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Summary Annual Report from the Leadership Team

By Paul Barrow

The year in brief – an overview

Since last year's APCM, there have been huge number of changes nationally and in the life of our church at St John's. We have seen a number of departures, many changes, innovations, and many selfless acts.

There has been one constant though, and that is the fact that we are still in vacancy at the time of this year's APCM. There was one advert for a Priest-in-Charge in the Autumn but there were no serious applicants. There was a Bishop's recommendation which we explored through a spiritual discernment process, but that wasn't right for St John's or the candidate. At the time of writing, Bishop Jonathan has agreed to a second advert and so we pray for the right person to apply. God is in very much charge of this process.

During the first week in June we had the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth. It was a huge national celebration which St John's was able to join in with. However the Queen didn't survive the year and she died in September after a short illness. As the Queen was not just Head of State but also Head of the Church of England, St John's was in a privileged position to mark the occasion by hosting the Book of Condolence in the wider community. It was moving to see many people attend the church during that time.

The year saw the departure of 2 key members of our team who we appreciated and will miss. Abi Elshaw, our Operations Manager, decided during the Spring that it was time to move on to other pastures. She had been instrumental in establishing many procedures, systems, and practices. Mike Moritz joined us an ordained Curate in 2019 but his training was compromised through the pandemic and the loss of our previous incumbent, Gavin. After nearly 4 years Mike was given an opportunity to finish off his Curacy at St Faith 's, Lee-on-Solent and so he also moved on just after Easter.

In December 22 we hosted the Christmas Tree Festival which saw 4000 people come through the doors to marvel at the creativity of the trees, to enjoy the lights, to listen to musical performances, to remember loved ones, and to have meaningful conversations about life and faith.

In the New Year and just before Easter, we hosted The Miracle. Performed over three nights with a multi-church cast of over 45 multi-generational members, it brought alive the Easter story with stunning clarity in a highly visual and musical style, scripted by Jim Wood and Bob Isaac. Each night was full and many people were very moved by the experience.

There were a number of Innovations during the year.

Hearing Helpers was established in January to help people with their hearing aids. Church family and complete outsiders have now benefitted from this as they can come to St John's for a cuppa, a chat, and get their hearing aids functioning effectively.

Holiday Grub Club was also established in February 23. It was designed to provide meals, a warm space, games and company to families and school age children who struggle during school holidays. Plans are to extend the scheme to the Summer Half-Term.

The 9.30 Service has started a group for children once a month at the same time as the service and we are grateful to those who are involved in that work.

Following the 9 am and 11 am Service Reviews sponsored by the PCC, the decision was taken to change the start time of the earlier Sunday Service to 9.30 and leave the second service at 11 am.

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This wasn't an easy decision as it meant the set-up time for the 11 am service could be constrained if early service overran. There have been occasions when it has caused difficulties but overall it has been successful as there has been a strong desire by service leaders and clergy to make it work.

The PCC also decided to make some significant but expensive changes to the AV Systems during the year. Those changes and other projects needed funding and following a fundraising appeal, the church family were very generous in raising nearly £30,000 which allowed us to invite the sub-contractors in to install the new projectors and the many components of sound technology. Thanks to all those who made a financial contribution to this work.

Alpha ran 3 times during the year and Youth Alpha once. One of the features was that it was a Western Wards collaboration, and we give thanks for the opportunities it has given us as a church to share the Gospel with adults and young people who perhaps had never heard about Jesus before. So much of what we have achieved during the year would not have happened were it not for the many volunteers that we have and our thanks go to all who have contributed in some way. Finally, at the Coronation of Charles 111, the King, said the following words:

"In His name, and after His example, I come not to be served but to serve"

Actually, that really resonates because as Christians in the St John's family we should all be here to serve one another and the community outside the church doors.

What of the purpose of St John's? Teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread together, and prayer are the key activities. We do all of those to a greater or lesser degree. We all need to get involved; listen and care for each other; to be respectful, generous and kind; to support each other; be the light pointing to Christ; and to reach out to others through all that we do in His name.

Jesus said, **"let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."** (Matthew 5:16).

Report on Proceedings for the PCC since the last APCM

By Liz Morgan

The PCC is the governing body of a parish church. The incumbent (churchwardens during vacancy) and the PCC each have their own particular rights and responsibilities in the life of the church but the important theme here is one of partnership and co-operation. More specifically, the PCC is responsible for:

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- The maintenance of the church buildings and grounds (This is effectively done on behalf of the PCC, as a primary responsibility of the churchwardens)
- With the incumbent, for deciding how the church's money is to be spent.
- Acting as the legal employer of our paid workers

The elected members of the PCC are also legal trustees of St John's, as a charitable entity. So, what the members of the PCC strive to do is:

- Ask good questions
- Ensure financial probity
- Set strategic direction

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In the period since the last APCM, the PCC has met regularly. On the departure of Linda Miatt, the chair was assumed by the longest standing churchwarden, Paul Barrow. We welcomed Ian Coombs as Churchwarden and vice Chair.

The PCC normally meet on the second Monday of each month. This year, there were additional meetings on 5th September 2022 and 20th April 2023.

Meetings in brief:-

May 2022, The AV Upgrade was approved and a PCT steering group formed.

June 2022, the PCC Working agreement was ratified.

July 2022, the external tithe and Prayer Policy was agreed.

September 2022, the service review teams were implemented. Pastoral Care Policy Hearing Initiative, Personal Evacuation Escape Plans, CCTV Policy, Health and Safety Policy all agreed.

October 2022, the Christmas Collections, and procedure for recruitment were agreed.

November 2022, the Grub Club, Lettings Policy Revisions was approved, and waiver system for the over 80's volunteers implemented.

December 2022, It was agreed to consider the Bishops recommendation for our vacancy.

