

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS WITH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST STAMFORD

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Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS PCC STAMFORD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-09-16
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Activities

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

Activities: The Pcc aims to co-operate with the Priest-in-charge in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It meets several times per year to deliberate matters concerned with the Church's mission and worship and makes decisions in prayer and with the intent of discerning God's will and furthering his kingdom.

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.
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£173,564	£166,286	-	-
2023-12-31	£180,600	£104,924	-	-
2022-12-31	£113,374	£101,105	-	-
2021-12-31	£101,508	£85,734	-	-
2020-12-31	£91,826	£90,978	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Avril Heather Kee		2021-04-27
CATHERINE LOUISE BARLOW		
Clare Camp		2021-04-27
Colin Bruce Henderson		2023-04-16
Dr Timothy Mackrill		2024-04-21
Dr Vivien Jane Mitchell		2024-04-21
Fay Gina Brooks		2021-03-07
Jean Margaret Asher		2025-05-18
Jeremy Hammant		2022-04-03
John Walter Sutcliffe		2021-04-27
Josephine Wilson		2022-04-03
Maureen Pring		2025-05-18
Veronica Mary Iveson		2024-04-21
Wayne Hurst		2023-04-16

Accounts

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints with St John the Baptist,
Stamford

Registered Charity number 1138066

Annual Report 2024

Aims and Organisation

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints with St John the Baptist aims to co-operate with the Rector in promoting the vision of the church to be a Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive parish which seeks God in all things. The PCC meets several times per year to discuss and agree on matters of this vision.

The Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Rector	Fr. Neil Shaw
Retired Clergy	Fr. Nigel Gibson Rev'd Bob Mackrill
Associate Priest	Rev'd Matt Philips
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Scott Gardiner
Churchwardens	Mrs Clare Camp
Deputy Wardens	Mrs Jean Asher Ms Katrina Mitchell
Lay Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mrs Catherine Barlow Mr Colin Henderson
Elected Members	Mr Len Marshall (until 2025) Mrs Fay Brooks (Treasurer) Co-opted Mrs Jo Wilson (Treasury Assistant) Mr Jeremy Hammant (until 2025) Mr Wayne Hurst (until 2026) Mrs Avril Kee (until 2026) Mr John Sutcliffe (until 2026) Mr Timothy Mackrill (until 2027) Mrs Ronnie Iveson (until 2027) Dr Viv Mitchell (until 2027) Mrs Sally Schelpe (Secretary – no voting rights)

Electoral Roll: 136 members at the year end.

Liturgy and Worship Committee

The Liturgy Group is just over a year into its work, having begun life soon after the appointment of the current Director of Music. Taking its steer from the Vision Document, 'Worship and Sacramental Life', it began by considering what is meant by 'liturgy' in the parish context. Basing its discussion on public soundings and academic sources, the group emerged with the following definition: *"An agreed form of public, communal, Christian worship to evoke a sense of awe and wonder in Almighty God."* This definition has been used as a prism to examine our current services and future aspirations as we seek to serve both the present congregations and the wider town. A list of priorities has been compiled stretching from the architectural and financial challenges of reconstructing the organ to the minutiae of altar linen.

The work of the sub-committee has hugely benefitted from the appointment of the new Director of Music who brings with him not just inspirational musical expertise but also a rigorous ability to research, summarize and critique the development of the current organ which is now 109 years old. This research has been invaluable in helping the group to understand and assess any future redevelopment. Mindful of its obligations to the PCC, the liturgy group is about to hold a meeting with the Diocesan Organ Advisor *in situ* to discuss its current conclusions before presenting its findings to the PCC. This painstaking and meticulous work has taken up the majority of agenda time to date.

Members of the congregation might be forgiven for wondering what the practical results of the liturgy group's deliberations might be! They need look no further than the re-clothing of the choir with new cassocks of the same colour and appropriate sizing, thanks to the single-handed and dedicated work of one of its members and I am very grateful for the donations by members of the parish to make this happen. I am grateful to the members of the Liturgy Sub-Committee who approach their responsibilities with enthusiasm, humour and candid directness.

Christopher Armstrong, Chair

Choir

2024 was my first year in post as Director of Music at All Saints'. This year saw both a general development of the musical life of our church, as well as many highlights in several special events. Having started in post on the 8 January, no time was lost in restarting rehearsals of the All Saints' Adult Choir, along with the reintroduction of choral anthems at the Sunday Sung Eucharist. For a time, Friday choir practices moved to take place in Barn Hill Methodist Church for several months in the run-up to Easter, due to the lack of heating in All Saints'. An early choral highlight was the reintroduction of Choral Evensong to All Saints', for which the Adult Choir sang on the 18 February (Ayleward Responses, Vaughan Williams in C and 'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake' by Richard Farrant), just after having also sung for the Ash Wednesday evening Eucharist earlier the same week. This was followed by another Evensong, sung for us on Palm Sunday (24 March) by the Chapel Choir of Stamford Endowed Schools, before the redesigned evening service rotation was introduced after Easter.

A second and major highlight was being able to contribute choral music to all the services across Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and the Festal Eucharist on Easter Day. This is, I gather, a larger commitment than in previous years, and a big ask of all our volunteer singers, who rose to the occasion superbly, singing a wide variety of music and enriching our liturgical journey across the Triduum.

Following a brief Choir Holiday (another reintroduction!), it was not only the Adults who came back to sing in the summer term but also new members who had signed up to be part of our freshly re-formed Junior

Choir. After a recruitment drive at St Gilbert's school, our first Junior Choir rehearsal on 26 April saw five new choristers join us. Our Adult Choir rehearsals also moved to a slightly earlier time, to fit more conveniently with people's evenings. Having worked very hard at their first rehearsals, it was wonderful to have the Junior Choir join with the Adults to sing at their first Eucharist on Sunday 12 May, when the anthem was 'Day by day' by Martin How.

From May onwards, Choral Evensong moved to the second Sunday of each month, with (from June) a second Evening Service joining it on the fourth Sunday. Over the year, we have enjoyed this fourth Sunday service taking a variety of forms, including the new Healing Services, Desert Island Discs (with Canon Kenneth Court), and our very popular new Taizé Services, the latter accompanied and sung for by a nascent volunteer music group.

In June, I was delighted to perform my first concert at All Saints', playing both the organ and piano as part of an Art Sale & Recital celebrating the life of Irene Bailey. July saw us trial our first 'Come & Sing' event, when we invited local singers to come and join with the All Saints' Adult Choir to 'Sing Stanford in Stamford' (celebrating the centenary of the death of the composer Charles Villiers Stanford). A good number of singers came to join us for this service, some of whom have subsequently returned to sing with the choir on a regular basis.

Both Juniors & Adults continued singing in their new rotation, with the Junior Choristers singing for the Eucharists on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, throughout the Summer term, with both choirs learning and performing lots of new music of increasing complexity. It was not all work and no play though; the Junior Choir term ended with a picnic on the Town Meadows after their last service in July, while the Adults gathered in more comfort for Sunday lunch at The Crown after their final service of term a few weeks later.

The All Saints' congregation rose to the challenge of choir-less Eucharists in August with aplomb (aided by choices of many classic and old favourite hymns!). It was also very good to be able to contribute musical activities to All Saints' weekly children's holiday club, when we clapped, played, sang and even made some art while listening to music.

The Adult and Junior Choirs returned in September and launched straight into what was the busiest term of the year. A highlight of the first half of term was the joint evensong with singers from St Michael's, Uffington, to celebrate their patronal festival at Michaelmas. After half-term, special services and events came thick and fast, with the choirs contributing music to: the Confirmation Eucharist with Bishop Nicholas; the service for All Souls; singing jointly with Stamford School Chapel Choir for the Civic Remembrance Service on Broad Street; the Advent Carol service; Christingle Service; Carols by Candlelight; Crib Service; and Christmas Day Festal Eucharist! Notable amongst these were the Christingle Service, when the Junior Choir was joined by St Gilbert's School Choir and we hosted a 'Come & Be a Chorister' open rehearsal (with two more choristers subsequently joining us), and especially our Carols by Candlelight service. Both choirs sang superbly (accompanied by organist Ivan Linford) at the latter, which included the Juniors' first ever performance on their own, and the whole service was broadcast on the local 'Stamford and Rutland Sounds' radio station. I am sure everyone felt they had really earned their post-Christmas choir holiday!

Across the whole year, it was wonderful to see both choirs grow and develop. Numbers of singers have increased in both groups. In the Adults, this includes both those who sing with us week-to-week and people who have regular weekly commitments in other churches but come to join us for special events which don't occur in those other places – our Choral Evensong is a particularly strong draw in this regard and is, I think, becoming known across the wider area. Both choirs have also developed musically; the Juniors are, under our guidance and tuition, becoming more and more confident vocally and in reading

music (many starting with this from scratch), while the Adults are increasingly happy to tackle new and unfamiliar repertoire and perform it to ever higher standards.

All this music-making is supported by the use of our pianos (the Bechstein grand, and also a new digital rehearsal instrument, generously gifted by Revd Scott) and the organ. The latter has generally performed well over the year, albeit with some repairs, some planned but others unplanned/emergency. These emergency repairs are likely to continue to be periodically necessary to our aging (now over 100 years old) organ until a plan of larger works can be put in place; happily, our Liturgy Group are already exploring possibilities for this.

For me, the main theme of my first year as Director of Music has been developing the musical side of all our church activities in All Saints': expanding and extending those that we already had; re-starting those which had lapsed; and finding other areas for music to contribute where it had not done so before. Looking to 2025, I look forward to continuing this trajectory as we become more and more known within Stamford as *the* church for choral (and other) music, and as a flagship example of the best of what parish music can be across a wider area too.

Benedict Todd, Director of Music

Sidespersons report

Over the past year 19 members of the congregation have acted as sidespeople at the Sunday parish Eucharist and occasionally at other services. 3 act each week and they operate on a rota basis with the responsibility coming round every 5-6 weeks. No new recruitment has taken place in 2024-2025 and there have been no changes to the personnel since the last report

The sidespeople are:

Margaret Mitchell	Janie Berry	Pam Baker
John Sutcliffe	Ria Sutcliffe	John Mitchell
Viv Mitchell	Catherine Barlow	Kay Bamford
Maureen Pring	Pam Dixon	Mark Walmsley
Anthony Biddle	Linda Biddle	Jan Weatheritt
Judy Wilson	Ronnie Iveson	Colin Henderson
Becky Henderson		

Viv Mitchell, Organiser

Pastoral and Discipleship

The Pastoral and Discipleship Group met three times during the year and it has been a pleasure to welcome a new member onto the team. Discussions cover the scope for supporting and growing the Pastoral Visitors Team and exploring ways to encourage us all, as members of All Saints, in our journey with God.

The Pastoral Visitors Team continues a visiting programme to offer support for those unable to attend church. Members of the team participated in training for understanding dementia and a discussion has been started with the parish safeguarding officer about ensuring our best possible response where individuals are concerned.

The daytime and evening Bible Study groups met throughout the year, enjoying thoughtful discussion and sharing ideas. This year an extended daytime study on the gospel of Matthew has seen stimulating open

discussion and a welcome growth in the numbers attending. Particular thanks go to David Bond for his leading and to Margarete and Katrina Mitchell for their generous hosting of the group.

Bible reading notes have continued to be made available as a “swap-shop” throughout the year in church, enabling anyone to try out a new style of daily bible reading and this year a further selection of material for Lent has been added, also well received by members of the Tuesday bible study group.

During the year a day was held at the retreat centre at Little Gidding near Huntingdon. This was well supported and offered a quiet day, with time to share ideas, a meal together and relax in beautiful surroundings. The day concluded with a time of worship in the lovely church there.

The monthly prayer group has continued throughout the year with a regular group meeting to share concerns and pray for our parish and people. Most recently a series of fellowship walks, the All Saints Strollers, has been inaugurated – gentle short walks in the local area, when anyone can enjoy a relaxing stroll with friends with the promise of a coffee (and cake!) at a halfway point.

