

St. Giles' Cripplegate Church



Annual Report 2022

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St. Giles' Cripplegate
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate, with St. Bartholomew, Moor Lane, and St. Alphage, London Wall and St. Luke, Old Street with St. Mary, Charterhouse and St. Paul, Clerkenwell [the PCC] present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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AIM AND PURPOSES

St Giles' Cripplegate PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the parish church, for the Roscoe Street Hall and for St Giles' Columbarium. In addition, it acts as Managing Trustee of the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation, a charity established by a Charity Commission Scheme for the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC provides public benefit by:

- facilitating regular public worship open to all;
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- taking religious assemblies in schools, school tours of the church explaining worship and history and hosting school services.
- building community and promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings;
- the provision of performance space and instruments for educational activities benefiting local schools and colleges including the Royal College of Organists.

To facilitate this work it is essential to maintain the fabric of the church of St. Giles' Cripplegate.

The trustees have complied with the duty imposed by section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance (PB3 Public benefit: reporting) published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Church and charity law require the PCC as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting period, and the PCC is also responsible for keeping proper books of account with respect to its affairs.

Mission

We are here to love God and make Christ known in word and deed. We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers.

Planning objectives to progress our mission in 2022 were postponed until a new Rector was appointed.

Planning for 2023 started at the PCC meeting in November which included a presentation entitled "Discerning a Shared Way of Life". It introduced a framework for reflecting on the life of the church at St. Giles'. The approach draws from the rules of the Desert Fathers & Mothers, the Benedictine rule and the analogy of a trellis supporting a plant growing. It started with three movements –

- Stay with God
- Share the Journey
- Serve our World

which we discussed in break-out groups focusing first on things our church is already doing that bring life, then on the things that drain our energy and finally the opportunities and hopes for the future.

Then we were presented with lists of "Postures" for each movement e.g. to Stay with God the postures included Confession, Fasting, Prayer, Scripture, Silence and Solitude. For each of our chosen Postures we defined a pattern e.g. weekly of daily and practices to support the posture.

Services and Church Opening Hours

You are invited every day at **st giles'** CRIPPLEGATE

MONDAY	HOLY EUCHARIST 8 to 8.20am	MORNING PRAYER 8.30 to 8.50am			EVENING PRAYER 5.30 to 5.50pm	
TUESDAY		MORNING PRAYER 8.30 to 8.50am			EVENING PRAYER 5.30 to 5.50pm	HOLY EUCHARIST 6 to 6.20pm
WEDNESDAY		MORNING PRAYER 8.30 to 8.50am	HOLY EUCHARIST 10 to 10.20am <i>Followed by coffee</i>	BIBLE STUDY 12.30 to 1pm <i>Term time, BYO lunch Hot drinks on tap In the Rectory</i>	EVENING PRAYER 5.30 to 5.50pm	
THURSDAY		Always open for private prayer / 1st of the month, silent prayer 1 to 1.30pm				
FRIDAY		MORNING PRAYER 8.30 to 8.50am		HOLY COMMUNION BCP 1662 12.30 to 1pm	EVENING PRAYER 5.30 to 5.50pm	
SATURDAY		Usually open for private prayer				
SUNDAY		MORNING PRAYER 8.30 to 8.50am	PARISH EUCHARIST 10 to 11.10am		EVENING PRAYER 4 to 4.20pm 1st Sunday: CHORAL EVENSONG 4 to 4.45pm	

Private Prayer and Reflection

13.00-13.30 on the first Thursday of each month.

Church and Parish Office Opening Hours

11.00 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Liturgy

Committee Report

The Worship and Liturgy committee comprised Diana Morgan Gray, David Freeman, Mona Henshall, Revd Alex Norris, Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes), Amanda Gibbon (chair). Our new Rector, the Revd Canon Jack Noble joined the committee after May, but Amanda continued as chair. The committee met on 17th January, 28th March, 11th July and 7th September.

The special events we planned and reviewed were:

- Induction of our new Rector on 8th May. A choir of 8 supported a splendid service in a packed church, followed by a festive celebration in church with lots of cakes
- The Platinum Jubilee June 2nd, in which the Sunday service included 'Zadok the Priest' from the choir, the national anthem, prayers for the sovereign and a few flags in the flower arrangement, with celebrations afterwards.
- A Children's Party on 10th July, and other facilities for our small band of children, including training sessions for Holy Communion. These children were then allowed to receive consecrated bread.
- Our Patronal Festival on 4th September, which welcomed friends from neighbouring churches St Joseph's, Bunhill Row, Jewin Welsh Chapel and Wesley's Chapel to an Ecumenical Choral Evensong at 4pm, followed by a party in the Rectory garden.
- Lancelot Andrewes feast day on 25th September, when Jack's sermon and one of the choir anthems used texts by Lancelot Andrewes, and residents from Andrewes House were invited to attend. Diana made a beautiful display of appropriate items in the church.
- A party for students and staff of Guildhall School of Music and Drama on 23rd October, which was a happy event attended by 12 people.
- The introduction of monthly Evensongs by Solis Choir, which has had a consistent attendance of 25.