January 2023 Approval was granted for the start of Children's Groups to be provided in the 9:30 service on 3rd Sunday. Staff Salary increases approved.

March 2023, The Diocesan plans were revisited.

This year, the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

See report of the Parish Safeguarding Representatives for more information.

PCC members who have served at any time from October 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members

Curate: Mike Moritz

Churchwardens Paul Barrow (chair), Ian Coombs (vice chair)

PCC Secretary Liz Morgan (non-voting)

Co-opted Treasurer Alex Thompson

Elected Members.

Ian Andrews, Paul Barrow, Kirsty Harley, Nims Fisher, Adrian Head, Rachel Munn, Robin Thomas, Tim Kairis, Liz Wood. Rita Dodd, Sharon Huntley

Deanery Synod members: Mark Tucker, Kate Tucker & Chris Bacon

Co-opted - Ann Lewis

Regular, non-voting observers:

Children & Families Team Leader: Hazel Foster

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Electoral Roll Report 2023

By Bob Marchant – Electoral Roll Officer

The Electoral Roll at the APCM of 2022 stood at 276 members.

Since then, seven names have been added and eight names have been removed due to five members who died and three moving/moved away.

Therefore, at the closing date of 21st April 2023, the Electoral Roll for 2023 stands at 275 members.

Safeguarding Report

By Jenny and Phil Coundley

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Safeguarding continues to be High Priority throughout the Church.

The annual review of the Safeguarding Policy has been updated and endorsed by the PCC. There have been no Safeguarding issues this year.

Everyone who has been DBS checked have been recorded on Churchbuilder including the IT training. Most people are up to date with their training.

Training is a vital part of anyone who volunteers. An in-house training course on Domestic Abuse has been arranged for Saturday 10th June. Details of which will be available soon.

The Safeguarding officers have attended quarterly PSO meetings via zoom. We attended the inaugural Safeguarding Conference in September. This was a huge success with many speakers who focused on different types of abuse. There will be another conference in September.

The dashboard continues to be a very useful tool and is used by the PSOs and Churchwardens.

We have been informed by the Diocese that Dashboard will be expanding to include a hub which will have all Church roles listed. This will need to be populated once it is available.

If you believe that anyone is at risk of immediate harm, please call 999. In all other cases contact Jenny & Phil Coundley.

Deanery Synod Annual Report

By Kate Tucker, Mark Tucker, Chris Bacon (Deanery Synod Reps)

Bishop Jonathan visited Fareham Deanery on 31st March with a Eucharist at St Mary's Portchester, visited Cornerstone School, Whiteley and held Compline in St Mary's Warsash. Many in the Deanery view Bishop Jonathan's arrival as a positive step that will energise Deanery reorganization and move us forward in our mission.

On 20th June, Ian Meredith and Liz Simpson updated Bishop Jonathan on the Deanery Plan. The Bishop liked the Collaborative Ministry proposed by the Western Wards churches and requested a post-pandemic update to the plan.

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We now need to prove the efficacy of Collaborative Ministry through closer working with our neighbours on all aspects of parish life. Our four churches have formed the Western Wards Steering Group. St John's is represented by Mike Moritz (Clergy member), Kate Tucker (Deanery Synod member and Emily Collings (PCC member). The churches now collaborate on hosting courses such as Alpha, Making Disciples and the Bible Course. We've also held joint services, advertised events across the four parishes and shared Pastoral Care ideas. Ian Coombs replaced Mike Moritz and new members from our next PCC will be needed.

Fareham Deanery Synod met on 4th October at St John the Evangelist, Fareham with Bishop Jonathan present. Chris Bacon put himself forward as a member of the laity to Deanery Standing Committee and was accepted.

The Deanery has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/farehamdeanery where events and notices are posted to share with the whole Deanery.

Fabric Report

By Paul Barrow

2021 saw routine activities by the BMC team doing minor maintenance tasks inside the church. Working parties of up to a dozen people, gathered for outdoor events including grass cutting, leaf clearance. There was a programme of lighting unit replacement with LED lights,

During the year we exceeded the £4400 budget, by £541, most of which went on routine expenses including lift and boiler maintenance, replacement lighting, together with the inspection and replacement (not budgeted) costs of fire safety systems. Reserve funds were used to remove the dead Yew tree opposite the North Wall of the church, the Hall Car Park repair, decorating the Evens Room / Library, and the hall's central lights which were converted to LED.

As ever, we would welcome fresh volunteers to help with church maintenance, to spread the load on those available for call out for tasks or to work in small groups as required. Basic DIY skills are always helpful, but we also need people who can steady the base of ladder or help rake up the autumn leaves!

We were sad to see Robin Webb step down as BMC Coordinator during the Autumn after many years leading the team; being the person we called for help; and tackling repair jobs when things broke.

Our thanks to Robin and the BMC, and to many others who have given of their time and skills during the year whether it was gardening, setting up the Christmas Tree Festival, outside Christmas Lighting, mopping up flooded toilets, overseeing the heating, or replacing lighting units.

If you would like to be part of the BMC team, please contact the church office.

Reports from church groups

Hospitality and Welcome Report

By Roger Pickard

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Hospitality is a hugely important part of our welcome and Ministry here at St Johns, and we are incredibly grateful to those who organise and those who form part of the teams always willing to help.

We have provided food at Messy Church, Alpha, Mainly for Men, Monday Café, Sunday lunches after the informal services, special Events such as Festivals, the Miracle, and at our Grub Club. Our Welcomers team is growing, and we work hard to ensure all are welcomed into the buildings. Regular rota weeks have recommenced and it is very helpful to planning to have so many willing to serve in this way.

We do our best to normally have a 'Door Welcomer' and realise the importance of a friendly face at the door, inviting us in with a smile.

Further training/idea sharing meetings are planned to continue support for those undertaking this important role.