The regular Friday openings of the St John’s churchyard as a Quiet Garden was very successful during the summer months, attracting local residents and visitors to our town. It proved especially successful working in tandem with the coffee bar at All Saints, with visitors being encouraged in both directions. One annual event in the garden was again the welcome provided for children taking part in the Schools Festival in June. A dedicated team of helpers keeps the garden looking lovely throughout the year and warm thanks are recorded for their support and ideas.

We are blessed as a church with a growing team of intercessors who lead our Sunday intercessions, supported by several others who hold in prayer the people on our prayer list. The prayer space in church has continued to be well used by church members and visitors. Prayer slips left there are held in prayer during the week and again when they are taken away at the end of each week.

Thanks are also due to the many who support the pastoral and discipleship work in our parish, hosting, planning and praying. Whilst much of this work takes place in the background, it is so important. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to bless and grow our vision for our congregation and parish.

Paul Middleton, Chair

Pastoral visitors

The team continues to visit members of the congregation who cannot easily get to church. These are mainly elderly, housebound people with mobility issues. We are sad to lose two of the team. Many thanks to Margaret Mitchell and Doreen Wisdom for their invaluable contributions over several years. On a brighter note, we welcome Becky Henderson to the team. Becky is a natural and a great asset. We are trying to obtain some more training concerning dementia. Sue Lamb has attended a training session given by the Evergreen Trust. Subsequent sessions are eagerly awaited. We welcome any potential new visitors or referrals of any people who may require a visit.

Helen Taylor, Chair

Evangelism and Outreach

The Evangelism and Outreach committee drives forward this aspect of the church life. Much of this has quietly been going on by members of the parish in different ways and is often difficult to define. All Saints’ continues to work with different organisations and groups as best we can to share the love of God with

them. This mainly includes Foodbank which is based at the Unity Centre. Many of our church community are involved with them and again, in 2024 we supported them with our Harvest Festival. We continue to have Foundation Governors from All Saints' who sit on the board at St Gilbert's School. Our involvement with the school is good and Fr. Neil goes in weekly to lead Collective Worship, with Niamh Holman leading Lego Bible Club each Wednesday. St Gilbert's also attended several services in church for the major feasts in 2024 which was brilliant.

Churches Together Schools Festival is organised by Niamh Holman from All Saints', which continues to be a great outreach to the children from our primary schools. There is a lot of work involved in this and Niamh has taken this on well. Our work with Stamford Churches Together has continued throughout 2024 with Fr. Neil sitting on the executive board. He is pleased that we have continued with Lent Lunches working with the other churches in this. Fr. Neil has remained Mayor's Chaplain this year and supported the Town Council with monthly prayers and meetings with Mayor. This has also included a few civic services and events, which All Saints' continues to be involved with.

Our two in house projects have been Warm Space and Coffee Bar. These have developed and grown over 2024 and supported by many volunteers from the church. Warm Space continues to provide a weekly meal for those in need and the team has grown in strength and commitment over this year. Coffee bar, under Clare Camps leadership, has also grown, ensuring that all Health and Safety requirements are fulfilled while serving delicious cake!

Tower Tours took place in the autumn of 2024 after the peregrines had departed for their winter break. We saw a good number of people coming to view the town from our tower, which was open for a week this year, which was great and Fr. Neil is thankful for all the volunteers who made this happened.

All Saints' continues with our occasional offices, weddings, baptisms and funerals and we try to be as welcoming and supportive for those who come to us for these services. In 2024 we also had our Confirmation Service on All Saints' Day with Bishop Nicolas, which was brilliant as nine members of the parish were confirmed into the church of God.

We are also looking at how we are welcoming and friendly here at All Saints, this has included developing the history leaflets which are now at the back of church and a child friendly quiz for those visiting the church.

There are always challenges in this area of evangelism and outreach and we are always keen in this committee to do more and engage with the community better.

Fr. Neil, Chair

Coffee Bar

The All Saints' Coffee Bar has been up and running for 2 years now. We are open at the back of All Saints' every Friday 10 – 2. It is run by myself alongside Jan Weatheritt, Jan Marshall, Linda Biddle and Avril Kee. We offer tea, coffee, homemade cake and companionship. We increased the number of tables so we now have capacity for 25 seats and are regularly full.

From 17th May we held Peregrine Watch Days for 6 weeks alongside the Friday Coffee Bar. Tim Mackrill and a team of conservationists were on hand to talk to our visitors about the nesting peregrines and let them watch them through binoculars, their telescope and the live feed. Stuart Wilson took some amazing photographs that are for sale at the back of church.

We also ran the coffee Bar on the two Saturdays when we had the Tower Tours and we had a jigsaw bring and buy with craft table on a Friday in early December. We have built up a great Friday community of regulars who are members of our congregation, regulars who are not and those visiting Stamford for the day or who are on coach trips. I have extended my repertoire of cake flavours, so please come along and sample them along with either a cafetiere of coffee, pot of tea or hot chocolate with all the trimmings. We always say, 'calories don't count on a Friday!'

Clare Camp, Coffee Bar Team Leader

The Unity Centre

2024 saw a big change for us in that after many years Kate our cleaner/caretaker/manager retired. The Trustees are managing the centre themselves with the assistance of our new cleaner Poppy and pending appointment of a new manager/caretaker/handyman.

We still have lots of support from our regular hirer groups alongside a couple of new ones (our range of groups now include – youth/craft/ employment support/ fitness/karate/men's support group/mindfulness/community support/ healthcare information). We are, as always, grateful for their continued use of the centre.

The PCC also use the building to extend the ministry and mission of All Saints' with Warm Space, youth holiday sessions, toddler group, training groups such as safeguarding, prayer group and courses.

In the past year we have re floored the top kitchen and re carpeted two of the rooms. We are still looking at replacing the windows and putting in the disabled access but as with a lot of things involving an old building in a conservation town, it's never simple.

Catherine Barlow, Trustee

Children's Ministry Report

Sunday Saints

Sunday Saints continues to meet weekly each Sunday, 10am-10:45am at The Crown and welcomes an average of five children. The sessions cater to 0-6 year olds and feature a story, craft activity, using Scripture Unions 'Bubbles' resources. It is led by Niamh Holman, with support from Bob and Bev Mackrill, Gerry Armstrong, and Sally Schelpe. In December, Sunday Saints received a generous donation of £52.07 from Church Lads, which was used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children.

Lego Bible club

The Lego Bible Lunchtime Club at St Gilbert's continues to be very popular and meets every Wednesday lunchtime. An average of 20 children attend weekly. This is led by Niamh, with support from Fr Neil and Rev Scott. Each session features a Bible story, short discussion, and Lego building related to the story.

The Lego Bible Summer Holiday Club was a tremendous success, welcoming over 50 families and approximately 20 children each day across six days during the summer holidays. Each day ran from 9am to 4pm and featured a Bible story, discussions, Lego building, singing activity, crafts, and wide games. This was led by Niamh with support from Fr Neil, Rev Scott, Clare Camp, and Benedict Todd. Feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive, and the holiday club will return in 2025 with additional sessions

planned over Easter. Funding from Church Lads has been instrumental in supporting the growth of Lego Bible and has received a total of £938.18 which was used in the following way;

- In May, £626.93 was received and used to purchase Lego, tough trays, and storage boxes.
- In November, an additional £311.25 was granted for children's lanyards, name tags, stickers, and general craft materials.

Stand-Alone Events & Workshops

Our stand-alone events continued as in previous years, providing valuable opportunities for children to engage with the church. The Good Friday Workshop led collaboratively by Niamh and Clare saw an excellent turnout. Play and Stay sessions at St Gilbert's for potential new starters have been a great success. In 2024, we hosted three sessions, with more planned for 2025. A new children's display was introduced in the church to showcase artwork from the children of St Gilbert's for various festivals throughout the year. This project was funded by Church Lads with a contribution of £437.68. Thank you to Avril for making them! In December, children from Malcolm Sargent Primary School visited the church to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. This visit was organised by Niamh and Rev Scott, who taught the children about Christingles. Each child had the opportunity to make their own Christingle, which added a hands-on learning experience to their visit. The Christingle and Crib Service saw an excellent turnout this year, with both services led by Fr Neil, bringing families together in joyful celebration.

Church Lads also generously funded the following initiatives:

- Leavers' Youth Bibles: Year 6 children from St Gilbert's received these as gifts, with full funding of £639.60.
- Children's Confirmation Classes: Attended by six children, with confirmation gifts funded at £118.50.
- Children's Activity Leaflets: Designed by Niamh, Sally, and Clare to engage children visiting the church, costing £96.09.

Conclusion

Overall, the children's and youth services offered at our church have continued to thrive, with consistent attendance and meaningful engagement. The allocated funding has been used effectively to enhance the experiences of participants through the purchase of necessary supplies, materials, and resources. Thank you to all who have supported the children and youth activities during 2024. We look forward to continuing to support and enrich the spiritual growth and development of our youngest members in the year ahead.

Niamh Holman, Chair

Fabric

The focus of the Fabric Committee has fallen on four main categories: Church heating system; Tower cleanliness; Quinquennial Inspection recommendations; and minor repair works.

Heating System

The demise of the church boiler, and discovery of asbestos in the boiler room, led to a complete reappraisal of the needs of the church and the replacement heating system. This work is being led by

Jeremy Hammant and his latest update for the congregation is shown below. This work has Diocesan approval and so a major fundraising plan is being developed.

I am sure that every Sunday before the service, as you sit huddled under many layers of clothing, you are thinking "what is going on with the heating?" The good news is that we have an agreed solution for the new heating system, which we are hoping to install in the autumn.

Following our ancient oil-fired boiler being condemned in late 2023 we commissioned a study from an independent advisory firm to explore a range of heating options. As part of this study, we had to take account of the C of E's strategy for net zero - which ruled out both a replacement oil-fired boiler and a new gas-fired boiler. The solution we have chosen is based on an electric radiant heating system from a UK company called Herschel (website www.herschel-infrared.co.uk). We chose the Herschel solution based on a number of criteria including: life-time costs; maintenance requirements; planning requirements; and the C of E's net zero goal. The heaters that form the majority of the solution are in the form of "halos" that will be hung in the Nave, positioned where the existing chandelier light fittings are located. The halo heaters also include integral lighting, and our plan is to incorporate this into a new church lighting system that will include several pre-set scenes that can be programmed and selected for specific services and time of day. The new lighting will utilise the latest LED technology that will use less than half the energy of our existing lights and reduce the costs of changing bulbs (LED bulb life is around 25 years!).

The next steps of the project are to: select our preferred installer, following receiving final quotes for the heating and lighting installation; apply for a faculty to undertake the works; and approach the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding.

This is an exciting project that will benefit congregations for many years to come. So, this Sunday, whilst you sit wishing that you had put on an extra jumper, try to imagine this time next year when you are sitting in a pleasantly warm and beautifully lit All Saints'!

Jez Hammant, Heating Project Chair

The Quinquennial Inspection

In October 2024 our Church Architect, Stephanie Norris, undertook the Quinquennial Inspection. The Fabric Committee has begun work on items needing attention either immediately, or within the next two years.

Those requiring immediate attention:

1. Replace three lead gutter bays on North Isle to East of Tower and short bay at 90 degrees into main parapet gutter.
2. Cut out and repoint cracked mortar around chimney on Nave Northeast.

Of the nine items for the next two years, a CCTV survey of surface water drainage is required and Manley Drainage of Bourne was selected; and this process has been overtaken by SKDC beginning a clearance of the church surface water drains.

Tower Report

The bell ringers reported considerable guano and dead birds in the tower with the result of damaged louvres at the beginning of 2024, which highlighted a consequential health hazard. This resulted in the PCC removing the tower captain from post.

The Tower was shut and a firm engaged to clean the tower in the summer of 2024 so that bell ringing could resume. In September we appointed a new Tower Captain, Mark Webb on a temporary post who have improved the ringing room and volunteers have increased with the bells being run regularly.

Colin Henderson managed the project to have the tower cleaned and I am grateful for his lead on this. However, overhaul of the louvres will be necessary and costly with scaffolding required. There is still further work to be done which we will have to raise money for.

