

## **Vicar's Report – APCM – May 2022 - Suzanne Vernon-Yorke**

### **Gratitude:**

It continues to be a huge honour to serve here at St. Christopher's under God. Tom and I love this church and this neighbourhood. From the start, over 4 and a half years ago, I would look out at you all from the altar and feel overwhelmed by the love God has for all of you. This hasn't changed!

Charlie & Chris continue to be supportive and helpful wardens, and they are willing to continue being so. Hooray! With them and the rest of the PCC, we are blessed here with our leadership team.

The last year has been a slow and steady emerging from the restrictions of covid, to gently start to meet again after church for a cuppa and a chat. A time of fellowship much missed and much needed.

### **New opportunities:**

I lead the Church of England online service last summer and we will do it again, as a church in July.

I was interviewed for the Lent Appeal run by the diocese about doing Street Chat before covid, which will be back this term.

I started Craft-tea Café on Saturday mornings and we saw a few people come along to that. Broadened it to Community Café in case some weren't coming along because of crafts. We continue that as a place both of fellowship for the church and a place for the community to come for company.

We have been praying about the lack of young people in church and responded to the diocesan call to grow younger, and encourage more lay leadership, and began 11am Café Church alongside a 9.30am Holy Communion service at the start of May.

We restarted a Bible study on Tuesday evenings.

### **Continued opportunities:**

We continue to try to be faithful to God both together as a church gathered and individually in our lives as church scattered.

We continue to ask God to help us with our mission: "To welcome, love and serve all people".

May God bless us and use us as a blessing! <><

## **Church Wardens Report 2022**

Covid is still with us but thanks to the vaccine we are all learning to live with it.

Last Christmas we were happy to sing the Christmas Carols rather than "humming" as we did the previous year! Made it feel more like Christmas.

Suzanne has also started our Community Café on a Saturday morning and what fun they have there. All the new games with drinks and cakes! I wonder how much cheating goes on with the games. Especially the Herd game.

We are finally having normal services. And now we are trying something new and exciting. Holy communion at 9.30am then an All-Age Café Church Service at 11am. It is wonderful to have these new beginnings for our church to try and open us up to the younger generation. So, watch this space.

At our 11am services it has been wonderful having the live band. Thank you to Tom for learning the hymns without reading music. You are truly amazing. And much appreciated.

Thanks also to our awesome vicar, Suzanne. Your ideas and props have given St. Christopher's a breath of fresh air. Each year you have been with us you keep us going with your bright ideas. Thank you!

Thank you

Chris and Charlie

## Deanery Synod:

Another year of the Deanery Synod has passed as we come out of the pandemic, with a hybrid of in person and online meetings. Starting with the AGM and the election of Officers via Zoom. Following this we had the Deanery Celebrations and the Archdeacon's Visitation.

The Mission Fund Presentations, normally the highlight of the year for me, took place via Zoom with a total of 44 applicants. Time constraints limited it to 6 inspiring presentations. The grant money was doubled from last year and all applicants were successful.

We were also informed that there will be a huge change to the structure of the Winter Night Shelter. Resources will now be used to put people up in temporary hotel accommodation. This was introduced during the pandemic when Churches were not an option. The reasoning behind this is that people were spending their time going from one place to another each night and the time spent doing this could be better used helping people look for job opportunities.

I also had the opportunity to vote for the Deanery Synod West London Representative, with over 40 candidate statements to consider, so there was a lot reading to be done with a huge variety of candidates to consider. My first vote was for a progressive, disabled, pro female & LGBT candidate. I was also delighted to support the application of our own Nigel Clarke.

Mark Howlett

Deanery Synod Rep.

**St Christopher's Church, Hanwell**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 31 December 2021**

## • Introduction

During 2021 the Covid 19 pandemic regulations required the church to be closed at various times. Smaller congregations occurred when services were held and this had an impact upon the donations received. The pandemic also meant it was not possible to let the hall for hire. Due to the amount of wear and tear the PCC took the decision that no further hall lettings for parties etc. would be allowed. This was reflected in reduced income.

## Receipts and Payments Account

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Building - Building Fund (Restricted)</b>		
Brought forward balance	59,516	59,516
Transfers to/(from)	(350)	—
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>59,166</b>	<b>59,516</b>
<b>Redev - Redevelopment Fund (Designated)</b>		
Brought forward balance	1,045	1,045
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,045</b>
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted)</b>		
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
Donations and legacies		
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	2,869	3,264
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	950	640
0201 - Other planned giving	1,180	2,380
0301 - Loose plate collections	1,544	824
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,185	1,794
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>7,728</i>	<i>8,903</i>
Income from charitable activities		
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	246	149
<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>149</i>
Other trading activities		
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	27,330	28,470
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>27,330</i>	<i>28,470</i>
Investments		
1020 - Bank and building society interest	40	406
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	21,000	21,000
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>21,040</i>	<i>21,406</i>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Raising funds		
1740 - Investment Management Costs	4,284	5,110
1741 - Investment (House) Maintenance Costs	2,658	723
<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<i>6,942</i>	<i>5,833</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	45
1850 - Home mission	3,000	3,000
1870 - Secular charities	10	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	37,800	36,000