The hospitality we provide is crucial to our welcome here at St Johns and we are thankful for each member of the team who work hard to provide such a positive experience.

Alpha

By Trevor Pritchard

In the 30 years since its global launch in 1993, over 28 million people have attended the Alpha course worldwide, with nearly 5 million from the UK. Its impact upon the Church of England and many other denominations has been enormous.

We try to offer an Alpha course each term and to make this a Western Wards (WW) collaborative venture, rotating the venue round the respective parish churches. A 'full' Alpha course takes place over 12 weeks, with a half-term break; 11 sessions which take place during a weekday (normally evening) and a Saturday towards the end of the course, entitled the 'Holy Spirit day'. The weekday meetings can be either at a church premises, or in a leader's home. The session starts with drinks and a meal, ideally around a table of 8-10, which includes 2 hosts. After the meal, there is a 30 minute video, followed by 30 minutes of chat.

In the summer term last year, we offered a shortened, 6-week Alpha, which was run at St John's, attended by 9 guests. In autumn, we worked with a team from St Peter's, Titchfield, to offer a 10-week course, hosted in Titchfield and supported by all WW churches; 40 guests started the course and 25 completed it. This was a particularly well attended, lively and vibrant course, during which many found faith and continue to walk the Way with Jesus.

Early this year, we worked with St Mary's, Warsash, to offer an 8 session course, plus the Holy Spirit Saturday. We hosted 15 guests, sat around 2 tables in St Mary's church hall. In parallel, we ran the Bible course, with 10 guests led by Mike Moritz and an additional 8 led by Katie Moritz in their house. Our Children and Families Team Leader, Hazel Foster, has also been running Youth Alpha courses.

We shall not be able to offer a course this summer, but plan on working with St Paul's, Sarisbury Green, to offer one in the autumn. The course depends on having table hosts and a band of helpers to provide the meals and clear up afterwards, so please do consider whether you could help in any way. Alpha is an extremely well-proven and effective channel to facilitate people from any background to talk about life's big questions in a relaxed, safe and convivial environment. There have been many inspiring stories of lives transformed as a result of this course.

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We shall also continue exploring how to run Alpha in conjunction with other very helpful resources, such as the Bible Course and the Prayer Course. If you are interested in attending any of these, or helping to run them, please contact the church office so that we can prepare for future offerings.

Small Groups

By Liz Morgan

There are 10 'home' groups at present with 77 members, who meet at various times and places.

Many different courses, books and studies have been undertaken with fellowship and support for each other running through all the groups.

Many of us studied the same lent course, which led to sharing of ideas and thoughts and it was a good opportunity to discuss with others not in our own groups.

We have held newly formed groups within the church premises and are grateful to all who lead us. With Mike having moved on, we hope to find a volunteer to help us grow in our small groups as we will continue to be a fundamental part of St John's church, acting as a vehicle for ongoing growth and discipleship as well as the main way in which, together, we offer relational pastoral support and care to one another.

Pastoral Care Network Report

By Liz Morgan

The Pastoral Care Network has been working hard in the background to grow the golden thread weaving throughout SJLH.

There are many initiatives underway and we are blessed with our wonderful volunteers, and others coming in to help alongside in the various teams we are made up of. We keep accurate records whilst maintaining confidentiality and are always looking outwards to support and signpost others.

- **The Directory**, available to our members and is in use to help signpost those in need.
- **Hearing Helpers** (2 x monthly) has regular clients both from inside and outside the congregation. with eight volunteers having been trained (including a WW church member),
- **Care Homes** visits have been recommenced, both social and Holy Communion visits.
- **Home Communion**, is being taken to those who request it, by retired clergy and volunteers.
- **Phone Calls** / Home Visits-Regular calls and visits undertaken by many in the church, both those on the 'Team' and others in the church.
- **Bereavement Cards** to all who have suffered bereavement in the last two years.
- **Bereavement Café/Friendship Group** – Starting May, monthly on Saturday morning.

We have also provided listening training with members of WW churches and plan to undertake more. We are currently exploring Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in consultation with other WW churches.

Fellowship Report

By Shantie Reed

We meet in the church hall on the third Wednesday of the Month from 14.00 to 16.00. We have a varied programme of speakers, tea parties and Christmas lunches.

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Our membership continues to grow and they enjoy what is provided.

A donation of £1.00 is given by each member towards refreshments and fees for speakers as applicable.

Baptism Report

By Rachael Kairis

After considerable revision over recent years, we currently offer families a Baptism, usually within a morning service; or a Thanksgiving service which may take place outside of a normal Sunday service. In 2022 we baptised 9 babies and so far in 2023 we have baptised 4, with around 6 families hoping to book a service for the Autumn. We have also celebrated one Thanksgiving.

As part of the preparations the parents and Godparents are invited to attend two Saturday morning sessions where we use Alpha resources to look in detail at the format of both services and familiarise them with the building.

A huge thank you to Mike Moritz, Abi Elshaw, Linda Miatt, Paul Barrow and Ian Coombs who have worked closely with me over the last couple of years to polish our process to try and make it as positive an experience as it can be for everyone; to Liz Morgan who organises the Baptism calendar; and to the clergy, Mike Moritz, David Isherwood, Sandy Matheson who this year have ensured that we can continue offering Baptisms.

My biggest thanks, however, goes to you, the church family. The feedback we have had from our Baptism families has been overwhelmingly positive. The most common comment I get is how welcoming the church congregation are and how comfortable the families all feel whilst they are with us. Please continue with this wonderful welcome and supporting courses and services by your prayers.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

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Sunday Groups 11am Service

By Hazel Foster

What has gone well?

Since the last APCM we have had the excitement of adding a third group to the 11am service. Encounters started in Autumn 2022 for young people in school years 6 and up. We have a small but delightful group that meet to talk freely about faith and build relationships with Jesus and each other.