Fr. Neil

Electoral roll

The Electoral Roll ended the year with 137 members. We lost 3 members over the year – Jean Brackenbury, Kathleen King and Renee Burt although we gained 4 new members. This year, April 2025, is the creation of a new electoral roll. The new roll closed on 25th April with 118 members. After the APCM the new roll will open again.

Sally Schelpe, Electoral Roll Officer

Stamford Deanery Synod

Stamford Deanery Synod met twice in 2024. Both meetings were chaired by Reverend Canon Martyn Taylor, the Rural Dean. Lay representatives from the four churches in Stamford and four from outlying towns attended. At the July meeting, lay and clergy representatives were elected for the Diocesan Synod. A report was also given on progress towards implementing the “Time to Change Together” programme for the reorganisation of deaneries within Lincoln Diocese. This will involve creating new “Deanery Partnerships” through merger and reduction in the number of existing deaneries, with a view to improved communication and streamlined administration. Stamford Deanery, itself evolving to become a “Local Mission Partnership” would fall within a new Deanery Partnership for South Kesteven. The main item of business at the December meeting was a presentation by the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. Amongst various helpful issues covered were the training resources available through the Church of England and a summary of the levels of training required by individuals according to their roles within the church. At both meetings there were the usual reports of business undertaken at the Diocesan Synod and activities at the individual churches within Stamford Deanery.

Colin Henderson, All Saints’ Representative

Safeguarding

This report outlines safeguarding activity within the parish for 2024. It covers both children’s and adults’ safeguarding, including training, policies, and any concerns raised or responded to. As a church, we stay committed to creating a safe environment for all who engage with us, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding Concerns - Number of safeguarding concerns in 2024 received: 2

All concerns were handled following diocesan policy. Appropriate referrals were made and advice sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team where necessary.

Safeguarding Training - Number of people who completed safeguarding training: 32

Types of training delivered:

- 1 group face to face session covering basic and foundation safeguarding
- 3 drop-in sessions covering basic and foundation safeguarding

Efforts have been made to ensure all volunteers and staff are compliant with diocesan safeguarding training standards.

Policy Updates - New policies adopted:

- Safer Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Children’s Ministry Policies

Safer Recruitment and DBS Checks - Number of DBS checks completed or renewed this year: 8
Incidents or Allegations - None
Work with Children and Vulnerable Adults - Regular activities involving children: 4
Regular activities involving vulnerable adults: 2
Safeguarding procedures in place for each group: yes

Niamh Holman, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Treasury 2024 Summary

Incoming resources 2024 **£173,564** (£7,036 less than 2023 due to generous donations from stewardship campaign in 2023)

Resources expended 2024 **£166,286** (£61,362 more than 2023 due to repairs and maintenance, and wages)

Surplus of receipts over payments 2024 **£7,278**

Total Funds £413,838 (although £229,146 in CBF funds that are not available to be spent by All Saints, though we receive dividends through the year from these investments)

Planned Giving stayed at almost the same level from 2023 to 2024. Number of regular donors increased from 74 to 78 (January 2025 figures). This shows that the stewardship campaign in 2023 had a lasting effect. We are extremely grateful for all donations but especially regular giving. As part of this, as well as one off donations, claiming Gift Aid is also a useful income. £17,739 was claimed this in Gift Aid last year. Thank you to everyone who started regular giving, increased their regular giving, which helps to keep our outgoing costs in line with inflation, or who gave us any donations.

We also received some very generous donations during 2024; totalling £17,485.

Thank you for bequests we have received in the past year in memory of some of our parishioners. £14,700 has been given to us.

The Finance Subcommittee have tried to maximise our funds by actively moving any excess money in the current account to savings accounts to make the most of higher interest rates, and claiming back VAT where possible on maintenance work carried out in the Church, as it is a listed building.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the new heating and lighting project that will help preserve and enhance our place of worship. Approximately £10,000 has been spent to date on some consulting and essential survey costs. The Project is making good progress and is currently awaiting formal sign-off from the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) - they have agreed our proposals in principle. Once formally signed-off by the DAC the proposals move to the next stage in the process for full Faculty approval. In parallel, on the basis that the DAC are supportive, we are about to go out to tender for the installation of the new heating and lighting systems (we have three contractors awaiting the tender) and we have started preliminary discussions with a number of potential sources of funding. The cost is expected to be in the region of £250,000. Once we have received quotations, we will be able to formally apply for funding and grants to support this endeavour.

We hope to cover the majority of the cost through these avenues, but we would always welcome any financial support from our community to assist with the funding of this project. Every contribution, big or small, will make a meaningful difference in bringing this vision to life.

We are grateful for all the support All Saints receives and hope we can continue to help the church financially in 2025.

Catherine Barlow, Fay Brooks, Jez Hammant, Colin Henderson, Neil Shaw, John Sutcliffe, Jo Wilson, The Treasury Team

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2a	138,795	384	-	139,179	150,695
Activities for generating funds	2b	14,612	-	-	14,612	14,013
Investment income	2c	12,826	1,367	-	14,193	8,986
Church activities	2d	5,633	-	-	5,633	6,906
		<u>171,866</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,617</u>	<u>180,600</u>
Resources Expended						
Grants and donations	3a	-	384	-	384	1,826
Church activities	3b	165,442	-00	-	165,442	102,653
Governance costs	3c	460	-	-	460	445
		<u>165,902</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,286</u>	<u>104,924</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		5,964	1,367	-00	7,331	75,676
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	5	334	4,789	5,128	19,264
Net Movement In Funds		<u>5,969</u>	<u>1,701</u>	<u>4,789</u>	<u>12,459</u>	<u>94,940</u>
Total Funds at 1 January 2024		158,874	33,369	209,189	401,432	306,492
Total Funds at 31 December 2024		<u>164,843</u>	<u>35,070</u>	<u>213,978</u>	<u>413,891</u>	<u>401,432</u>

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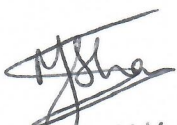
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2024	2023
		£	£
4. Fixed assets			
Investments	4	229,146	224,018
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	15,187	19,555
Bank current account		19,473	4,642
CBF deposit fund accounts		154,739	151,361
Cash in hand		439	3,292
		<u>189,838</u>	<u>178,850</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	5093	1436
Net Current Assets		<u>184,745</u>	<u>177,414</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>413,891</u>	<u>401,432</u>
Parish Funds	7		
Unrestricted		164,843	158,874
Restricted		35,070	33,369
Endowment		213,978	209,189
		<u>413,891</u>	<u>401,432</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4 May 2025
and signed on its behalf by :

Fr Neil Shaw
Rector


11th May 2025.
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Mrs Fay Brooks
Treasurer


12th May 2025

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and bequests are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
2. Incoming Resources					
a. Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	47,927	-	-	47,927	47,936
Collections and other giving	8,148	-	-	8,148	12,373
Income tax recovered	17,739	-	-	17,739	13,184
	<u>73,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,814</u>	<u>73,493</u>
Donations	17,153	384	-	17,537	30,366
Grants	33,128	-	-	33,128	41,736
Bequests	14,700	-	-	14,700	5,100
	<u>138,795</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,179</u>	<u>150,695</u>
b. Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	8,132	-	-	8,132	9,067
Other income	6,480	-	-	6,480	4,946
	<u>14,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,612</u>	<u>14,013</u>
c. Investment income					
Interest received and trust fund income	<u>12,826</u>	<u>1,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,193</u>	<u>8,986</u>
d. Church activities					
Wedding & funeral fees	<u>5,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,633</u>	<u>6,906</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>171,866</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,617</u>	<u>180,600</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
3. Resources expended					
a. Grants and donations					
Charitable donations	-	384	-	384	1,826
	-	384	-	384	1,826
b. Church activities					
Parish share	55,000	-	-	55,000	55,000
Wages	7,709	-	-	7,709	7,019
Church running expenses					
Insurance	5,711	-	-	5,711	7,250
Light, heating and power	5,078	-	-	5,078	5,365
Repairs and maintenance	36,033	-	-	36,033	4,134
Clergy expenses	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,094
Children' Mission	22,099	-	-	22,099	5,490
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	1,682	-	-	1,682	1,283
Organist choir and music expenses	23,354	-	-	23,354	8,496
Printing and stationery	954	-	-	954	742
Other expenses	6,572	-	-	6,572	6,780
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund			-	-	-
	165,442	-00	-	165,442	102,653
c. Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	460	-	-	460	445
Total resources expended	165,902	384	-	166,286	104,924

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)									
				Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2024	2023
				£	£	£	£	£	£
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust									
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	10,960	-	10,960	10,715	
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	3,977	-	3,977	3,888	
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	231	-	-	231	226	
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	212,035	212,035	207,290	
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1,943	1,943	1,899	
				231	14,937	213,978	229,146	224,018	

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	224,018	204,754
Revaluation (loss)/gain	5,128	19,264
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>229,146</u>	<u>224,018</u>

5. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,847	10365
Other debtors	12,340	9190
	<u>15,187</u>	<u>19,555</u>

6. Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1,164	1,039
Other creditors	3,929	397
	<u>5,093</u>	<u>1,436</u>

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ	Charity Fund Collections
Balance at 1 January 2024	33,369	28,462	4907	-00
Incoming resources	1,751	1,142	225	384
Resources expended	-384			-384
Investment gain	334	334	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	35,070	29,938	5,132	-00

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment fixed assets	231	14,937	213,978	229,146
Current assets				
Debtors	15,187	-	-	15,187
Bank current account	18,700	773	-	19,473
CBF deposit fund accounts	135,379	19,360	-	154,739
Cash in hand	439	-	-	439
Current liabilities - creditors	-5,093		-	-5,093
	164,843	35,070	213,978	413,891

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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;
- to follow 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 Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination. No matters have come to my attention:

- 1 which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; 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.

Signed

S E Marshall

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12/5/2025

Accounts



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints
with St John the Baptist,
Stamford

Registered Charity number 1138066

Annual Report 2023

Aims and Organisation

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' with St John the Baptist aims to co-operate with the Rector in promoting the vision of the church to be a Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive parish which seeks God in all things. The PCC meets several times per year to discuss and agree on matters of this vision in cooperation with the sub-committees of the church.

The Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Rector	Fr. Neil Shaw
Retired Clergy	Rev'd David Bond Rev'd Nigel Gibson Rev'd Bob Mackrill
Associate Priest	Rev'd Matt Philips
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Scott Gardiner
Churchwardens	Mrs Clare Camp Mr David Wallington
Deputy Wardens	Mrs Avril Kee Ms Katrina Mitchell
Lay Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mrs Catherine Barlow Mr Colin Henderson
Elected Members	Mr Len Marshall (Secretary) (until 2025) Mrs Fay Brooks (Treasurer) Co-opted Mrs Jo Wilson (Treasury Assistant) Mr Jeremy Hammant (until 2025) Mr Wayne Hurst (until 2026) Mrs Avril Kee (until 2026) Mrs Morag Roberts (until 2024) Mr John Sutcliffe (until 2026)

Electoral Roll: 136 members at the year end.

Rector's Report 2023

All Saints' has continued in its ministry and mission to be a Welcoming, Supportive, Inclusive and Godly parish over the past year. This has continued to be shaped by the various sub-committees which meet to drive forward our vision. We have been very blessed by God as a community and much has challenged us as his people here in the heart of Stamford.

We welcomed a new priest with Revd. Scott's ordination in the summer, a new administrator and Children's, Youth and Families Worker in November, along with the appointment of the new Director of Music who took up his post at the beginning of 2024. These changes are still in their infancy as we navigate these ministries and look to how God is shaping them for his kingdom with all the challenges of modern life. We welcome Benedict Todd, Sally Schelpe and Niamh Holman to the staff team and give thanks to God for bringing them to us. We continue to be blessed by the clergy team here in their ministry and mission and I personally, as the Rector, am so grateful for them. Thank you to all the clergy for your wisdom, good humour and ministry.

Within the Diocese, we welcomed our new Diocesan Bishop, Stephen Conway as our 73rd Bishop in November. Bishop Stephen continues to implement a Time To Change Together initiative (TTCT) where parishes work more closely with each other to bring the Good News of Christ to Greater Lincolnshire. As a key mission church here in Stamford we are working more closely with the parish of the Seven Churches at Uffington under Fr. Aran Beesley which began in 2023.