We also discussed recurring events ...

- Fortnightly prayer meetings, led by Diana, which continued through the year, initially on zoom.
- Lent – ecumenical study groups focused on the Christian virtues.
- Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter – when we were pleased to note that attendance had returned to pre-pandemic numbers.
- In July and August we experimented with the arrangement of pews. August Sunday services were mostly well attended and the congregation chose the hymns, as usual.
- All Souls 30th October – for the first time this included Eucharist, and the congregation bought red candles to place on the churchyard in memory of loved ones.
- Advent – ecumenical study groups focused on The Lord's Prayer. The Sunday morning visiting preachers were all women, except for one where Jack substituted at short notice after the preacher caught COVID.
- Christmas services - the choir were booked for more Christmas services than in the past, and the committee agreed that the high attendance and informal feedback amply justified the extra expenditure.

... and Sunday mornings

- The rota for crucifers and sidespeople has continued to give concern, due to lack of volunteers. Mona, churchwarden Gail Beer and Diana had given energetic assistance to Jake in organising and implementing the rota.
- The impact of COVID. Vital personnel continued to catch the virus, and we were grateful to the churchwardens and visiting clergy on Good Friday and Easter for leading services. This was because our wonderful assistant priest, Revd. Alex Norris, who had given such superb leadership throughout the interregnum, had caught the virus. Attendance at Sunday services was slow to pick up but by the end of year had fully recovered, and attendance at Christmas services, especially the parish carol service and the two eucharists on Christmas Eve, was particularly strong.

The Sunday Club



Sunday Club has run throughout 2022. It was held in the vestry during the 10am Sunday service.

In 2022 the syllabus has covered:

- Easter term 2022 – It's only Joseph's son, John in prison, The boy in the temple, The man who came at night, The woman who came for water, The workers and their wages, The good shepherd, The sermon on the mount
- Summer term 2022 – Esther, Jeremiah at the pottery and clay activity, The King's pen knife, The woman who came for water, The Queen and what she does as head of the church, The three servants, Noah's ark.
- Autumn term 2022 – St Paul's cathedral in the fire of London, Moses, Ruth, Saul, Nativity

Sunday Club sessions start with a welcome from the Sunday club leader on the rota that week and introducing everyone. The children then read from the children's Bible, discuss the passage and learn through activities such as role playing, dressing up, arts and crafts and puzzles. Sunday Club sessions seek to tie in the stories to the children's experiences, current events and the world around them. Sunday Club generally report back to the congregation during the notices. Much of the art work, including the clay pots are on display near the back of church.

In February 2022 Simon Freeman kindly took over managing the DBS paperwork for Sunday club after Wendy Ellis moved away.

In the autumn term Fr Jack kindly gave 5 sessions for First Holy Communion Preparation for 25 mins after the Parish Eucharist and some of the Sunday clubbers took their first communion.

On 8 May Sunday club children joined Fr Jack's installation and induction when church was packed with many people.

Sunday Club's numbers remained steady although fairly low during 2022. However, Sunday club has continued and has had new members later in the autumn term especially around the nativity play performance time and after the advent fair.

In the spring term Alex gave a couple of very well received story sermons one for Candlemas and one for Mothering Sunday. On these Sundays, such as the Harvest festival in the autumn term, the Sunday Club remain in church for the whole service and take part by doing the readings, assisting with the prayers, bringing up the bread and wine and carrying the candles.

In 2022, Sunday Club highlights included the children's feast on 10th July where Fr Jack led activities outside for the children.

The Sunday Club presented their annual nativity performance during the Parish Eucharist on 11 December. The children performed a nativity poem in costumes. The youngest member raised a pole with a star and make it twinkle accompanied by sound effects from the choir. At the end of the performance the children sang Away in a Manger together with the congregation, as the organist had kindly taught the children this at earlier Sunday clubs during the autumn term.