In January of this year, we had record numbers of children throughout all the children's groups which was really exciting. Regular children have developed lovely relationships with each other and the leaders. There is a real sense of joy when you enter the rooms and it has been exciting to see children's knowledge and thought processes deepening as we learn about Jesus.

Sunday group children and their families have been invited to some social gatherings to get to know each other better, including a BBQ, quiz night, movie afternoon and ladies social events.

Challenges.

Our leaders and helpers do an amazing job and are incredibly committed to serving our church family. We are desperately short of volunteers to lead in particular. Covering the rota has been increasingly difficult. If you are reading this and have a passion for passing on the faith to the next generation please speak to Hazel so you can get involved.

What does the future look like?

Providing we have enough volunteers; we will aim to continue to run the three groups on a Sunday morning, along with intermittent socials to increase the depth of relationships between children and their families.

9:30 am Children's Activities

By Hazel Foster

The 9:30am service has had wonderful children's activities led by Kirsty and Emily at the first service of the month. Children and families that come for Baptisms have also really appreciated their work, as well as our church children.

A great team of volunteers have formed and are offering a group for children in the Grove room at the third Sunday of the month. We pray that children will attend this group and have fun as they explore who Jesus is and what he means to them.

Toddler Group

By Hazel Foster

What has gone well?

Toddler group has seen record numbers of children, parents, grandparents and carers over the winter months this year, all helped along by an excellent group of volunteers. The team work so hard to make people feel welcome and special. They listen to people's worries and joys and offer to pray for any challenging situations they are facing.

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With the increasing numbers we have utilised all the space in the Church and made the chancel a baby area which has worked really well. It's slightly quieter and allows for a greater capacity to chat and build relationships.

Challenges

Moving all the toys and furniture each week is heavy work and particularly challenging. If we are low on volunteer numbers this is an issue.

What does the future look like?

Toddlers will continue in the same format for the foreseeable future. It is a wonderful platform to invite people along to Alpha, ladies' drinks nights, Messy Church and special Messy Events and for them to engage in talks about Jesus and the relevance of knowing him as a friend and saviour.

Messy Church

By Hazel Foster

What has gone well?

Normal Messy church sessions have continued as in 2022, running the second Wednesday of most months. We have continued to have a steady number of children and adults. This has included both returning families and new faces also. Relationships with longer term families are good and it is always a real privilege when they share deep and personal issues with us that we can pray for. We have had the addition of a couple of new leaders, a new person who has offered to do the talks and a young helper, which is a real provision from God.

In addition to the routine Wednesday sessions, there has been the addition of Messy Monday sessions in the summer and a Messy Easter session. These have been based on a bible story with similar activities that we do on a Wednesday, but without the communal worship and talk. It has been wonderful to see a whole new cohort of faces, including many Dads that we don't often see or faces from Toddlers returning to something else. These have been great for continuing relationships and making the church and stories of Jesus accessible to this age group.

Challenges

We have some very committed chefs and volunteers that do an outstanding job. However, if our current kitchen team are busy, it can be difficult to find cover. Any extra and willing volunteers would be very welcome.

What does the future look like?

We plan to continue Messy Church as normal and repeat the summer Messy Morning sessions, but these will swap to a Thursday morning instead of the Monday.

Connect

By Hazel Foster

What has gone well

The numbers of youth attending has remained strong with some new faces this academic year.

In the summer we took the youth out for the day to Guildford Spectrum to go bowling, ice skating and swimming. We also took the youth to laser quest during the Alpha course.

In the spring term we ran Youth Alpha where we had a number of new youth attend, who have continued to come post the end of the course. We had great discussions and meals.

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We had support from new (and old) leaders for Youth Alpha who are continuing to support in the summer term.

Challenges

- We were unable to take the youth away for the Youth Alpha away weekend due to external commitments for the youth, so we did the Weekend at Home instead.
- Trying to maintain good numbers of youth attending each week is somewhat variable with their other commitments. This has a knock-on effect on relationships with each other and the overall group dynamic.

What does the future look like?

- We will continue to meet weekly in term times with a variety of activities planned such as movie nights, escape room, and a BBQ.
- We are introducing the occasional meal and discussion session to our normal rota of activities after positive feedback from the youth.
- Another day out in the summer holidays is currently being planned.

Choir Report

By Linda Miatt

- The choir has a full membership of 23 choristers. Whilst not everyone can make every service, we are blessed to have such an enthusiastic group of singers. Our continued thanks go to our gifted organists, David Chandler, Nick Inman and David Wilson; and we are delighted that our youngest chorister, Kalina, has become a trainee organist, under the supervision and tuition of Nick. One of our choristers has already gained RSCM recognition by earning her Bronze Award and is now working towards her Silver Award.
- Mindful of the 9am Service Review, our hymn-choosing team have endeavoured to vary the music within our 9.30am service; and are open to 'having a go' at many varied styles. We are occasionally inviting other instruments to accompany us and hope to do more of this in future. On occasion, we have been invited to sing with other churches and hope that these opportunities continue, especially for joint Evensong services. Our combined services also give us the opportunity to sing with others from a different musical tradition.
- One of the highlights for us this year was our Carol Service at Christmas which was very well attended.
- The choir feel privileged to help lead the worship and thank you for your continued encouragement.

Music and Worship Report 2022/3

By Paul Barrow

We are blessed to have 4 regular worship leaders who can lead the 11 am informal services, and we have a good number of musicians / singers too. We do struggle on some Sundays to get a sizeable group together to lead worship, so we just adapt, whether it is just a guitar and 2 voices or whether it is a large band. We are always on the lookout for people can sing/ play instruments (Drums and Keyboard in particular)

Although the large Community / Church Orchestra returned once (post pandemic) during 2021 with a new Leader following the retirement of John Curtis, we were unable to hold any events in 2022 as the Leader had to focus on other priorities. We decided to 'rest the orchestra' with a hope that one

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day we could bring it back when and if the time was right. In spite of seeking to recruit a replacement leader and coordinator, we have been unable to find a suitable person.