There were numerous special services and events that took place in 2023. We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a Sung Eucharist and a Thanksgiving Service. We marked Battle of Britain Sunday and Baby Loss Awareness Week. We marked Remembrance, Harvest along with the major feasts of the churches year.

Baptisms, weddings, funeral and memorial services have been formed much of our mission. These services have guided those joining us here as the Body of Christ; celebrated those marrying in the eyes of God and supported those who we have been commended and committed back into His arms of love and trust. Most notably we said a very sad goodbye to Ray Boreham, June Headley, Joan Renfree, Sarah Iveson and Irene Bailey. These ladies of noble character and faithful love are greatly missed by us as a parish and especially by their families.

As I reflect on all that has been, with the joys of new people joining us, of our growth in the kingdom, we face new demands on the church building as we look to the future. We now need to seek anew what God is inspiring us to do with this building, prompted by the boiler's untimely demise. How do we as God's people share with those around us the Good News of Jesus Christ with the building that we have and the resources that are available to us?

I am always being reminded that we are not a club but a church. We exist to worship and our mission is to bring people into a deeper understanding of who they are as God's children, loved and saved by Christ. This message, I feel, is not very popular in our modern world but we will continue to do this and to share this truth with those around us.

The year was certainly a busy one. I was recently reminded that ministry in the Church of God is never quiet and clergy who long for an easy ministry are in the wrong job!! We are not busy for busyness' sake, but to inspire a deeper faith in God and a closer walk with him in life. No, the church is not a club, but the Body of Christ and we each take up our place within the body working together to build the kingdom and inspire others to see the Lord for themselves. I am grateful to share this ministry with all of you.

Finally, I am especially grateful for those who responded so encouragingly to the stewardship campaign in 2023 by how you give your time, talent and money to the mission and ministry of the church here. I hope as you hold in your hand the small wooden cross that was given to you, you may hold onto God in your own lives with all that is before you as well as us as a parish. Thank you for all who contribute to our parish and your work to be a welcoming, supportive, inclusive and a Godly church here in Stamford. As we look to the future we are in a good place and I look forward to sharing in this ministry with you over the coming years.

Many blessings,

Fr. Neil Shaw
Rector

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

Due to staff changes, the Liturgy Group has only managed to meet once in the last year, on 4 March 2024. At this inaugural meeting the group discussed the nature and purpose of liturgy to better equip themselves for the task presented to them by the PCC and spelt out in the Vision Statement, '*Worship and Sacramental Life*' which is now three years old. The group noted that significant progress had been made on this document but there was still more to be done and with a new Director of Music it could apply itself to the task more fully. The group listed what it thought were the pressing issues to be resolved and will prioritize these and others at its next meeting.

Christopher Armstrong (Chair)

Choir Report

The choir began the year with ambitious plans for the future. However, at the beginning of June the Director of Music resigned and the decision was taken to suspend the Junior choir until the appointment of a new Director and the Adult Choir replaced an anthem at Sunday Eucharist with a hymn sung in harmony. The choir were grateful for the support of the organists David Lovell Brown and particularly Gavin Ashley Cooper, the latter running a short rehearsal before each Sunday service. With the help of some additional singers the annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was maintained with great success. In November the church appointed Dr Benedict Todd as the new Director of Music who began working at All Saints' in January 2024.

David Wallington (Choir Member)

Sides persons Report

Over the past year 19 members of the congregation have acted as sides people at the Sunday parish communion service and occasionally at other services. 3 act each week and they operate on a rota basis with the responsibility coming round every 5-6 weeks. Active recruitment has taken place and a new volunteer came forward from the Stewardship campaign.

The sides people are:

Margaret Mitchell	Maureen Pring	Anthony Biddle
Janie Berry	Pam Dixon	Linda Biddle
Pam Baker	Mark Walmsley	Jan Weatheritt
John Sutcliffe	Viv Mitchell	Judy Wilson
Ria Sutcliffe	Catherine Barlow	Ronnie Iveson
John Mitchell	Kay Bamford	Colin Henderson
Becky Henderson		

Viv Mitchell

PASTORAL AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP SUB-COMMITTEE

The Pastoral and Discipleship Group met three times during the year to discuss the scope for supporting and growing the Pastoral Visitors Team and exploring ways to encourage us all, as members of All Saints, in our journey with God. The daytime Bible Study group has met throughout the year, enjoying thoughtful discussion and sharing ideas. The most recent themes have considered the growth of the early church and the challenges it met, through a study of Acts. An evening group has also started meeting, looking at the book of Romans. Bible reading notes have been made available as a "swap-shop" in church, enabling anyone to try out a new style of daily bible reading and this year a further selection of material for Lent has been added.

During the year a day was held at the retreat centre at Little Gidding near Huntingdon. This was well supported and offered a quiet day, with time to share ideas, a meal together and relax in beautiful surroundings. The day concluded with a time of worship in the lovely church there. It is planned to offer a pattern of similar events over the coming year, making use of nearby retreat centres and the treasure which is the quiet churchyard garden at St John's across Red Lion Square.

The monthly prayer group has continued throughout the year and as part of our way of getting to know our parish better, "virtual prayer walks" have been held, tracing routes around the parish and praying for people and places along the way.

We are blessed with a growing team of intercessors who lead our Sunday intercessions, supported by a number of others who hold in prayer the people on our prayer list. The prayer space in church has continued to be well used by church members and visitors. Prayer slips left there are held in prayer during the week and again when they are taken away at the end of each week.

Thanks are due to the many who support the pastoral and discipleship work in our parish, hosting, planning and praying. Whilst much of this work takes place in the background, it is so important. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to bless and grow our vision for our congregation and parish.

Paul Middleton (Chair)

Pastoral Visitors Report

Currently we have eight visitors. Unfortunately, one of our team has had serious health issues and is unable to visit people for the foreseeable future. We wish her a speedy recovery. The team was sad to lose another member; June who died last year. June was an enthusiastic visitor and even when it was difficult for her to physically visit people, she spent a lot of time phoning instead. We are all grateful for her contribution. She is greatly missed.

Fr. Neil has organised training for visitors in March with Louise from the Evergreen Trust. She will talk about listening skills and dementia. The team welcomes new members. Speak to Fr. Neil if you are interested. We continue to rely on the congregation for referrals and try hard not to miss those in need of a visit. We are grateful to our clergy for their support and active pastoral work.

Helen Taylor (Chair of Pastoral Visitors)

EVANGELISM AND SUB-COMMITTEE

The Evangelism and Outreach committee met during 2023 to drive forward this part of the vision. There is still a great need for others to join this group.

Warm Space

The biggest development in this area of the church is the development of Warm Space over the year. Warm Space meets every Monday and provides food and a warm space at The Unity Centre between 11-2. This project has grown over the year with more and more people coming. It is a real shame in England in 2024 that it is needed but it is a great outreach for us here at All Saints' and well supported with volunteers under Revd Scott's leadership. Grants were secured in 2023 from Waitrose to support this work. As we look to the future, we desperately need someone to take on heading this project up. If no one comes forward, I fear it may have to close which is terrible for us as a parish responding to the needs of our town.

Churches Together School's Festival

The Churches Together School's Festival returned in 2023 and was brilliant. Primary schools from across the town participated in this event looking at the subject of the Light of Christ. Traditionally, this event has come from Churches Together in Stamford but Fr. Neil has said All Saints' will work to keep this great festival going. It will be headed up by us with huge involvement from all the other churches across the town. 2024's festival is being planned now by Clare Camp and Niamh Holman.

Coffee Bar

On 18th August 2023 the Coffee Bar at All Saints' celebrated its first birthday. The Coffee Bar is open at the back of All Saints' every Friday 10 – 2. It is run by Clare Camp and 6 other volunteers. It offers tea, coffee, homemade cake and companionship. It has capacity for 16 – 20 seats and are regularly full.

On a Friday we welcome lots of visitors from all over the country and love listening to their stories. We also have a group of customers who come along every week, members of All Saints' congregation visit regularly and those on coach trips to Stamford and the surrounding area pop in. If you haven't been yet, please come along and enjoy the homemade cakes whilst sitting in an amazing setting with lots of good company.

In 2023 from May 19th to June 30th, we held Peregrine Watch Days alongside the Friday Coffee Bar. Tim Mackrill and a team of conservationists were on hand to talk to our visitors about the nesting peregrines and let them watch the birds through binoculars, their telescope and the live feed. Stuart Wison took some amazing photographs that are on display at the back of church. There was also a special Peregrine Watch Day on 14th July to coincide with the Global Bird Fair.

Clare Camp

Karen Neale Art Project

All Saints' commissioned Karen to create a painting of the church in 2022 -2023 and we auctioned the painting and prints, along with other prizes in June. It was a great evening as it demonstrated to our town that we at All Saints' are a welcoming community and a very friendly bunch. Art workshops have taken place throughout the year led by Karen, running alongside the coffee bar, which have been well supported as people from across the town have come into the church building and painted aspects of it.

Evergreen Trust

All Saints' has begun to work more closely with the Evergreen Trust in 2023 and this will continue throughout 2024. Evergreen provides home care service for the vulnerable in Stamford, Bourne, The Deepings and the surrounding villages.

St Gilbert's School

Good relationships have continued with our church school. Fr. Neil leads Collective Worship on Monday mornings and four members of the parish sit on the governing body as Foundation Trustees. St Gilbert's have come into church to learn about Easter and worship in 2023. "The Revd. Nikki Mann Garden" was completed in September 2023 and we hope to have a formal opening of the garden in 2024. Messy Morning events have continued to help with potential reception class students, led by Clare Camp, Niamh Holman and Rev. Scott. Fr. Neil along with the other trustees have worked to develop the school's vision from John 10.10 ("I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.") and a new All Saints' Cup is now awarded to a student at the end of each term who demonstrates how they fulfil this vision within the community. This has been brilliant to witness.

The Unity Centre

While the Unity Centre has its own trustees it is worth noting something of it's work here. Without it, much of All Saints' ministry and mission could not take place, including Warm Space and Unity Youth Group. Basic statistics are: 979 sessions on site from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023; approximately 90% of these were regular hirers, at least once a month but more often once or more a week, e.g. Foodbank, children's groups. One-off events made up the other sessions, including but not restricted to the Lakeside Patient Participation Group, the Stamford Twinning Association, Mick's 80th Birthday, the Burns Night Supper and Harvest Lunch, Stamford Churches Together Schools Festival, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Residents' Association meetings, post-Baptism or funeral receptions, and several children's birthday parties throughout the year.

Kate Riley (Bookings Manager)

Tower Tours

Two days of Tower Tours returned during October half term holiday and were enthusiastically received. The guides certainly got their steps in and the peregrines were on holiday at the time so they were not disturbed. Tours will take place again in 2024 we hope, if we can get more volunteers to support it.

Final thoughts...

All Saints continues to be involved with the town hall and the work of the mayor, Churches Together in Stamford, Foodbank, Lent Lunches, Remembrance Services, Battle of Britain, Scouts, Malcolm Sargent School, Newcombe Court, and Whitefriars care homes.

Fr. Neil Shaw (Chair)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

This report provides an overview of the children's and youth services offered at our church over the past year, including attendance, funding, and purchases made for each group.

Sunday Saints'

Sunday Saints has continued to meet each Sunday at The Crown Hotel from 9.45 – 10.00am. Attendance: Average of 6 children per session. - Funding: Received a total of £275 for 2023 from Church Lads. - Purchases: £606.41 on new toys for the children's corner, and general arts, crafts, and stationary supplies. Niamh Holman took over Sunday Saints in November 2023 and is supported by Bev and Bob Mackrill. The sessions cater to children aged 0-6 years and typically see good attendance. Each session usually features a craft activity related to the lectionary, which children thoroughly enjoy.

