

St Christopher's Hanwell, Trustees' Reports 2022

Church Wardens' report on behalf of the PCC

Covid Omicron was with us at the start of the year. Whilst it is still with us the impact on our daily lives is getting less

Community Café on a Saturday morning continues to be well attended and what fun they have there. All the new games with drinks and cakes

We decided to try something new. From May 2022 the church for a year adopted a change to services. This was a new 9.30 service with Holy Communion where it was a said service for quiet contemplation and deep thought. Very intimate and very thought provoking.

At the same time our 11am service became our Cafe Style service with Holy Communion 'Café style' on the 1st Sunday of the month, which was relaxed and informal. We encouraged more Lay Leaders doing the "talk" and another leading the service. We sit around tables and enjoy our cup of tea and biscuits (and sometimes even carrots brought by Tom!). Scouts are still very much encouraged to have a parade service with fun and learning once a month too! A review of these arrangements will take place in May 2023.

Our Christmas services were very interesting. This year we had a 'lollipop' nativity, with little nativity characters to help everyone get involved! The carol singing was great and very enthusiastic hand bell ringing welcomed worshippers to the carol service again last Christmas!

This last year, St Christopher's was invited to host not one, but two 'online' church services for the Church of England! One in summer 2022, the other the Nativity in early 2023. This was prepared with great enthusiasm by everyone at St Christopher's, filmed and edited by Tom and received positively by so many people who viewed them, each service being watched by thousands of people, many overseas.

Tom is absolutely amazing how he learns our music for our singing by teaching himself to play by ear. It is reported to us that the congregation absolutely love this. So thank you Tom. And thank you Chris for playing your bass guitar!

We very much appreciate our Suzanne. Where does our amazing vicar get her energy from and ideas from when she is doing the "talk"? How she manages to fit in her work as vicar into her "part time" hours *and* do her PhD is beyond us! Thank you Suzanne for your energy.

The church held a jubilee tea party to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II, which was well attended and had lots of yummy food, union jacks and paper plate crowns! A few weeks later, Hanwell Big Local held a very successful Fun Day at the Church, with a bouncy castle, stalls, burgers and drinks!

We hosted the archdeacon for her visitation to inspect the church's paperwork, and all was found to be in good order. It was also confirmed that the diocese will be continuing to offer only a half-time clergy person in our parish.

Over the last year there have been challenges too. In particular a shooting in the autumn last year in the foyer was very distressing and brought home how much we need to love and

cherish each other. Suzanne held a special service bringing contemplation, prayer, comfort and unity. We hold those who live and work in the YMCA, past and present, in our prayers.

The fabric of the church has seen some changes since last May. The main one being the newly refurbished toilets, which appear to be holding up well and have been compared to the toilets at Heathrow Airport! In the kitchen, the mixer taps, fridge, donated dishwasher and water heater have all been replaced this year. Externally, the oak tree has been trimmed down as it was starting to damage the church itself. After an incident in the church garden during nursery hours, new high railings have been commissioned and will be installed in the summer, supporting safeguarding of the children. Part of the old railings will be used to fill the gap at the side of church, where the railings had buckled and had to be removed.

We Church Wardens would like to say thank you to everyone for your support and understanding in the way our church is running at present. Your patience has really helped us both in ways you don't understand. You are all wonderful.

Chris Royle and Charlie Adjetey

Vicar's report

Gratitude:

It continues to be a privilege to serve God by loving and serving this church and community. Tom and I continue to be grateful for the love and grace you show to us. I'm particularly grateful, as always, for your patience in bearing with me while I only work part-time.

Charlie & Chris continue to be fabulous wardens, doing everything they can to support the work of the church and me personally. The PCC continues to be a place where we seek to do God's business in harmonious ways. It's not a glamorous role to be a PCC member, but it's essential for the legal functioning of the church and for discussing the ministry and mission of the church. I'm very grateful to them all for making my job easier.

There have been many challenges in the last year. The shooting in the reception last Autumn and all the consequences of that. And Les' deteriorating health and his death (now living resident of heaven!) I'm thankful to God for getting us through both – The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!

Taken opportunities:

We led two of the Church of England online services as a church, one last summer, in July, and again for Epiphany in January.

We had visits to church from classes at Brentside Primary & Woodlands Primary Academy.

We invited our local MP and the YMCA manager to do readings at Carols by Candlelight.

We have welcomed both Archdeacon Catherine and Bishop Lusa to speak at services this year.

Opportunities in progress:

We are in talks with the YMCA manager and the CEO, to renew our partnership working.

We have had new signs made, which will be fitted early in the summer of 2023 – to improve our presence.

Continued opportunities:

We have decided on all age café church communion at 11am and will do our best to make it the best it can be.

We continue with Community Café as a place both of fellowship for the church and a place for the community to come for company.

We continue to host pop-in on Tuesdays, providing a friendship space to the community.

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, as we strive to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly!

St. Christopher's Church, Hanwell
Charity Number 1135371
End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending 31 December 2022

• Introduction

Income has increased this year, mainly from donations, a legacy, and arrears of rent being paid to the church by the YMCA. Essential internal building improvements and three year's electricity payment to the YMCA plus other increases in costs resulted in the year's expenditure being £15,650 more than total income.