Following a fundraising campaign, we were able to make the much-needed structural changes to the Audio/Visual systems. This has had a major impact on the sound quality in the church.

With the purchase of additional 'head' mics, and the use of handheld mics, we have been able to reduce the amount of cabling used in the average set up of the 11 am service. This means we have also been able to reduce the set-up time between the 2 Sunday services.

We have focussed on all the joint services during the year to ensure that they represent a worship celebration, bringing together the 2 styles of musical worship that St John's celebrates, with choir and worship band, and with adapted liturgies to suit the occasions. They always take a good deal of planning and whilst a handful of people don't enjoy them, we feel that bringing the whole church family together in one worship space and breaking bread together is well worth the effort. We try to heed the Psalmist in Psalm 100 v2 - Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

The PCC requested to continue streaming the 9.30 service during the year. This has been appreciated by the small number of people who are unable to attend the church for the service. The 11 Service hasn't been streamed since 2021 due to the very low numbers of people watching. It has enabled us to be a lot more flexible in what we include in the services.

Spirit Café Report

By Steve Allcock

20th anniversary of Spirit Café!

Yes, it's incredible to think that January was the 20th anniversary of Spiritcafé! Still pulling a great crowd on the second Saturday of the month, Spiritcafé continues to raise a lot of money for chosen charities. For example, our concert for Ukraine saw almost a thousand pounds raised on that night. The evening in memory of our friend Nigel Javan for The Brain Charity saw a similar response. It's constantly humbling to see how generous people are in these difficult times, and every month they allow us to donate large sums for good causes.

It was really good to move back into the Grove Room as the pandemic eased. Our audience had been telling us how much they preferred it. (3 hours on pews is hard to take) After taking a straw poll from them, to ensure they felt safe, we made the transition back. This was met very positively. It certainly has the comfort, intimacy, atmosphere and enhanced sound that we've all missed.

Cahoots continues to bring fresh music to our audience and we are pleased to have Ian Stewart onboard playing keyboards to enhance our sound.

We look forward to a further year of entertainment and welcoming folk along.

Verger's report

By Roger Pickard

The Garden of Remembrance has been well maintained and some of the stones have been cleaned, improving the appearance overall. The shrubbery has been kept in good order and several stones in situ have been lifted and engraved this year.

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The church has been maintained and well used for Rites of Passage throughout, which has kept our teams busy. New volunteers have come forward and regular teams are working together to make sure our welcome is always warm and friendly, with a door welcomer again on duty at most services. New volunteers have stepped up for funerals and we are grateful for all who help the church work. Christmas saw the Tree Festival and many wonderful services welcome locals to the church, which is a beacon of light in the community.

Office Report

By Liz Morgan

This year has been busy, with rentals on the increase again after covid, and new policies and procedures to implement. We continue to monitor rental rates, terms and usage in the building, but are pleased with how the space is used by the community when not in use from the church.

With Abi having left, Liz is managing the centre and clients, alongside her normal role; Linda is assisting and has also taken on the crucial and complex publicity side of the role as a volunteer.

We are working closely together with WW churches to ensure that we signpost and support each other at every opportunity.

We are continuing to develop monthly and weekly communications and work to present information in every way to be accessible to all.

We have reorganised the office and continue to do our best to support all at SJLH as best we are able.

Mainly 4 Men

By Jim Dodd

Mainly 4 Men continued with the familiar format of a curry meal and talk in the hall, now established on the second Thursday of a month which seems to be more convenient for some people.

This men's fellowship proves to be popular with more people subscribing to our email list from the M4M page on the website. We had a full list of events in 2022 with talks on The Children's Society, Untold Stories of Small Boats at War, The Queen's Jubilee, Organ Playing Experiences (with a demonstration on the church organ), Lawrence of Arabia, Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank and the Latest Developments in Space Research.

Our Mainly 4 Everyone events had life reminiscences from David Wilson and a talk by Nelson Mandela's priest. The Curry and Carols event in December was the usual success.

Our aim is to cover the costs of providing the fellowship meal with the voluntary donations collected each month. Any surplus at the end of the year is donated to charity. In December, we gave £500 to a local Motor Neurone Disease support group.

We have an almost full list of speakers in 2023 but are always looking for ideas and volunteers.

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Monday Café

By Dorothy Wood

Monday Café continues to grow and at present we have approximately 35 folk meeting every week in the Grove Room for a hot drink, cake, cheese straws and biscuits.

We are blessed with a group of enthusiastic helpers who cheerfully help in any way they can

Let us pray that, if it is God's will, we will continue in his strength to offer friendship, companionship and a big welcome to all who visit us .

The Christmas Tree Festival

By Nims Fisher

We showcased St John's community with our message of Love, Hope and Joy. That is what made this such a success. Coming together to share God's love in the community.

So many people helped, whether by entering a tree, being a welcomer, serving refreshments, playing and singing, making soups scones and cake, lending tablecloths, stands, erecting banners, checking electricity cables, selling raffle tickets, preparations in the office, clearing up afterwards, the list is endless.

It was hard work but great fun. Very grateful thanks to all the team and those who supported us with such enthusiasm. The Festival raised around £5k which was distributed between Two Saints and Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank.

Holiday Grub Club

By Liz Wood

Holiday Grub Club has now run for six sessions and we have provided meals for nineteen families in total. Most of these have no formal contact with St John's Church.

We are reviewing how we advertise the sessions in the hope of attracting more visitors and think that focussing on the 'come and play' aspect with a meal as an extra, may help. This may mean a change of name to reinforce this different approach.