Niamh Holman

Little Saints'

Little Saints (Toddler Group): Thursdays term time 10.00- 11.30am - Attendance: Average of 10 toddlers and their caregivers per session. - Funding: Received a total of £1743.94 for 2023 from Church Lads. - Purchases: £326.97 on Christmas gift bag items, Christmas tree, cups with lids. The group has now been running for two years and we have developed a core group of regular members consisting of children aged 0-3 accompanied by parents, grandparents and childminders. This has become a close friendly community communicating through our WhatsApp group. We also have occasional members and new faces are always popping up. We have refined the layout of the rooms we use; St Clements acts as a welcome area where push chairs are parked and nappies changed in the warm. Hot drinks are served before entering the main room that is set out with a range of activities to encourage the children to wander and select their own fun. We celebrate three major Christian Festivals through the year at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, giving each child a party bag with a small themed booklet and blessing cards. During the past year we have also introduced our prayer tree; those we wish to pray for are written on the leaves and these are put in the prayer basket in the church prayer corner to be offered up at the Sunday service. We still struggle with storage which limits the range of toys we can provide but hopefully this can soon be resolved. We are very grateful to the church lads who have funded this group, all our equipment and toys. Also, thanks to Kate who always ensures, on the coldest days, that the heaters are on in good time before we start; much appreciated by all. We have been very sorry to say farewell to Andrea who has been an inspiration in the formation and running of the group, bringing her musical skills and experience working with children. She is stepping back and will be sadly missed but we are fortunate that Gerry Armstrong has joined as a volunteer and Niamh Holman who has taken overall charge of the family and children's work.

Bob and Bev Mackrill

Unity Youth Group

Unity Youth Group – previously TPOT (Youth Club): Sunday 6.00 – 7.30pm - Attendance: Average of 5 youth members per session. - Funding: Received a total of £0 for 2023. - Purchases: £150 for a second-hand pool table We

decided this year to take part in the youth open door events and we welcomed a variety of speakers/leaders to run sessions on a Sunday evening based around different themes. These were well attended and the work produced was included in the annual anthology. However, the regular users of TPOT dropped to unsustainable levels and so the decision was made that at the summer break TPOT would cease to operate in its current form and we discern what the next formation of the youth group should look like. TPOT has served the church well but as with an ever-changing society we felt that we needed something that could be much more flexible and dynamic. Thank you to all who have volunteered and given time to serve the youth of our community.

Scott Gardiner

Standalone Events

Throughout the year, we organised various standalone events for children and youth. Attendance and spending for these events varied depending on the nature and scale of each one. Clare Camp organised the Good Friday workshop, which featured seven activities, including making the Easter Garden and decorating an Easter basket for the Easter Egg hunt after the service on Easter Day. The workshop received excellent attendance from our congregation, children from St Gilbert's School, and visitors. Clare and Niamh will collaborate to run the 2024 workshop. Additionally, we hosted a messy morning at St Gilberts for potential new starters in September 2024, which attracted approximately 20 families. Plans are underway for two more messy mornings in 2024. In November, Year 3 children from Malcolm Sargent visited All Saints' church to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. Rev. Scott and Niamh organised this event and offered the children three activities using candy canes to teach the true meaning of Christmas. Rev. Scott and Niamh have also been working with Malcolm Sargent to support their RE curriculum, including organising a mock wedding with reception children and making Christingles with Year 4. Further support is planned for 2024. Other notable events include the well-attended Christingle and Crib services, which drew children from St Gilberts and Malcolm Sargent.

Conclusion

Overall, the children's and youth services offered at our church have continued to thrive, with consistent attendance and meaningful engagement. The allocated funding has been used effectively to enhance the experiences of participants through the purchase of necessary supplies, materials, and resources. Thank you to all who have supported the children and youth activities during 2023. We look forward to continuing to support and enrich the spiritual growth and development of our youngest members in the year ahead.

Niamh Holman, Children's, Families and Youth Worker (Chair)

FABRIC SUB-COMMITTEE

The year began with problems with the roof with a number of minor leaks and one significant leak at the West End. Following advice from Messenger Group a lead specialist was employed to spend up to two days examining the roof in detail and to carry out any necessary repairs. Damian Dale Leadwork Specialists were asked to undertake the task. The necessary repairs were undertaken and, apart from two very minor drips following a particularly heavy storm, were successful. Subsequently Dale has been employed to carry out four inspections a year and he will clear gutters and downpipes and inspect the roof for any damage to the lead. He reported that the lead on the roof was in good condition and should last for some years to come.

In October the oil boiler was condemned following its annual service. It emerged that the firm previously employed to look after the boiler – now no longer in business – had failed to maintain it properly. In opening it up a problem emerged with asbestos and at the time of writing we are waiting for a professional firm to deal with the issue. Temporary heating was brought into church and a working group has been set up to find a replacement heating solution. A consulting engineer has been appointed to consider the options for heating replacement which will seek to balance time, cost and environmental impact of any solution proposed.

A broken louvre in the tower has given access to pigeons. A temporary solution was attempted to keep out pigeons but it is clear that there is a health risk and potential damage to the fabric caused by the build-up of pigeon excrement. Another working group is working on a solution.

In November the organ was re-leathered.

The church architect who produced the last quinquennial has retired and the process has begun to appoint a replacement firm. The aim is to find an architect who will both inspect the building and also assist in the development of a prioritised plan for the projects currently being considered. These include works to preserve the fabric as well as those focused on enhancing the life of the worshipping community.

David Wallington (Chair and Churchwarden)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The number on the Electoral roll currently stands at 132. One previous member had been omitted from the form this year so has been added back on. Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to 2 members, who have died since the last APCM, June Headley and Joan Renfree. However, we are pleased to welcome 2 new members who are not living in the parish but who have been attending services for a year. Please can I remind you that the Electoral Roll is an ongoing document, that can be updated at any time, so if you know of anyone who comes to All Saints', but isn't on the roll, or if your circumstances change, please do let us know so that we can keep our information up to date.

Sally Schelpe (Electoral Roll Officer)

DEANERY SYNOD

The Stamford Synod has only met once this year but it was a very informative session. The new officers were elected: Philip Dale - Lay Chair, Becky Goff -Secretary, Fr Neil Shaw -Treasurer. The Rural Dean (Canon Martyn Taylor) updated the Synod on the new Diocesan 'Time to Change Together' plan, he explained how the Diocese were moving towards an oversight ministry model in many areas with a mix of Oversight Ministers working with local, focal ministers, both lay and ordained. There were questions regarding the practicalities for Stamford Deanery itself which Martyn responded to. He did also advise that early in 2024 there was to be a 3-day retreat with the new Bishop for all the Clergy and more pertinent information for the individual Parishes should be forthcoming after that. Martyn reported on the recent meeting of General Synod. Prayers of love and faith were the main item and the vote was split 50+/50. Carl Fender (Stamford Deanery) has been elected as the Chair of a revision committee working on the safeguarding redress scheme.

Catherine Barlow (Deanery Rep)

SAFEGUARDING

During the past year there were a couple of reported safeguarding concerns within the Parish and these have been documented and passed to the Diocese for support and follow up as necessary. We continue to proceed with the DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) checks as needed for volunteers who have roles within the Parish and the PCC regularly review our safeguarding policy. The contact details if there are any concerns are listed on the notice board at the back of Church. At the end of 2023 the Church advertised for and employed a Children's, Family and Youth Worker (Niamh Holman) and she will be the new safeguarding officer.

Catherine Barlow (Safeguarding officer)

ALL SAINTS' WITH ST JOHN'S COMPANY OF BELLRINGERS

We rang in the New Year on Sunday 1st January for the Parish Eucharist, and continued as we started, calling people to church each week. The number of regular Sunday service ringers has crept up through the year from four to six to eight, helped by some of the St Martin's band joining us after they have rung for their own service. The practice nights have grown from occasionally to weekly and expanded to a once-monthly joint practice with St Martin's, who can try 8-bell methods at All Saints' to add to their 6-bell repertoire. These have been well-advertised and seen up to 20 people in the tower at a time, drawn from churches around south Lincolnshire, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

The Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May was celebrated by a band including one local ringer who returned to the exercise after a 30-year gap, and the Rev Scott Gardiner, all duly noted in The Ringing World which

records nationally important bellringing achievements. We rang again the following day for the Civic Service of Thanksgiving when All Saints' hosted the Town Council to mark the occasion.

Visitors from Worcester Cathedral, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and St Martin's-in-the-Bullring Birmingham, enhanced some of the summer Saturdays for everyone in the centre of Stamford, as well as seven weddings'-worth of ringing. The Churches Together Schools Festival once again saw two groups of children come up the tower and try their hand at chiming a bell and take home a picture of a bell, they had designed themselves, so we hope that may inspire some future ringers.

Learners this year have been drawn from our own congregation, and we hope they have enjoyed making progress. There's smiles all round at a successful piece of ringing, and usually laughter at trying something new which may not quite work the first time. There's always room for more learners, either at All Saints' on Wednesday evenings or at Ss Peter and Paul, Great Casterton on Thursdays, where members of our band have a second practice and support their learners in turn. Ringing is best learnt by helping each other and is best done when several of us are up the tower together, letting the bells sound out as they have down the generations. We welcome anyone who would like to give ringing a go and help to keep our bells alive for years to come.

Kate Riley (Tower Captain)

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2a	148,869	1,826	-	150,695	94,030
Activities for generating funds	2b	14,013	-	-	14,013	6,635
Investment income	2c	7,966	1,020	-	8,986	6,843
Church activities	2d	6,906	-	-	6,906	5,866
		<u>177,754</u>	<u>2,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,600</u>	<u>113,374</u>
Resources Expended						
Grants and donations	3a	-	1,826	-	1,826	1,942
Church activities	3b	102,653	-00	-	102,653	98,738
Governance costs	3c	445	-	-	445	425
		<u>103,098</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,924</u>	<u>101,105</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		74,656	1,020	-00	75,676	12,269
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	21	1,255	17,988	19,264	-27,319
Net Movement In Funds		<u>74,677</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>17,988</u>	<u>94,940</u>	<u>-15,050</u>
Total Funds at 1 January 2023		84,197	31,094	191,201	306,492	321,542
Total Funds at 31 December 2023		<u>158,874</u>	<u>33,369</u>	<u>209,189</u>	<u>401,432</u>	<u>306,492</u>

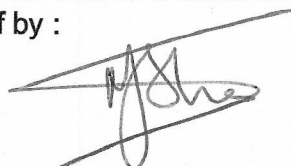
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Total 2023 £
4. Fixed assets		
Investments	4	<u>224,018</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	5	19,555
Bank current account		4,642
CBF deposit fund accounts		151,361
Cash in hand		3,292
		<u>178,850</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>1436</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>177,414</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>401,432</u>
Parish Funds	7	
Unrestricted		158,874
Restricted		33,369
Endowment		209,189
		<u>401,432</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14/3 2024
and signed on its behalf by :



Fr. Neil Shaw

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and bequests are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
2. Incoming Resources					
a. Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	47,936	-	-	47,936	40,712
Collections and other giving	12,373	-	-	12,373	8,434
Income tax recovered	13,184	-	-	13,184	10,961
	<u>73,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,493</u>	<u>60,107</u>
Donations	28,540	1,826	-	30,366	19,729
Grants	41,736	-	-	41,736	13,694
Bequests	5,100	-	-	5,100	500
	<u>148,869</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,695</u>	<u>94,030</u>
b. Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	9,067	-	-	9,067	2,881
Other income	4,946	-	-	4,946	3,754
	<u>14,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,013</u>	<u>6,635</u>
c. Investment income					
Interest received and trust fund income	<u>7,966</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,986</u>	<u>6,843</u>
d. Church activities					
Wedding & funeral fees	<u>6,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,906</u>	<u>5,866</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>177,754</u>	<u>2,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,600</u>	<u>113,374</u>

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
3. Resources expended					
a. Grants and donations					
Charitable donations	-	1,826	-	1,826	1,942
	-	1,826	-	1,826	1,942
b. Church activities					
Parish share	55,000	-	-	55,000	55,000
Wages	7,019	-	-	7,019	5,978
Church running expenses					
Insurance	7,250	-	-	7,250	6,403
Light, heating and power	5,365	-	-	5,365	2,988
Repairs and maintenance	4,134	-	-	4,134	8,393
Clergy expenses	1,094	-	-	1,094	884
Children' Mission	5,490	-	-	5,490	1,590
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	1,283	-	-	1,283	663
Organist choir and music expenses	8,496	-	-	8,496	9,939
Printing and stationery	742	-	-	742	2,519
Other expenses	6,780	-	-	6,780	4,381
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund			-	-	-
	102,653	-00	-	102,653	98,738
c. Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	445	-	-	445	425
Total resources expended	103,098	1,826	-	104,924	101,105

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust

			Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474 CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	10,715	-	10,715	9,793
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172 CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	3,888	-	3,888	3,554
Church site sale	PT009020	10 CBF Investment Fund Shares	226	-	-	226	207
Church estate	PT009040	9170 CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	207,290	207,290	189,465
Sale of land	PT009060	84 CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1,899	1,899	1,735
			226	14,603	209,189	224,018	204,754

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2023	204,754	232,073
Revaluation (loss)/gain	19,264	-27,319
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>224,018</u>	<u>204,754</u>

5. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	10,365	4040
Other debtors	9,190	8858
	<u>19,555</u>	<u>12,898</u>

6. Liabilities

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1,039	704
Other creditors	397	2,447
	<u>1,436</u>	<u>3,151</u>

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ	Charity Fund Collections
Balance at 1 January 2023	31,094	26,319	4,775	-
Incoming resources	2,846	888	132	1,826
Resources expended	-1,826	-	-	-1,826
Investment gain	1,255	1,255	-	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund				
Balance at 31 December 2023	33,369	28,462	4,907	-00

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment fixed assets	226	14,603	209,190	224,019
Current assets				
Debtors	19,554	-	-	19,554
Bank current account	3,871	771	-	4,642
CBF deposit fund accounts	133,366	17,995	-	151,361
Cash in hand	3,292	-	-	3,292
Current liabilities - creditors	-1,436		-	-1,436
	158,873	33,369	209,190	401,432

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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;
- to follow 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 Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination. No matters have come to my attention:

- 1 which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;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.

