846.63</u>
6503: NatWest 600943 79638074 Hall Fund - Asset		
New Hall fund Restricted	93,705.57	92,931.57
	<u>93,705.57</u>	<u>92,931.57</u>
6510: CCLA (CBF) Building Fund 608381001D - Asset		
Church building fund Restricted	1,356.97	1,351.22
	<u>1,356.97</u>	<u>1,351.22</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>130,206.49</u>	<u>102,129.42</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>130,206.49</u></u>	<u><u>102,129.42</u></u>



New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	90,608.23	—	779.75	—	91,387.98	119,830.17
Total expenditure	63,310.91	—	—	—	63,310.91	85,250.56
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	27,297.32	—	779.75	—	28,077.07	34,579.61
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	27,297.32	—	779.75	—	28,077.07	34,579.61
Total funds brought forward	7,096.23	—	95,033.19	—	102,129.42	67,549.81
Total funds carried forward	34,393.55	—	95,812.94	—	130,206.49	102,129.42
Unrestricted						
General fund	34,393.55	—	—	—	34,393.55	7,096.23
Restricted						
Church building fund	—	—	1,356.97	—	1,356.97	1,351.22
New Hall fund	—	—	94,455.97	—	94,455.97	93,681.97



New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
		44,179.00	41,850.00
		7,437.00	10,480.50
		3,575.00	4,310.00
		1,883.11	5,222.52
		562.00	1,746.00
		—	1,878.50
		—	68.50
		200.00	3,565.00
		3,094.36	585.34
		—	116.90
		—	4.92
		13,024.45	14,491.07
		886.57	1,607.17
		5,200.00	2,500.00
		37.11	3,025.19
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>80,078.60</u>	<u>91,451.61</u>
Income from charitable activities			
		1,042.00	162.00
		359.95	275.50
		217.00	981.46
		8,910.68	21,505.57
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<u>10,529.63</u>	<u>22,924.53</u>
Other income			
		—	130.00
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>130.00</u>
	Total income and endowments	90,608.23	114,506.14
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
		—	92.06
		64.45	702.58
		36.28	196.94
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<u>100.73</u>	<u>991.58</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
		10,862.00	5,868.55
		29,638.50	75,177.60
		4,866.21	4,724.22
		—	673.33
		241.34	261.28
		—	80.00
		447.43	1,062.23
		1,092.31	1,073.40
		1,245.86	1,167.67
		1,069.25	2,767.27
		1,486.62	1,997.88
		731.41	1,203.48
		1,928.91	2,346.79



<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
		2,602.60	3,554.06
		188.46	234.95
		1,800.00	1,650.00
		738.27	730.42
		1,657.73	2,434.99
		535.34	2,174.21
		—	50.90
		1,913.09	2,823.70
		114.85	315.20
		50.00	50.00
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>63,210.18</u>	<u>112,422.13</u>
Total expenditure		63,310.91	113,413.71
		27,297.32	1,092.43
		7,096.23	6,003.80
Total carried forward balance		34,393.55	7,096.23

NewHall - New Hall fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc	30.00	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	—	250.00
Other funds generated	744.00	5,063.96

Total Donations and legacies 774.00 5,313.96

Total income and endowments

774.00 **5,313.96**

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Hall + major repairs - structure	—	(28,163.15)
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities — (28,163.15)

Total expenditure

— **(28,163.15)**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure 774.00 33,477.11

Brought forward balance 93,681.97 60,204.86

Total carried forward balance

94,455.97 **93,681.97**

ChBuilding - Church building fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Investments

Bank and building society interest	5.75	10.07
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Total Investments 5.75 10.07

Total income and endowments

5.75 **10.07**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure 5.75 10.07

Brought forward balance 1,351.22 1,341.15

Total carried forward balance

1,356.97 **1,351.22**



Note

From 01 January 2020 01 January 2019
To 31 December 2020 31 December 2019

PCCReserve - PCC Reserve Fund (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	—	—
Total carried forward balance	—	—