We are very grateful for the fantastic support the members of St John's have given us. Generous donations of food and money have made us self-sufficient. Table games that have been lent have been well played with! We are also extremely thankful for those people who have helped us already, the sous chefs, washer uppers, waiters, welcomers, games players, table layers, bakers and many more.

We hope to offer a barbecue session once a week during the summer holidays on the front lawn of the church. We will again be hoping for volunteers to help with food preparation and welcoming families, as well as further donations of food and money.

Ian Andrews and Liz Wood will be happy to take any offers of help that you feel able to make.

The Miracle

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By Jim Wood

After postponing the production as a result of Covid lockdown, we started preparations for The Miracle in early October 2022, rehearsing most Sundays for three hours. We were privileged to work with a cast of forty-five people from all of the Western Wards churches and beyond, alongside children from our school (St John the Baptist Primary CofE School). Ages ranged from 8yrs to 90+. We were also grateful to a host of other people who organised sound, lighting, stage construction, front of house, refreshments, ticket sales and advertising and lots more.

Our prayer before every rehearsal and performance was, 'Heavenly Father, may all we do, all we say and all we sing be to your great glory.' One of our aims was to present the gospel to people in a lively and engaging way that was entertaining, but also thought-provoking. To that end, people were offered a complimentary ticket with every bought ticket that could be used to invite someone who might not normally come to church. About a third of tickets issued were complimentary and the musical sold out for all three nights. As a cast we were conscious that, for some the audience, our production was the closest they might have come to interacting with the gospel.

Over the months we have had a lot of fun, grown and gained friendships, lost sleep, dealt with nerves and line learning, stepped way outside of our comfort zones, explored our own faith and our understanding of what it means to follow Christ.

Financial Review 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2022

General Fund overview

The parish share and normal running expenses are paid from the general fund.

Total income to the general fund was increased at £207,870 v. £194,221 for 2021.

Total expenditure also increased, to £204,270 v. £194,076 for 2021. We were therefore able to record a small surplus of £3,600 on the general fund.

Contributing to the increased income was a recovery of rental income to £23,205 from £12,924. Regular giving (£122,285 v. £118,381) and service collections (£5,686 v. £3,617) also increased but wedding fees reduced slightly as did sundry donations to the general fund. Note that 2021 saw some exceptional donations in response to a projected deficit which became a miniscule surplus of £145.

Notable features of expenditure were a small increase in parish share (£118,198 v. £117,808) and a large increase in Utilities & Maintenance (£17,249 v. £12,087) coming from utilities more than doubling to £8,081. Salaries and governance costs saw moderate rises.

The tithe of £8,000 to charities selected by the external giving team (EGT) was paid in full. Christmas collections granted to the charities Two saints, FOTHIFAG Basics Bank and Christian Aid E Africa were £961.

Designated Funds overview

Designated funds are established by the PCC to receive donations and pay for projects on the church fabric. The main activity in 2022 was in the Special Projects fund.

The Audio Visual (AV) system was updated at a cost of £28,177. This came from the Special Projects fund. Repairs to the car park cost a further £2,250. A gift day in June had raised £20,702 for the AV system so there was still £28,098 in the Special Projects fund at the end of the year.

Restricted Funds overview

Receive donations restricted to a specific area of work by St Johns by the donor, eg the Youth fund. The Youth fund received £12,281 and spent £13,749 on Children and Families Team Leader salary & youth ministry. There was £41,600 in the fund at the year end.

Money collected for other charities

At the Christmas Tree Festival, donations to the charities Two Saints and Friends of the homeless in Fareham and Gosport (basics bank) totalled £4,971. Christingle donations to The Children's Society were £440.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to build and maintain a reserve in the general fund equal to one month's normal running expenditure. This is to allow for variations in income and outgoings separate from larger planned projects. The running expenditure would exclude parish share and include salaries, utilities and minor maintenance.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCKS HEATH

(Charity Registration No. 1135824)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (Charity Trustees)

Accounts for the Year 1 January - 31 December 2022

CHURCH ADDRESS

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Lloyds Bank PLC
(Fareham Branch)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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St. John's Church PCC
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	198,661.30	12,147.59	-	210,808.89	184,109.79
Investment income	-	-	-	-	95.20
Incoming resources from charitable activities	30,019.91	-	-	30,019.91	20,491.75
Other incoming resources	1,614.51	133.31	-	1,747.82	43,975.40
Total income	230,295.72	12,280.90	-	242,576.62	248,672.14
Resources used					
Charitable activities	194,222.74	13,748.74	-	207,971.48	203,057.47
Governance costs	16,454.21	-	-	16,454.21	14,308.12
Total expenditure	210,676.95	13,748.74	-	224,425.69	217,365.59
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	19,618.77	(1,467.84)	-	18,150.93	31,306.55
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	19,618.77	(1,467.84)	-	18,150.93	31,306.55
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	54,625.85	44,045.91	-	98,671.76	67,365.21
Total funds carried forward	74,244.62	42,578.07	-	116,822.69	98,671.76
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	5,744.07	-	-	5,744.07	2,144.57
Designated					
AVEquip	30,720.79	-	-	30,720.79	5,557.20
Choir Fund	1,482.10	-	-	1,482.10	1,612.00
PCC Reserves	1,949.59	-	-	1,949.59	2,603.67
Renewal of Church	6,250.00	-	-	6,250.00	6,250.00
Special Projects	28,098.07	-	-	28,098.07	36,458.41
Restricted					
Bulgaria Fund	-	40.26	-	40.26	40.26
Ghana Fund	-	937.32	-	937.32	937.32
Youth Ministry	-	41,600.49	-	41,600.49	43,068.33
Total funds	74,244.62	42,578.07	-	116,822.69	98,671.76