Music - Report from the Director of Music

2022 was a good year for the St Giles musicians: twelve months of musicmaking with our full team, after COVID's disruptions, and the installation of our new Rector, with the many benefits that has brought to us all.

For the first four months we worked under the excellent leadership of Revd. Alex Norris, our assistant priest. This period included Woman Composer Sunday on 6th March, when we sang music by our own alto, Amanda Dean, and Cecilia McDowall; our organist Elizabeth Day played music by Germaine Tailleferre. During this time our bass of ten years, Tom Kennedy, resigned due to the pressure of his new 6-days-a-week job teaching at Westminster School. It took time to find his ideal replacement, but we were delighted to appoint Louis Hurst in April. Mancunian-born Louis sings regularly with English National Opera, and freelances with other opera companies. He is a superb singer and has gelled with our regular musicians both artistically and socially.

On 8th May we booked a vocal octet for the Rector's installation service, at which I was thrilled to find that his musical choices were exactly what I would have suggested myself: Parry 'I was glad'; Howells 'Collegium Regale' service, and much more. On Sunday mornings the choir has continued to sing two anthems and to lead the congregational setting, the psalm and hymns each Sunday morning. In May we changed the congregational setting from that by Grayston Ives to a setting by Paul Ayres; as always, some were less keen on the change at first, but now it seems that everyone is comfortable with Ayres' fine, sensitive setting, which I feel has worn well through its weekly repetitions.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 5th June, with Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' from the choir, and afterwards Elizabeth and I played Walton's Crown Imperial March as a duo. It was poignant that, very soon after that, on 8th September, the Queen died. On the following two Sundays we changed the music to match the nation's mourning and sang several items which we later found were also included in her funeral service

On 4th September our vocal quartet and Elizabeth contributed to the special ecumenical choral evensong for St Giles Day. That was also the first time our new organ scholar, Inga de Vegvar, joined us. Inga is younger than our previous organ scholars; nevertheless, her enthusiasm, drive and musicality have equipped her to progress quickly in the role and we all greatly enjoy working with her.

On 2nd October I was immensely touched that everyone made such a fuss of my 40th anniversary as Director of Music; I look back on the past 40 years in wonder that I have been in such a happy post so long. Working with our musicians - Elizabeth Day (organist), Inga de Vegvar (organ scholar), Penelope Sharpe (soprano), Amanda Dean (alto), Robin Whitehouse (tenor) and Louis Hurst (bass) – is full of joy. But an even larger team supports the music, and I would particularly like to thank Diana Morgan Gray, Jake Kirner and, of course, our wonderful clergy, Alex our assistant priest and our Rector Jack, who encourage all our musical activities and constantly inspire us to keep raising our game. Thank you all!

Deanery Synod

A Deanery Synod consists of two "Houses" one of clergy, who represent their churches ex officio, and the other of lay members who are elected for three years. The number of lay members is based on the Electoral Roll and with the St. Giles' roll dropping from 122 to 118 we will have only two lay members from 2023 to 2026. In 2022 we were represented by Revd. Alex Norris, Revd. Canon Jack Noble, David Freeman, Daniel Gerring and Gwen Rogers.

There were three meetings including, in July, Evensong at the Temple Church followed by a Party in the Master's Garden.

The January meeting was held in St. Botolph Church Hall, Bishopsgate and was, for the first time since the pandemic, an opportunity to welcome the new Lord Mayor. Rory Anderson, Synod Lay Chair, presented him with a copy of the 'The Message', a Bible in contemporary language and he responded with

thanks to the City Churches for their presence during covid and presented gifts for the Area Dean and Lay Chair.

The main topic for the evening was “Caring for God’s Earth”. In the first session we concentrated on the Churches response to the City’s Climate Action Strategy. The Synod target, in line with the national C of E commitment, is to reach net zero carbon emissions by making considerable reduction in energy use in church buildings together with personal reductions and offsetting the residual effects by 2030. This is in parallel with the City Corporation’s aim to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2027, and the whole Square Mile by 2040.

The Eco Church Scheme was set up in 2016 to help churches care for creation (climate change/loss of biodiversity) as a part of our Christian mission. 10% of English/Welsh churches are registered and all 42 dioceses have signed up to Eco Diocese. In London 120 churches had registered including St. James, Piccadilly the recipients of a Gold Eco Church award. They made a simple start addressing energy bills, reducing the heating thermostat, using energy efficient light bulbs, eliminating plastic where possible, recycling, composting, and adding solar panels. The church garden encouraged biodiversity and helped others to grow plants suitable for their environment and encouraged bees, a day of activities on the environment included: games for children, poetry, art, vegan food, and fashion shows of suitable clothing.