Signed

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Accounts

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
(2023)FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Held at All Saints Church on Sunday 16 April 2023 at 11.15 am

Apologies for absence: Morag Roberts, Avril Kee, Doreen Silman, Clare Bayliss.

1. Father Neil Shaw, the Rector welcomed everyone, and began the meeting with prayers.
2. There were two nominations for Churchwardens:
David Wallington -Proposed by Avril Kee and seconded by Morag Roberts.
Clare Camp- Proposed by Jeremy Hammant and seconded by Len Marshall

Both candidates were duly re-elected. Father Neil thanked the Wardens for their unstinting commitment and hard work over the previous year.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held at All Saints Church following the Election of Churchwardens on 16 April 2023

1. The minutes of the APCM 2022 were passed and no matters arose from those minutes.
2. Father Neil stated that three PCC members had reached the end of their current term, namely: John Sutcliffe, Avril Kee and Amelia Billington.
John Sutcliffe was nominated to stand again proposed by David Wallington and seconded by Clare Camp.
Similarly Avril Kee was so nominated , proposed by Morag Roberts and seconded by David Wallington.
Both were duly elected.
Wayne Hurst was proposed by Clare Camp and seconded by Pam Baker, and Wayne was duly elected.
3. Father Neil stated that of the three Deanery Synod members , namely Catherine Barlow, Jan Marshall and Paul Middleton only Catherine was willing to stand again.
Catherine was proposed by Len Marshall and seconded by Mark Walmsley.
Additionally, Colin Henderson was proposed by Len Marshall and seconded by Clare Camp.
Both Catherine and Colin were duly elected as Deanery Synod members.
4. The PCC Accounts were presented to the meeting and accepted. Catherine Barlow led a vote of thanks and applause for the two Treasury members present, Jo Wilson and Fay Brookes.

5. Father Neil recommended that Simon Marshall be appointed as the Independent Examiner of the PCC annual accounts; Mick Allman proposed Simon's appointment and David Wallington seconded the proposal. There being no other proposals Simon Marshall was duly approved.

6. Father Neil stated that Katrina Mitchell would continue as Deputy Church Warden, and with Harriet Mace standing down, Avril Kee would be appointed to replace her.

7. The Electoral Roll report, which numbered the Electoral Roll at 133, was passed with no questions.

8. The Rector's Report was summarized by Father Neil. He said that the congregation numbers were growing, that members were working hard to further the aims of the church, but that there was still a huge amount to do, in spiritual projects and stewardship and fundraising.

9. During Any Other Business Maureen Pring said that the email newsletter was great, and the occasional hard copiers were appreciated, but would it be possible to have a weekly pew sheet on the noticeboard. Father Neil assured Maureen that Rev Scott was already doing this.

10. Maureen asked about the possibility of an 8am service once more, but Father Neil said that the PCC had voted not to bring this back owing to so few attendees (two on several occasions).

11. Maureen stated that 10am service rather than 0930am was difficult for her, because the morning was gone by the end of the service. She asked if there could be a vote on the matter. Father Neil said that in the Anglican church the PCC made the rulings on these matters. He added that the decision to temporarily trial a later start time would continue until the end of August. He accepted that there were different views on the matter, with the clergy and choir being appreciative of the extra 30 minutes for preparation for the service, and parents with young children making it clear that the extra time was invaluable for getting their children up and ready.

12. Colin Henderson enquired about the large expenditures facing the church, some being around the £500k mark. Father Neil replied that quotes and advice were still being sought for roof repairs, but the figure could be about £400k. He added that the organ needed a lot of attention

but replacing it had been ruled out on financial grounds, and that fixing the organ took second place to stopping the roof from leaking.

13. Viv Mitchell asked about the relationship between the PCC and the congregation. She asked why a signed copy of the minutes of the PCC was not displayed on the church noticeboard. Father Neil said that this would be amended. Len Marshall accepted the task of pinning the minutes up, if it was legal so to do.
14. The date for the next APCM was set as 21 April 2024.
15. The meeting closed with the Grace.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	2a	92,088	1,942	-
Activities for generating funds	2b	6,635	-	-
Investment income	2c	6,145	698	-
Church activities	2d	5,866	-	-
		<u>110,734</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>-</u>
Resources Expended				
Grants and donations	3a	-	1,942	-
Church activities	3b	92,427	6,311	-
Governance costs	3c	425	-	-
		<u>92,852</u>	<u>8,253</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		17,882	-5,613	-00
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	-28	-1,781	-25,510
Net Movement In Funds		<u>17,854</u>	<u>-7,394</u>	<u>-25,510</u>
Total Funds at 1 January 2022		66,343	38,488	216,711
Total Funds at 31 December 2022		<u>84,197</u>	<u>31,094</u>	<u>191,201</u>

Total Funds**2022****£****2021****£**

94,030 86,465

6,635 2,788

6,843 5,918

5,866 6,337

113,374 101,508

1,942 1,167

98,738 84,167

425 400

101,105 85,734

12,269 15,774

-27,319 29,044

-15,050 44,818

321,542 276,724

306,492 321,542

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Total I 2022 £
4. Fixed assets		
Investments	4	<u>204,754</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	5	12,898
Bank current account		33,892
CBF deposit fund accounts		58,099
Cash in hand		-
		<u>104,889</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>3151</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>101,738</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>306,492</u>
Parish Funds	7	
Unrestricted		84,197
Restricted		31,094
Endowment		191,201
		<u>306,492</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

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

Funds
2021
£

232,073

10,876
26,147
57,050
-

94,073

4604

89,469

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66,343
38,488
216,711

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ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and bequests are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total I 2022 £
2. Incoming Resources				
a. Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	40,712	-	-	40,712
Collections and other giving	8,434	-	-	8,434
Income tax recovered	10,961	-	-	10,961
	60,107	-	-	60,107
Donations	17,787	1,942	-	19,729
Grants	13,694	-	-	13,694
Bequests	500	-	-	500
	92,088	1,942	-	94,030
b. Activities for generating funds				
Fund raising events	2,881	-	-	2,881
Other income	3,754	-	-	3,754
	6,635	-	-	6,635
c. Investment income				
Interest received and trust fund income	6,145	698	-	6,843
d. Church activities				
Wedding & funeral fees	5,866	-	-	5,866
Total incoming resources	110,734	2,640	-	113,374

Funds

2021
£

	41,987
	6,776
	12,398
	61,161
	11,067
	14,237
	-00
	86,465

	1,851
	937
	2,788

	5,918

	6,337

	101,508

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
3. Resources expended			
a. Grants and donations			
Charitable donations	-	1,942	-
	-	1,942	-
b. Church activities			
Parish share	55,000	-	-
Wages	5,978	-	-
Church running expenses			
Insurance	6,403	-	-
Light, heating and power	2,988	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	8,393	-	-
Clergy expenses	884	-	-
Children' Mission	1,590	-	-
Cost of services			
Upkeep of services	663	-	-
Organist choir and music expenses	9,939	-	-
Printing and stationery	2,519	-	-
Professional fees		-	-
Other expenses	4,381	-	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-6,311	6,311	-
	92,427	6,311	-
c. Governance costs			
Independent examination fee	425	-	-
Total resources expended	92,852	8,253	-

Total Funds**2022****£****2021****£**

1,942 1,167

1,942 1,167

55,000 54,271

5,978 8,354

6,403 6,273

2,988 1,646

8,393 3,361

884 634

1,590 178

663 965

9,939 5,389

2,519 1,611

-00 -00

4,381 1,485

- -

98,738 84,167

425 400

101,105 85,734

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

				Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total I 2022 £
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust							
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	9,793	-	9,793
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	3,554	-	3,554
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	207	-	-	207
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	189,465	189,465
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1,735	1,735
				207	13,347	191,200	204,754

Funds
2021
£

11,100

4,028

234

214,744

1,967

232,073

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	232,073
Revaluation (loss)/gain	-27,319
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>204,754</u>

5. Debtors

	2022 £
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Tax recoverable	4,040
Other debtors	8,858
	<u>12,898</u>

6. Liabilities

	2022 £
--	-------------------

Amounts falling due within one year	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	704
Other creditors	2,447
	<u>3,151</u>

2021

£

203,029

29,044

232,073

2021

£

2602

8274

10,876

2021

£

454

4,150

4,604

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ
Balance at 1 January 2022	38,488	33,766	4722
Incoming resources	2,640	645	53
Resources expended	-1,942	-	-
Investment loss	-1,781	-1,781	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-6,311	-6,311	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	31,094	26,319	4,775

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£		£
Investment fixed assets	206	13,347	191,201	
Current assets				
Debtors	12,898	-	-	
Bank current account	38,578	-4,686	-	
CBF deposit fund accounts	34,813	23,286	-	
Cash in hand	-	-	-	
Current liabilities - creditors	-2,298	-853	-	
	84,197	31,094	191,201	

**Charity
Fund
Collections**

-
1,942
-1,942
-

-00

Total

£

204,754

12,898
33,892
58,099
-

-3,151

306,492

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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;
- to follow 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 Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination. No matters have come to my attention:

- 1 which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;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.

Signed

S E Marshall
135C Eastgate
Deeping St James
Peterborough
PE6 8RB

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ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEEPING ST JAMES PRIORY CHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019. SET OUT ON PAGES 1 to 8.