2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	200	229
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	375	—
2145 - Parsonage - water	—	359
2150 - Vicar's telephone	480	125
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,321	1,292
2310 - Church office - telephone	575	575
2330 - Church maintenance	1,152	206
2331 - Cleaning	1,242	1,112
2340 - Upkeep of services	281	531
2360 - Administration	259	—
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	48	—
2410 - Church running - gas	2,525	666
2420 - Church running - water	673	262
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>49,947</i>	<i>44,406</i>
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(544)	8,688
Brought forward balance	683,881	675,192
Transfers to/(from)	350	—
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>683,686</b>	<b>683,881</b>

#### ZReval - Revaluation reserves (Restricted)

Brought forward balance	12	12
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
6431	House Purchased 2019	580,000	580,000
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>580,000</b>	<b>580,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Bank current account	32,586	33,696
6502	Redevelopment A/c	1,045	1,045
6505	Bank deposit account	130,178	129,137
6590	Cash in hand	101	712
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>163,911</b>	<b>164,591</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	—	136
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>136</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>743,911</b>	<b>744,455</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(544)	55,708
Z01	Starting balances	744,455	688,746
Z03	Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>743,911</b>	<b>744,455</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	683,686	683,881
	Designated	1,045	1,045
	Restricted	59,179	59,529
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>743,911</b>	<b>744,455</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>						
House Purchased 2019 -	580,000	—	—	—	580,000	580,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>580,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>580,000</b>	<b>580,000</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Bank current account -	54,837	(21,951)	(300)	—	32,586	33,696
Redevelopment A/c -	(24,477)	22,996	2,527	—	1,045	1,045
Bank deposit account -	72,345	—	57,832	—	130,178	129,137
Cash in hand -	981	—	(880)	—	101	712
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103,686</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>59,179</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>163,911</b>	<b>164,591</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>						
Agency collections -	—	—	—	—	—	136
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>683,686</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>59,179</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>743,911</b>	<b>744,455</b>

## Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
<b>Building - Building Fund</b>						
Restricted	59,516	—	—	(350)	—	59,166
<b>Sub-total for Building</b>	<b>59,516</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>59,166</b>
<b>Redev - Redevelopment Fund</b>						
Designated	1,045	—	—	—	—	1,045
<b>Sub-total for Redev</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,045</b>
<b>General - General fund</b>						
Unrestricted	683,881	56,345	56,889	350	—	683,686
<b>Sub-total for General</b>	<b>683,881</b>	<b>56,345</b>	<b>56,889</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>683,686</b>
<b>ZReval - Revaluation reserves</b>						
Restricted	12	—	—	—	—	12
<b>Sub-total for ZReval</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>744,455</b>	<b>56,345</b>	<b>56,889</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>743,911</b>

## Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
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## INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

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<b>Total</b>	<b>7,728</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,728</b>	<b>8,903</b>

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1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	21,000	—	—	—	21,000	21,000
Total	21,040	—	—	—	21,040	21,406
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>56,345</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>56,345</b>	<b>58,928</b>

**EXPENDITURE****Raising funds**

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Total	6,942	—	—	—	6,942	5,833

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Total	49,947	—	—	—	49,947	44,406
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>56,889</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>56,889</b>	<b>50,239</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(544)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(544)</b>	<b>8,688</b>
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- **Conclusion**

<Total income this year, £56,345, compared to 2020, was down by £2,583. Donations fell by £566, Gift Aid by £609, Hall lettings by £1,140 and bank interest by £366. Fees for weddings and funerals increased by £97.

We continued to receive the same monthly income from letting the house at 3 Cuckoo Dene. We spent extra on maintenance, this year, particularly to conform to electrical standards, but it is a good investment.

Charitable contributions of £3,000 were distributed. £1,000 to a church in a poor area of Birmingham £500 each to Sightsavers and Doctors Without Borders, and £500 each to two residents of the YMCA to help with their new housing costs.

The annual contribution to the London Diocese was increased by £1,800 (5%) to £37,800.

The cost for the vicar's telephone has not changed. The increased spend shown above is due to some 2020 costs being paid within the 2021 financial year. All twelve months costs for 2021 have been included.

Little maintenance was done in the church during 2020 so there was a lot more to be done in 2021. We spent £1,152 and this would have been higher had not the vicar and church wardens undertaken some of the work themselves. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. The church roof needed a repair and as part of the fabric of the church the £350 has been treated as Restricted Fund expenditure.

Expenditure on gas reflects the higher prices experienced worldwide. We requested that the YMCA provide an invoice for electricity used from 26 June 2019, the date of our last payment. Their invoice of 3 November 2021 was calculated upon units used since 27 June 2018. An amended invoice has been requested.

The PCC wish to thank Ms. Sheila Burt for once again examining the accounts.

David Thomas  
Treasurer

This report dated: 6 April 2022.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Christopher's Church, Hanwell**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out in the associated document on pages 1 to 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and it is 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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

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

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

Signature.....*Sheila R Burt*.....

Date.....*4/4/2022*.....

Name ..... Sheila Burt.....

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