St. John's Church PCC
Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	30,720.79	5,557.20
	30,720.79	5,557.20
Current assets		
Debtors	2,150.52	3,558.84
Cash At Bank And In Hand	99,774.72	96,167.41
	101,925.24	99,726.25
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	15,823.34	6,611.69
	15,823.34	6,611.69
Net current assets less current liabilities	86,101.90	93,114.56
Total assets less current liabilities	116,822.69	98,671.76
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	116,822.69	98,671.76
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	5,744.07	2,144.57
Designated		
Designated - AVEquip	30,720.79	5,557.20
Designated - Choir Fund	1,482.10	1,612.00
Designated - PCC Reserves	1,949.59	2,603.67
Designated - Renewal of Church	6,250.00	6,250.00
Designated - Special Projects	28,098.07	36,458.41
Restricted		
Restricted - Bulgaria Fund	40.26	40.26
Restricted - Ghana Fund	937.32	937.32
Restricted - Youth Ministry	41,600.49	43,068.33
Fund Totals	116,822.69	98,671.76

Approved by PCC 17/4/2023


AC Thompson

Paul Barrow
Church Warden

Alex Thompson
Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public body benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with FRS 102, Charities SORP(FRS102) and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions.

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or else for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land Nil, Fixtures and fittings 10 years, Computers 3 years.

Investments None currently held.

Short term deposits These are cash held on deposit at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Funds These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment Funds These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. None are held currently.

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION Trustees have not been remunerated or reimbursed for expenses.

RELATED THIRD PARTY TRANSACTIONS There have been no related party transactions with Trustees.

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources <i>Note 2</i>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
1101 - Gift Aided Income	122,284.88	11,471.32	8,982.00	-	142,738.20	127,430.67
1103 - Income Tax recovered on Gift Aid	31,603.30	2,867.83	2,210.50	-	36,681.63	30,503.90
1104 - Non Gift Aid & GYE	10,413.30	25.00	-	-	10,438.30	9,966.41
1106 - Sundry Donations	5,251.85	8,061.62	955.09	-	14,268.56	11,955.23
1109 - Service Collections	5,686.36	-	-	-	5,686.36	3,621.70
1110 - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	995.84	-	-	-	995.84	631.88
1123 - Interest Received	-	-	-	-	-	95.20
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	176,235.53	22,425.77	12,147.59	-	210,808.89	184,204.99
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
1115 - Lettings	23,204.91	-	-	-	23,204.91	12,923.75
1129 - Wedding Fees	2,654.00	-	-	-	2,654.00	4,018.00
1130 - Funeral Fees	4,161.00	-	-	-	4,161.00	3,550.00
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	30,019.91	-	-	-	30,019.91	20,491.75
Other incoming resources						
1116 - Other Income	1,614.51	-	133.31	-	1,747.82	43,975.40
Other incoming resources Totals	1,614.51	-	133.31	-	1,747.82	43,975.40
Incoming resources Grand totals	207,869.95	22,425.77	12,280.90	-	242,576.62	248,672.14

Resources used *Note 3*

Charitable activities

1300 - Parish Share	118,197.96	-	-	-	118,197.96	117,807.96
1303 - Incumbent PA Salary	11,627.14	-	-	-	11,627.14	10,999.04
1304 - Vicarage	266.60	-	-	-	266.60	473.32
1305 - PCC/LMT/Synod Expenses	19.95	-	-	-	19.95	-
1308 - Church Maintenance	4,940.83	-	-	-	4,940.83	4,039.67
1309 - Worship Costs	461.67	-	-	-	461.67	446.31
1310 - Heat/Light/Water (Utilities)	8,081.19	-	-	-	8,081.19	3,520.79
1311 - Cleaning expenses	1,191.29	-	-	-	1,191.29	1,831.86
1312 - Cleaner Wages	5,348.00	-	-	-	5,348.00	4,876.00
1313 - Insurances	2,768.95	-	-	-	2,768.95	2,694.51
1315 - Curates work expenses	-	-	-	-	-	97.10
1317 - Choir & Music Expenses	1,062.28	129.90	-	-	1,192.18	1,527.10
1320 - Alpha courses	772.95	-	-	-	772.95	1,077.27
1325 - Organist Honorarium	-	-	-	-	-	1,037.50
1326 - Wedding/Funeral disbursements	1,514.15	-	-	-	1,514.15	2,956.00
1327 - Hospitality	3,672.11	-	-	-	3,672.11	2,858.80
1328 - Maintenance not BMC	-	2,609.11	-	-	2,609.11	6,725.82
1332 - Giving to Mission partners	2,221.34	-	-	-	2,221.34	-

Note 3 Contd.

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
1333 - Secular Charities	8,000.00	-	-	-	8,000.00	7,000.00
1362 - CFTL salary	962.40	-	11,697.21	-	12,659.61	12,000.16
1363 - Ops. Manager salary	17,199.20	-	-	-	17,199.20	16,400.64
1370 - Ghana projects	-	-	-	-	-	45.00
1373 - Youth Ministry General Expenses	48.41	-	1,924.89	-	1,973.30	752.72
1375 - Messy Church	113.90	-	126.64	-	240.54	-
1381 - St Johns School	-	-	-	-	-	468.30
1389 - Organ repairs	-	-	-	-	-	643.00
1401 - VPS Depreciation	-	3,013.41	-	-	3,013.41	2,778.60
Charitable activities Totals	188,470.32	5,752.42	13,748.74	-	207,971.48	203,057.47
Governance costs						
1351 - Administration	3,245.38	654.08	-	-	3,899.46	3,074.66
1356 - Office Telephone	1,565.05	-	-	-	1,565.05	1,401.17
1357 - Printing & Stationery	4,992.32	-	-	-	4,992.32	3,260.47
1359 - Bank Charges	323.15	-	-	-	323.15	190.79
1360 - Annual Fees & other misc. costs	5,021.39	-	-	-	5,021.39	5,760.75
1361 - Employer Pension Costs	652.84	-	-	-	652.84	620.28
Governance costs Totals	15,800.13	654.08	-	-	16,454.21	14,308.12
Resources used Grand totals	204,270.45	6,406.50	13,748.74	-	224,425.69	217,365.59

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Notes to the Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2022 (contd.)