St. Paul’s, Marylebone had been awarded Silver for a similar approach to a net zero carbon efficient building, with other initiatives such as outdoor worship, community walks, climate club for children, food recycling and cooking vegetarian meals for the local vulnerable and homeless community. St. Giles’ has not registered but our new lighting system employs energy efficient LED luminaires while heating usage is proactively controlled by our Administrator, Jake Kirner. Sadly, our churchyard is unsuitable for many plants although solar panels may be possible on the roof.

Catherine McGuiness (Chair of the City Corporation’s Policy and Resources Committee) reported the City ambition to be a world leader in Green Finance and the need for investment. The greatest challenges are the buildings – new ones can be built to energy efficient standards but many of the buildings are much older especially the churches. Private company resources were being evaluated to generate a climate action fund to support decarbonisation projects. In 2019 the Green Finance Institute was formed promoting eco-friendly buildings, with a group at COP26 looking at transition arrangements and justice for communities. The Corporation considered the City Churches a vital stakeholder in the promotion of biodiversity in its open spaces, many of which are churchyards.

The focus of the October meeting was “Ministering to the unseen City”. The first presentation described the Tamar Project which reaches out to the victims of sex trafficking and prostitution. In this form of modern slavery women are tricked into coming to London and imprisoned in prostitution. If they escape they will need help with asylum and Home Office processes especially when they are not fluent in English. Mandarin speakers specifically are helped by members of the Chinese Church at St. Helen, Bishopsgate where the project is based.

A project at St. Katharine Cree focuses on workers who are “unseen” because of their working hours or occupations. Some come to church early in the morning as they finish a shift, others arrive during the day still wearing their high-viz jackets. They come from many church traditions, from Roman Catholic to Pentecostal, and are very different from the stereotypical city worker in a suit. English language skills are an issue for some of these workers who struggle to understand the contracts they must sign. To meet this need Conversation and Bible Study sessions with bilingual leaders have been arranged at times to fit with their work.

The Corporation of London has a statutory duty to support the homeless and during covid reduced rough sleeping with safe provisions which have now been withdrawn. Pre-covid churches were used as winter spaces to provide the homeless with a bed for the night and a meal. Drawing on this experience a 15 bed assessment centre was being developed on Snow Hill near Holy Sepulchre church and a 30 bed hostel on the south bank near London Bridge. With winter approaching those on low income and with energy poverty will struggle. We were encouraged to open as “warm banks” with no other services required although if tea and coffee can be served the Corporation will help with promotion.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Audits – During the course of the year we have adopted an online app, the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, to allow for regular reviews and self-audits of safeguarding actions and issues. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has replaced the safeguarding self-audit undertaken on an annual basis. Using the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has identified additional policies which need to be adopted and continues to highlight the need for refreshed safeguarding training for all clergy, licensed lay ministers, churchwardens and many lay officers both paid and volunteers.

Safeguarding Agreement - We have a Safeguarding Agreement for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk in place. Following the appointment of Fr Jack as Rector a review meeting took place in 2022 with Andrew Munro, one of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors and Mark Hunter (Safeguarding Officer). The agreement will be reviewed annually.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) – With effect from January 2022 guidance has been provided by the Diocese of London under which the regularity of enhanced DBS checks on clergy, churchwardens, lay officers paid and volunteer and those involved in the church. Prior to the guidance the DBS checks were refreshed every five years. In line with the new guidance, we will be renewing the DBS checks every three years and will be conducting those checks in relation to both children and adults.

Lead Recruiter

Simon Freeman was appointed as Lead Recruiter in May 2022 and has been working on updating the DBS checks and implementing the guidance from the Diocese. In line with that guidance, we will be aiming to have completed this process as soon as possible and, in any event, by November 2023.

Charitable Giving

The PCC has been supporting Plan International since 2013. Initially by sponsoring a child's education and then when she completed her studies by a modest monthly contribution of £15.

In January we were informed that Prior Weston school were supporting nine Afghan refugee pupils and the PCC contributed £2,000 to their families.

During the interregnum payments from the Rector's Discretionary Fund ceased and when St. Luke's school appealed for help a donation of £1,000 was made from PCC funds. Now a new Rector is in post he administers the fund and can make such discretionary payments to those in need.

'St Giles' continues to contribute huge amounts, through the time and energy of the clergy and volunteers (David Freeman foremost among them) in administration, support and governance of a number of historically church charities and funds.'