I report to the Members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity
"(the Trust)" for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the charity, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

S E Marshall
135C Eastgate
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24 August 2020

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income	2a	92,088	1,942	-
Activities for generating funds	2b	6,635	-	-
Investment income	2c	6,145	698	-
Church activities	2d	5,866	-	-
		<u>110,734</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>-</u>
Resources Expended				
Grants and donations	3a	-	1,942	-
Church activities	3b	92,427	6,311	-
Governance costs	3c	425	-	-
		<u>92,852</u>	<u>8,253</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		17,882	-5,613	-00
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	-28	-1,781	-25,510
Net Movement In Funds		<u>17,854</u>	<u>-7,394</u>	<u>-25,510</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Total I 2022 £
4. Fixed assets		
Investments	4	<u>204,754</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	5	12,898
Bank current account		33,892
CBF deposit fund accounts		58,099
Cash in hand		-
		<u>104,889</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>3151</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>101,738</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>306,492</u>
Parish Funds	7	
Unrestricted		84,197
Restricted		31,094
Endowment		191,201
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total I 2022 £
2. Incoming Resources				
a. Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	40,712	-	-	40,712
Collections and other giving	8,434	-	-	8,434
Income tax recovered	10,961	-	-	10,961
	60,107	-	-	60,107
Donations	17,787	1,942	-	19,729
Grants	13,694	-	-	13,694
Bequests	500	-	-	500
	92,088	1,942	-	94,030
b. Activities for generating funds				
Fund raising events	2,881	-	-	2,881
Other income	3,754	-	-	3,754
	6,635	-	-	6,635
c. Investment income				
Interest received and trust fund income	6,145	698	-	6,843
d. Church activities				
Wedding & funeral fees	5,866	-	-	5,866
Total incoming resources	110,734	2,640	-	113,374

Funds

2021
£

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	101,508

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
3. Resources expended			
a. Grants and donations			
Charitable donations	-	1,942	-
	-	1,942	-
b. Church activities			
Parish share	55,000	-	-
Wages	5,978	-	-
Church running expenses			
Insurance	6,403	-	-
Light, heating and power	2,988	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	8,393	-	-
Clergy expenses	884	-	-
Children' Mission	1,590	-	-
Cost of services			
Upkeep of services	663	-	-
Organist choir and music expenses	9,939	-	-
Printing and stationery	2,519	-	-
Professional fees		-	-
Other expenses	4,381	-	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-6,311	6,311	-
	92,427	6,311	-
c. Governance costs			
Independent examination fee	425	-	-
Total resources expended	92,852	8,253	-

Total Funds**2022****£****2021****£**

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ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

				Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total I 2022 £
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust							
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	9,793	-	9,793
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	3,554	-	3,554
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	207	-	-	207
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	189,465	189,465
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	1,735	1,735
				207	13,347	191,200	204,754

Funds
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£

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4,028

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214,744

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232,073

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	232,073
Revaluation (loss)/gain	-27,319
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>204,754</u>

5. Debtors

	2022 £
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Tax recoverable	4,040
Other debtors	8,858
	<u>12,898</u>

6. Liabilities

	2022 £
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Amounts falling due within one year	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	704
Other creditors	2,447
	<u>3,151</u>

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ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ
Balance at 1 January 2022	38,488	33,766	4,722
Incoming resources	2,640	645	53
Resources expended	-1,942	-	-
Investment loss	-1,781	-1,781	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-6,311	-6,311	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	31,094	26,319	4,775

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£		£
Investment fixed assets	206	13,347	191,201	
Current assets				
Debtors	12,898	-	-	
Bank current account	38,578	-4,686	-	
CBF deposit fund accounts	34,813	23,286	-	
Cash in hand	-	-	-	
Current liabilities - creditors	-2,298	-853	-	
	84,197	31,094	191,201	

**Charity
Fund
Collections**

-
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ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEEPING ST JAMES PRIORY CHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019. SET OUT ON PAGES 1 to 8.

I report to the Members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity
"(the Trust)" for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As trustees of the charity, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS- MINUTES

All Saints' Church, Sunday 3 April 2022 at 11.00 hrs

1. Father Neil welcomed the 45 attendees and opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Jo Wilson, Helen Taylor, Katrina Mitchell, Wayne Hurst, Catherine Barlow, Morag Roberts, Pamela Dixon and Sue Lamb.

3. Election of Churchwardens:

There were two nominees for Churchwardens: David Wallington (proposed by Catherine Barlow and Seconded by Jan Marshall); and Clare Camp (proposed by Catherine Hammant and seconded by Len Marshall).

Both nominees were duly elected.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - MINUTES

All Saints' Church, Sunday 3 April 2022 at approximately 11.10 hrs.

1. Apologies:

2. These were the same as for the meeting to elect Churchwardens seen above.

3. Presentation and acceptance of the minutes of the last APCM, held on 25 April 2021:

The minutes of the last APCM were accepted.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last APCM:

Maureen Pring drew attention to her comments in the AOB section of the last APCM minutes, where she had highlighted the need to replace the external noticeboard, and the fact that despite a generous donation to fund its replacement, nothing had yet been done.

Father Neil assured Maureen that the change of notice board was imminent, and that the generous donation would indeed be used for that purpose.

Maureen went on to add that she had, again in the AOB of the minutes of the last APCM, asked for consideration of reinstatement of the 8am Eucharist on a Sunday morning.

Father Neil said that the matter had been discussed at PCC, whose responsibility it was to decide on the timings of services, but that there had been little support for the move. Moreover, he personally would not welcome an 8am service followed hard by the 0930 Eucharist.

A swift straw poll of those attending the 2022 APCM showed that only two people present would consider going to 8am Eucharist services. The subject would nevertheless be brought before the new PCC for consideration.

Meanwhile, Father Neil added, the Thursday morning 10 am Eucharist had grown to having over 20 people in the congregation.

5. Elections to the PCC – Policy:

Father Neil asked the meeting to consider adopting a policy towards PCC elections as follows:

- 3 representatives of the laity to serve on the PCC for 3 years (thus ensuring a majority for continuity but also a regular turnover of members)
- Such additional lay members of the PCC as may be required to fill casual vacancies.
- 3 lay representatives to the Churches Together in Stamford Forum.
- Father Neil added that employed members of the parish could go on the Electoral Roll.
- The policy was proposed by Catherine Hammant and seconded by David Wallington.

The APCM meeting voted to adopt this policy.

There were three lay representative places for the Churches Together in Stamford Forum; only Kate Riley volunteered.

Of the laity members of the PCC, 3 were to step down, Elizabeth McIver, Martin Fisher and Len Marshall.

Of these Len Marshall was prepared to stand again.

Nominees for the laity places were: Len Marshall (proposed by Pamela Dixon and seconded by Linda Biddle); John Sutcliffe (proposed by Clare Camp and seconded by Len Marshall); Jeremy Hammant (proposed by Jan Marshall and seconded by Catherine Hammant) and Jo Wilson (proposed by Clare Camp and seconded by Paul Middleton).

All nominees were duly elected.

6. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens:

Harriet Barlow and Katrina Mitchell both volunteered to act as Deputy Church wardens and were duly appointed.

7. Presentation of the PCC accounts and appointment of an Independent Examiner:

The PCC accounts were presented and a short report by Jo Wilson (paraphrasing her full report available in the Annual Report) was read out by Father Neil.

Chris Tily raised the question as to why the Religious Education Fund, which had featured in the PCC accounts some years previously, had been omitted. Father Neil advised him that the Religious Education Fund was no part of the PCC accounts and was a separate fund altogether.

Alan Blakemore drew attention to his concern that a new curate would require an increase in All Saints' parish share.

Father Neil assured the meeting that the cost of curates was met centrally by Diocese and whilst some element of the parish share might well go towards these costs, the addition of a curate would not directly affect the parish share of All Saints' church.

Paul Middleton proposed that the Independent Examiner appointed should be Simon Marshall, as for the last year; this was seconded by John Sutcliffe and approved by the meeting.

8. The Electoral Roll report was as per the Annual Report.
9. The Rector's Summary – Unity Centre/Resourcing Sustainable Churches/Vision for All Saints'.:
 - Father Neil paraphrased his report for the Annual Report and then addressed the subject of the Unity Centre, and in particular the loss of Becky Goff from the management of the Unity Centre. Father Neil paid tribute to the enormous amount of work and time which Becky had given to the Unity Centre, taking it from a little used liability to a very popular self-sustaining facility. In appreciation of the tremendous commitment shown by Becky, he presented her with two small gifts. The meeting showed their appreciation and thanks in the usual way.
 - Father Neil described the scheme being employed by Diocese to classify churches and congregations on a table of Resourcing Sustainable Churches, scaling each church from 1-5. All Saints' had been labeled by the PCC Class 1, which means it pays its full share and could possibly be able to assist other parishes. Alongside RSC classification, there will be Local Mission Partnerships, whereby a church could pool resources with other churches of a similar worship, and work together. Uffington Group are linked with All Saints', already sharing Evening prayer on Wednesdays and with the potential to share available priests.
 - Vision:
Father Neil outlined the Vision for All Saints' which he had developed from the PCC away day last year. In particular Father Neil sees the church growing and changing, setting up sub-committees and task groups, breaking down areas of responsibility in order to share the workloads, and then reporting back to the PCC. These smaller working groups could include other members of the congregation, albeit they could not vote on the PCC but could bring areas of expertise to assist sub-committees. An example was for the Director of Music and the Rector to enhance the church music potential by developing a junior choir and by offering music scholarships.

In describing the need to share the workload of different diverse areas within the scope of the PCC, Father Neil paid tribute to the great amount of work, and detail covered by Churchwarden David Wallington who had the responsibility for Fabric. In a similar vein Finance can only be covered by a select few.

10. The date of the next APCM was set as Sunday 16 April 2023.

12. The meeting closed with the Grace.

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2a	85298	1167	-	86465	80131
Activities for generating funds	2b	2788	-	-	2788	3852
Investment income	2c	5522	396	-	5918	5922
Church activities	2d	6337	-	-	6337	1921
		99945	1563	-	101508	91826
Resources Expended						
Grants and donations	3a	-	1167	-	1167	2336
Church activities	3b	81097	3070	-	84167	88242
Governance costs	3c	400	-	-	400	400
		81497	4237	-	85734	90978
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		18448	-2674	-	15774	848
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	29	1893	27122	29044	13063
Net Movement In Funds		18477	-781	27122	44818	13911
Total Funds at 1 January 2020		47866	39269	189589	276724	262813
Total Funds at 31 December 2020		66343	38488	216711	321542	276724

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2021	2020
		£	£
4. Fixed assets			
Investments	4	232073	203029
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	10876	8859
Bank current account		26147	14589
CBF deposit fund accounts		57050	54708
Cash in hand		-	-
		94073	78156
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	4604	4461
Net Current Assets		89469	73695
Total Net Assets		321542	276724
Parish Funds	7		
Unrestricted		66343	47866
Restricted		38488	39269
Endowment		216711	189589
		321542	276724

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

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

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

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

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulation together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another PCC or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and bequests are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued when income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a legal constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be sold (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item is valued more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
2. Incoming Resources					
a. Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	41987	-	-	41987	38345
Collections and other giving	6776	-	-	6776	6131
Income tax recovered	12398	-	-	12398	10029
	61161	-	-	61161	54505
Donations	9900	1167	-	11067	9282
Grants	14237	-	-	14237	11344
Bequests	-	-	-	-	5000
	85298	1167	-	86465	80131
b. Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	1851	-	-	1851	1672
Other income	937	-	-	937	2180
	2788	-	-	2788	3852
c. Investment income					
Interest received and trust fund in	5522	396	-	5918	5922
d. Church activities					
Wedding & funeral fees	6337	-	-	6337	1921
Total incoming resources	99945	1563	-	101508	91826

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
3. Resources expended					
a. Grants and donations					
Charitable donations	-	1167	-	1167	2336
	-	1167	-	1167	2336
b. Church activities					
Parish share	54271	-	-	54271	54271
Wages	8354	-	-	8354	8328
Church running expenses					
Insurance	6273	-	-	6273	6091
Light, heating and power	1646	-	-	1646	1401
Repairs and maintenance	3361	-	-	3361	493
Clergy expenses	634	-	-	634	297
Children' Mission	178	-	-	178	360
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	965	-	-	965	237
Organist choir and music expenses	5389	-	-	5389	11542
Printing and stationery	1611	-	-	1611	1736
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	1320
Other expenses	1485	-	-	1485	2166
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-3070	3070	-	-	-
	81097	3070	-	84167	88242
c. Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	400	-	-	400	400
Total resources expended	81497	4237	-	85734	90978

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)

				Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust					
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	11100
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	4028
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	234	-
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-
				234	15128

Endowment Funds £	Total Funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
-	11100	9711
-	4028	3524
-	234	205
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1967	1967	1721
216711	232073	203029

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	203029	189966
Revaluation gains	29044	13063
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>232073</u>	<u>203029</u>

5. Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	2602	987
Other debtors	<u>8274</u>	<u>7872</u>
	<u>10876</u>	<u>8859</u>

6. Liabilities	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	454	502
Other creditors	<u>4150</u>	<u>3959</u>
	<u>4604</u>	<u>4461</u>

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ	Charity Fund Collections
Balance at 1 January 2021	39269	34549	4720	-
Incoming resources	1563	394	2	1167
Resources expended	-1167	-	-	-1167
Investment gains	1893	1893	-	-
Expenses transferred to Fabric Fund	-3070	-3070	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	38488	33766	4722	

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment fixed assets	234	15128	216711	232073
Current assets				
Debtors	10876	-	-	10876
Bank current account	24515	1632	-	26147
CBF deposit fund accounts	34460	22590	-	57050
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Current liabilities - creditors	-3742	-862	-	-4604
	66343	38488	216711	321542

ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints with St John
the Baptist, Stamford**

Registered Charity number 1138066

Annual Report 2021

An Account of Our Stewardship in 2020

Aims and Organisation

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints with St John the Baptist aims to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It meets several times per year to deliberate matters concerned with the Church's mission and worship and makes decisions in prayer and with the intent of discerning God's will and furthering his kingdom.

The Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Parochial Church Council Membership (as from 2020 annual meetings)

Rector	Rev'd Neil Shaw
Honorary Assistant Curate	The Rev David Bond
Churchwardens	Mr David Wallington Mrs Catherine Barlow
Lay Representatives in the Deanery Synod	Mrs Catherine Barlow Mr Paul Middleton Mr Martin Fisher
Elected members	Mrs Morag Roberts (until 2021) Mr Paul Middleton (until 2021) Mrs Elizabeth McIver (until 2022) Mr Len Marshall (until 2022) Mrs Jan Marshall (until 2022) Mrs Amelia Billington (until 2023) Mrs Avril Kee (until 2023)
Co-opted	Ms Katrina Mitchell (Deputy Warden)

Meetings were also attended occasionally by Treasury Assistant, Alison Warrick

Electoral Roll: 116 reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2020 the drop is suggested that not all members realised that they had to re-register last year.

Sunday Attendance: This has been difficult this year due to Covid restrictions, however, there have been regular viewings of the online service Father Neil puts on the church website each Sunday. During October 2020 when there were services, the average attendance was 61.

Rectors Report

The start of my ministry among you hasn't gone as I intended (for obvious reasons) but I am thrilled to be your new Rector. As I reflect upon this past year it reminds me of Proverbs 16.9 'The heart of a person plans their way, but the Lord establishes their steps.' No matter what our plans have been this past year, no one can deny that they have been forced by change due to the pandemic, as we have cocooned ourselves at home, wondering what that next step will be! I am reminded that with all the ups and downs of this difficult year Christ is still on his throne and we have much to be grateful to God for, most importantly the gift of prayer, through the intercession of Christ, which not only supports and helps us but also the world which we pray for each day.

There are so many people I wish to thank who have served the parish with unwavering devotion, love and support during the difficulties of 2020. The church wardens, Catherine Barlow, Jim McIver and then David Wallington, have guided the parish with dedication, wisdom and love. Catherine particularly has carried much of the prolonged interregnum and I am so grateful to her for everything she does at All Saints (even cleaning The Rectory before I moved in!) I am indebted to the PCC for their wise council and for those who serve on the Standing Committee and Deanery Synod. I am grateful that Len Marshall has taken over the role as PCC secretary and brings with it good humour and RAF precision! I am indebted to Kate Riley for all she does here at All Saints, The Unity Centre and St John's Church and Kathy Longbone for her work as our administrator. Both Kathy and Kate have weathered the interregnum, furlough and change of incumbent with good grace.

With services suspended and then changed due to the law, I am appreciative to those who contribute to our worship and liturgy, from the servers, sacristans, readers, intercessors, bell ringers and choir. Along with Katrina Mitchell our Deputy Churchwarden and to Mick Allman who is always mending and fixing! Particular thanks go to Fergus Black as our Director of Music who resigned from All Saints at the end of December. He is a gifted organist and I am grateful for his work with the choir. I am pleased that David Lovell Brown has stepped in temporarily to help with our worship.

In the summer we changed our church website and prepared to go 'online' with the threat of more lockdowns. This has sustained us throughout these past months. I am thankful to Harriet Barlow who has grasped recording and editing services each week, especially producing top quality Christmas services from the Christingle and Crib Service to our All Souls Service. The teaching here at All Saints is greatly enhanced by the Rev David Bond who I am so pleased to call a wonderful colleague and a wise clergyman. He is deeply loved by the parish and it became very clear to me early in my arrival why this was the case. Thank you, David, for your calm and wise council and faithful service to us.

Our finances have taken a huge hit during this year. I cannot tell you how overwhelmed I was that you, the parishioners, dug deep in the summer to help with the financial difficulties that we found ourselves in. I am very grateful to those who moved to standing orders, as this has helped us with further lockdowns and the budgeting for 2021. I am so pleased we ended the year with some money in the bank. A particular thanks goes to the Treasury Team, especially Alison Warrick who has worked hard in keeping us ship shape and able to

pay our way. As Alison steps down from the treasury team and away from her involvement in the church we wish her well. I am grateful to Jo Wilson who takes her place as Treasury assistant supported by Catherine Barlow.

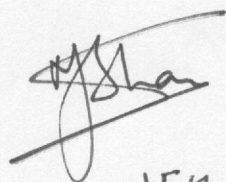
The Unity Centre has also faced the same difficulties as the church due to Covid but we are hopeful for the coming years. My thanks go to my fellow trustees.

St Gilbert's School has also faced difficulties with the pandemic but the governing body, along with the staff, students and parents have worked hard in a very difficult situation. It is a fantastic school with much to give thanks to God for and I look forward to building an even stronger relationship with the school over the coming years.

With so much to be grateful to God for, including your unwavering support and dedication to the life of the parish, I am so thrilled to have been called by God to you. I look with much love and excitement to the coming years as we face the challenges and joys of working to grow God's kingdom here in Stamford. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote,

"The more genuine and deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we have one another, wholly, and for all eternity."

As we reflect on the fact that we as a community have been unable to function together in our traditional way, with worship, meetings and social events we have remained a community deeply committed in Christ to loving God and each other. We have mourned the parting of loved ones and welcomed new members as we face the future with confidence that God is with us and he has promised never to leave us. I am convinced we will go from strength to strength in Christ as our community grows. May God bless you all and thank you again for all you do for the parish of All Saints' with St John's.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Wilson', written over a horizontal line.

15th March 2021.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary income	2a	77,795	2,336	-	80,131	80,899
Activities for generating funds	2b	3,852	-	-	3,852	9,034
Investment income	2c	5,438	484	-	5,922	5,895
Church activities	2d	1,921	-	-	1,921	4,381
		<u>89,006</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,826</u>	<u>100,209</u>
Resources Expended						
Grants and donations	3a	-	2,336	-	2,336	2,132
Church activities	3b	88,242	-	-	88,242	97,153
Governance costs	3c	400	-	-	400	400
		<u>88,642</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,978</u>	<u>99,685</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognized Gains And Losses		364	484	-	848	524
Gains on investment assets on revaluation	4	13	851	12,199	13,063	27,498
Net Movement In Funds		<u>377</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>12,199</u>	<u>13,911</u>	<u>28,022</u>
Total Funds at 1 January 2020		47,489	37,934	177,390	262,813	234,791
Total Funds at 31 December 2020		<u>47,866</u>	<u>39,269</u>	<u>189,589</u>	<u>276,724</u>	<u>262,813</u>

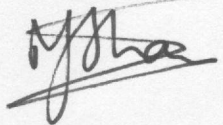
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Total Funds	
		2020	2019
		£	£
4. Fixed assets			
Investments	4	203029	189966
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	8859	1030
Bank current account		14589	20702
CBF deposit fund accounts		54708	54015
Cash in hand		-	-
		<u>78156</u>	<u>75747</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	4461	2900
Net Current Assets		<u>73695</u>	<u>72847</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>276724</u>	<u>262813</u>
Parish Funds	7		
Unrestricted		47866	47489
Restricted		39269	37934
Endowment		189589	177390
		<u>276724</u>	<u>262813</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ----- 2021
and signed on its behalf by :

 15th March 2021
Catherine Barlow - Churchwarden.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Restricted funds represent those funds that the PCC are obliged to spend only on particular purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and bequests are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

The original Church Land and Buildings are not included in the Statement of Assets as there is insufficient cost information available and therefore these assets are not valued in these accounts.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
2. Incoming Resources					
a. Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	38,345	-	-	38,345	38,887
Collections and other giving	6,131	-	-	6,131	11,207
Income tax recovered	10,029	-	-	10,029	11,962
	54,505	-	-	54,505	62,056
Donations	6,946	2,336	-	9,282	8,343
Grants	11,344	-	-	11,344	8,000
Bequests	5,000	-	-	5,000	2,500
	77,795	2,336	-	80,131	80,899
b. Activities for generating funds					
Fund raising events	1,672	-	-	1,672	2,302
Other income	2,180	-	-	2,180	6,732
	3,852	-	-	3,852	9,034
c. Investment income					
Interest received and trust fund income	5,438	484	-	5,922	5,895
d. Church activities					
Wedding & funeral fees	1,921	-	-	1,921	4,381
Total incoming resources	89,006	2,820	-	91,826	100,209

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
3. Resources expended					
a. Grants and donations					
Charitable donations	-	2,336	-	2,336	2,132
	-	2,336	-	2,336	2,132
b. Church activities					
Parish share	54,271	-	-	54,271	54,819
Wages	8,328	-	-	8,328	9,862
Church running expenses					
Insurance	6,091	-	-	6,091	5,969
Light, heating and power	1,401	-	-	1,401	2,957
Repairs and maintenance	493	-	-	493	4,084
Clergy expenses	297	-	-	297	903
Children' Mission	360	-	-	360	95
Cost of services					
Upkeep of services	237	-	-	237	3,236
Organist choir and music expenses	11,542	-	-	11,542	10,018
Printing and stationery	1,736	-	-	1,736	1,818
Other expenses	3,486	-	-	3,486	3,392
	88,242	-00	-	88,242	97,153
c. Governance costs					
Independent examination fee	400	-	-	400	400
Total resources expended	88,642	2,336	-	90,978	99,685

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4. Investment Assets (Market Value)		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total Funds	
		£		£		£		2020	2019
								£	£
Trust Funds held by Lincoln Diocesan Trust									
C Fields Trust	PT008980	474	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	9,711	-	-	9,711	9,086
Sandall Trust	PT009000	172	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	3,524	-	-	3,524	3,297
Church site sale	PT009020	10	CBF Investment Fund Shares	205	-	-	-	205	192
Church estate	PT009040	9170	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	-	187,868	187,868	175,781
Sale of land	PT009060	84	CBF Investment Fund Shares	-	-	-	1,721	1,721	1,610
		205		13,235		189,589		203,029	189,966

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4. Fixed assets

Investments - continued	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1 January 2018	189,966	162,468
Revaluation gains	13,063	27,498
Market value at 31 December 2018	<u>203,029</u>	<u>189,966</u>

5. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Tax recoverable	987	1030
Other debtors	<u>7,872</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,859</u>	<u>1,030</u>

6. Liabilities

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	502	465
Other creditors	<u>3,959</u>	<u>2,435</u>
	<u>4,461</u>	<u>2,900</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Organ Fund and Charity Collections. The latter represent funeral and other collections specifically for various charities.

Fund movements

	Total	Fabric	Organ	Charity Fund Collections
Balance at 1 January 2020	37,934	33,232	4702	-
Incoming resources	2,820	466	18	2,336
Resources expended	-2,336	-	-	-2,336
Investment gains	851	851	-	-
Transfers between funds	-00	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	39,269	34,549	4,720	-

8. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment fixed assets	205	13,235	189,589	203,029
Current assets				
Debtors	8,859	-	-	8,859
Bank current account	13,610	979	-	14,589
CBF deposit fund accounts	29,345	25,363	-	54,708
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Current liabilities - creditors	-4,153	-308	-	-4,461
	47,866	39,269	189,589	276,724

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS with St JOHN THE BAPTIST, STAMFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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;
- to follow 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 Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination. No matters have come to my attention:

- 1 which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;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.

Signed

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16 March 2021