Receipts and Payments Account

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Building - Building Fund (Restricted)		
Brought forward balance	59,167	59,517
Transfers to/(from)	—	(350)
Carried forward balance	59,167	59,167
Redev - Redevelopment Fund (Designated)		
Brought forward balance	1,045	1,045
Carried forward balance	1,045	1,045
General - General fund (Unrestricted)		
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	2,599	2,869
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	525	950
0201 - Other planned giving	1,935	1,180
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,069	1,545
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,000	—
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,262	1,185
0701 - Legacies	2,000	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>13,390</i>	<i>7,729</i>
Income from charitable activities		
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	390	246
<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>246</i>
Other trading activities		
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	27,150	27,330
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>27,150</i>	<i>27,330</i>
Investments		
1020 - Bank and building society interest	180	41
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	43,500	21,000
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>43,680</i>	<i>21,041</i>
Expenditure		
Raising funds		
1740 - Investment Management Costs	4,254	4,284
1741 - Investment (House) Maintenance Costs	1,435	2,659
<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<i>5,689</i>	<i>6,943</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
1850 - Home mission	2,000	3,000
1870 - Secular charities	10	10
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	40,008	37,800
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	250	200
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	389	376
2150 - Vicar's telephone	228	481

2301 - Church running - insurance	1,420	1,321
2310 - Church office - telephone	577	576
2330 - Church maintenance	1,820	1,152
2331 - Cleaning	1,985	1,242
2340 - Upkeep of services	827	282
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	1,000	—
2360 - Administration	300	260
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	49	48
2401 - Church running - electric	4,620	—
2410 - Church running - gas	1,954	2,526
2420 - Church running - water	384	673
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	36,744	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>94,565</i>	<i>49,947</i>
Other expenditure		
1742 - Bank Charges	6	—
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>—</i>
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(15,651)	(544)
Brought forward balance	683,687	683,881
Transfers to/(from)	—	350
Carried forward balance	668,036	683,687
ZReval - Revaluation reserves (Restricted)		
Brought forward balance	13	13
Carried forward balance	13	13

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6430	Sample fixed asset	—	—
6431	House Purchased 2019	580,000	580,000
	Total Fixed assets	580,000	580,000
Current assets			
6501	Bank current account	6,642	32,586
6502	Redevelopment A/c	1,045	1,045
6505	Bank deposit account	140,358	130,179
6590	Cash in hand	215	102
	Total Current assets	148,260	163,911
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	728,260	743,911
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(15,651)	(544)
Z01	Starting balances	743,911	744,456
Z03	Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
	Total Reserves	728,260	743,911

Represented by funds

Unrestricted	668,036	683,687
Designated	1,045	1,045
Restricted	59,179	59,179
Endowment	—	—
Total	728,260	743,911

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
House Purchased 2019 -	580,000	—	—	—	580,000	580,000
Totals	580,000	—	—	—	580,000	580,000
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	28,893	(21,951)	(300)	—	6,642	32,586
Redevelopment A/c -	(24,478)	22,996	2,527	—	1,045	1,045
Bank deposit account -	82,526	—	57,833	—	140,358	130,179
Cash in hand -	1,095	—	(880)	—	215	102
Totals	88,036	1,045	59,179	—	148,260	163,911
Grand total	668,036	1,045	59,179	—	728,260	743,911

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Building - Building Fund							
Restricted	59,167	—	—	—	—	—	59,167
Sub-total for Building	59,167	—	—	—	—	—	59,167
Redev - Redevelopment Fund							
Designated	1,045	—	—	—	—	—	1,045
Sub-total for Redev	1,045	—	—	—	—	—	1,045
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	683,687	84,609	100,260	—	—	—	668,036
Sub-total for General	683,687	84,609	100,260	—	—	—	668,036
ZReval - Revaluation reserves							
Restricted	13	—	—	—	—	—	13
Sub-total for ZReval	13	—	—	—	—	—	13
Grand total	743,911	84,609	100,260	—	—	—	728,260

Analysis of receipts and payments

					Total	
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

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0701 – Legacies	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	—
Total	13,390	—	—	—	13,390	7,729

Income from charitable activities

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Total	390	—	—	—	390	246

Other trading activities

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Total	27,150	—	—	—	27,150	27,330

Investments

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Total	43,680	—	—	—	43,680	21,041
INCOME TOTAL	84,609	—	—	—	84,609	56,345

EXPENDITURE**Raising funds**

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Total	94,565	—	—	—	94,565	49,947

Other expenditure

1742 - Bank Charges	6	—	—	—	6	—
Total	6	—	—	—	6	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	100,260	—	—	—	100,260	56,890
GRAND TOTAL	(15,651)	—	—	—	(15,651)	(544)

- **Conclusion**

Following the pandemic that suppressed activities during the previous two years more has been done in 2022. The following items have impacted upon the church's finances.

1. A Sunday service recorded at St Christopher's and shown on various internet platforms prompted an overseas viewer to donate £3,000 to our funds, The bank took £5.50p in charges.
2. When reading the church property lease agreement our vicar, Suzanne Vernon-Yorke, found that rent was due to be paid each year by the YMCA to St Christopher's. This was accepted and the YMCA paid £22,000, including twenty years' arrears, in 2022.
3. The house to let continued to provide income and maintenance costs nearly halved this year.
4. Charitable donations were made to Sightsavers (£500), Doctors without Borders (£500) and a northern church in need (£1,000). A further £1,000 was available to support YMCA residents but a suitable nomination was not forthcoming.
5. Payment to the Diocese, as the parish share of costs, was increased by 5.8% to £40,008.
6. Upkeep of services increased as a new format of "Café Church" was introduced for one year.
7. In the churchyard essential work on the tree to prevent damage to the building cost £1,000.
8. An invoice was received from the YMCA for electricity used since 2019 and payment of £4,620 was made.
9. The PCC agreed that the toilets were not up to standard. Tenders for refurbishment were invited and a contract was signed. The work was completed late in 2022 at a cost of £36,744.

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

David Thomas
Treasurer

This report dated: 26 March 2023.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

St Christopher's Church, Hanwell

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1135371

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Sheila R Burt

Date:

24/3/23

Name:

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