4. Analysis of Expenditure including Support costs

EGT Tithe of (income less parish share) by PCC

Secular Charities line of expenditure note 3

Ghana Essikadu Archdeaconry	1,100.00
Church Mission Society	700.00
Friends without Borders	700.00
Burkina Faso Children's education	700.00
St Georges Foundation	700.00
Light for Bulgaria	1,200.00
Moving on Project	1,100.00
Two Saints	700.00
Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank	1,100.00

EGT tithe total	8,000.00
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Christmas collections paid Jan23

Christian aid	480.51
Two Saints	240.26
Far&Gos Basics	240.25
	961.02

Support costs in Annual Fees & Miscellaneous line of expenditure note 3a.

Other costs are included in this line.

	2022	2021
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,300.00	1,290.00

Giving by church groups through Agency post boxes

Do not appear in expenditure as the church is collecting on behalf of named charities

Childrens' Soc., Christingle	440.24
Two Saints from CTF	2,485.60
Far&Gos Basics from CTF	2,485.61

Total	5,411.45
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Notes to the Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2022 (contd.)

5. Staff costs

	2022	2021
Wages and salaries	40342.17	38,736.82
Social security costs	6492.19	6,159.30
Organist Honorarium		1,037.50
Total	46,834.36	45,933.62
Average number of employees	4	4
Employer pension contribs.	652.84	620.28
Furlough claims received		2,667.11

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current years

No employee earned over £60,000.00

6. Analysis of transfer between funds

No transfers between funds this year

7. Fixed Assets

7. Tangible		(all unrestricted) AV equipment
Cost or valuation	At 1 Jan 2022	5,557.20
Additions (upgrade)		28,177.00
	At 31 Dec 2022	33,734.20
Depreciation	Charge for the year	3,013.41
Net book value	At 31 Dec 2022	30,720.79
	At 31 Dec 2021	5,557.20

St John's Church PCC

Notes to the Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2022 (contd.)

8. Current Assets

8(a)	Debtors	Unres.	2022 Res.	2022 total	2022 total	2021
	Tax recoverable		2,135.52	15.00	2,150.52	3,558.84
	Prepayments		---		---	---
	Other debtor		---		---	---
			<u>2,135.52</u>		<u>2,150.52</u>	<u>3,558.84</u>
8(b)	Investments	None				

9. Liabilities

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due in one year		
Examiners fee	1,300.00	1,330.00
Accruals for utilities	161.95	-
Social Sec payments Q4	1,330.94	1,184.18
Agency post boxes	7,610.83	4,097.51
EGT Tithe payments postponed	4,550.00	
Christmas collections	740.42	
Lift maint. Nov2022 unpaid	129.2	
	<u>15823.34</u>	<u>6,611.69</u>

Agency post boxes comprise:

Tickets & donations to Church play "The Miracle"	1,688.67
Christingle	314.67
Diocesan fees	198.90
Donations	88.23
Christmas tree festival	4,554.26
Curry & Carols	576.10
Macmillan nurses	190.00

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2022 (contd.)

10. Funds

The restricted funds active at the end of 2022 comprise the Youth Ministry fund, Ghana fund and Bulgaria fund.

The Youth Ministry fund represents funds raised to support young peoples work including employment of a worker.

The Ghana fund has money raised to support work in the parish of Awaso in Ghana

The Bulgaria fund has money raised to support work in Bulgaria .

There are no endowment funds.

11. Summary of Fund Movements

Fund	Balance B/F	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance C/F
Renewal	6,250.00	----	----	----	6,250.00
General	2,144.57	207,869.95	204,270.45	----	5,744.07
Youth Ministry	43,068.33	12,280.90	13,748.74	----	41,600.49
PCC reserves	2,603.67	----	654.08	----	1,949.59
Special projects	36,458.41	22,425.77	30,786.11	----	28,098.07
Ghana	937.32	----	----	----	937.32
Choir	1,612.00	----	129.90	----	1,482.10
Bulgaria	40.26	----	----	----	40.26
AV equipment	5,557.20	----	(25163.59)	----	30,720.79
totals	92,421.76	242,576.62	224,425.69	----	116,822.69

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2022 (contd.)

12. Prior Year SOFA

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income	173,158.04	10,951.75 -		184,109.79
Investment income	-	95.20 -		95.20
Incoming resources from charitable act	20,491.75 -	-		20,491.75
Other incoming resources	43,345.15	630.25 -		43,975.40
Total income	236,994.94	11,677.20 -		248,672.14
Resources used				
Charitable activities	189,791.29	13,266.18 -		203,057.47
Governance costs	14,308.12 -	-		14,308.12
Total expenditure	204,099.41	13,266.18 -		217,365.59
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) resources	32,895.53	(1,588.98) -		31,306.55
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, char-		-	-	-
Net movement in funds	32,895.53	(1,588.98) -		31,306.55
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	21,730.32	45,634.89 -		67,365.21
Total funds carried forward	54,625.85	44,045.91 -		98,671.76

Independent examiner's report

to the PCC of St. John the Baptist Church, Locks Heath

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts who consider for this financial year an audit is not required under section 144(2) for the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and that instead, an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Regulations and 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 and the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 the seeking of 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.

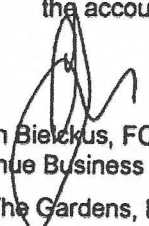
Independent examiner's statement

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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations

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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Date: 28 April 2023