Before covid foodbank collections were made outside Waitrose. Now there is a community collection hub at St. Luke's School for food, clothing and hygiene products illustrated in this photograph. It is staffed by volunteers and Year 6 students. It was also the recipient of our Harvest Festival appeal and collection.

Events

10-April Palm Sunday



8-May Installation of Fr Jack Noble as Rector



Annual Parish Weekend to Othona 1-3 July 2022

The organising team of Fr Jack, Cath and David Price devised a successful weekend of prayer, discussion, workshops, leisure pursuits, and time to be at peace in this holy place. Susan had arrived after lunch to sort the accommodation needs of the group. For the first time all the yurts were used this year.

We expected to be a party of 18 but a last-minute strike by Great Anglia Railway staff meant that 3 people who would have joined us or left on the Saturday were unable to do so and with one person ill, it was finally a party of 14 that arrived on the Friday early evening by train, taxi, or car. The train journey was not without its difficulties as it required a change at Wickford for the shuttle train to Southminster but as the train was late leaving Liverpool Street the connection was missed. Eventually everyone had arrived by 7pm and, after a welcome drink, we were able to have our dinner at 7.30pm.

After dinner Fr Jack led our first workshop 'Arriving' with us all sitting comfortably in the solar room. We discussed how we felt about arriving at Othona and what we had left behind us. We agreed it was great to be back and several of us reflected on letting go of our day-to-day concerns while we were here and of soaking up the peace and tranquillity of this ancient place. We then made our way around the wonderful field of ripening barley to the chapel of St Peter-on-Wall, built on the site of a Roman fort by St Cedd in 654, for the service of Compline. We marvelled at the stunning sunset as we walked back to the Community buildings.

On Saturday after breakfast at 08.30 we met in the chapel for Morning Prayer. This was followed by the next workshop led by Ros. Our theme this year was 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. Ros writes, 'In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 1-12), Jesus describes the attitudes that are foundational to building the Kingdom of God – and their rewards. These eight « Beatitudes » are radical and transformational and turn everything upside down: the world declares the powerful and the rich to be the blessed, but God favours the humble and the poor, and "the peacemakers shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). Blessed is taken to mean flourishing or truly happy.

After a coffee break our next workshop, 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' was led by Susan. We were invited 'to create something about Peace'. We worked on our own or in pairs using the wonderful

collection of photos, cards coloured papers, paints, and pens that Susan had brought with her for our creations.

After lunch, we had our usual free afternoon to walk the sea wall, garden, swim, rest or read. We met for Evening Prayer in the chapel before drinks and a barbeque as we enjoyed the warm evening outside. We walked to the chapel at the end of the day for Compline. For those who wished there was a showing of the film, 'The Life of Brian' in the Lounge



We were back in the chapel for Holy Communion at 10.00 after which we asked a couple who were walking their dog to take a group photo of us outside the chapel. There was one more session 'Leaving' led by Father Jack when we reflected on our time at Othona and

how we felt about leaving. This was held outside and ended with one of Mona's famous exercises – standing still in the open air in our own space with our eyes closed and listening to the sounds of nature around us – the birds singing and the wind rustling the leaves on the trees.

After a lovely Sunday lunch and thanking our hosts, it was time to leave Othona for our journey back to London. All of us felt relaxed and calmed by our stay in this holy and beautiful place and in company of each other.

It was the first visit with us for Fr Jack and Penny, our soprano from St Giles' choir whose beautiful voice enriched our worship in the Chapel. Fr Jack wrote, 'Thank you, for all you've done to make this weekend so wonderful. It was a joy to be with you all.' Penny wrote, What a wonderful weekend. Thank you all for making it so special.

4-September Ecumenical Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Giles'

Anne Marsden Thomas: 40 years as Director of Music



**Sunday 31 October 4pm Requiem Eucharist:
All Souls' service in church and afterwards
placing of candles on the tombs outside.**



**Saturday 26 November Advent Ecumenical
Session 1 at St Giles'**



Sunday 27 November Advent Fair and Christingle Service





Book Fairs

The Book Fair had a record-breaking year, raising £24K (compared to £14K in 2021) over four fairs, with each fair about 16 days. We received some high-quality books and folios, and the volunteers worked hard to improve the sorting and weed out old stock. We also increased the prices but remain a bargain and this is demonstrated by the increase in people coming into the church to browse and buy.

The mailing list has grown to 300 and we're increasingly attracting people from outside the City although we still could improve our marketing. We are looking at a safer alternative to the bread trays in which the books are kept, considering some kind of shelving/table hybrid which hopefully would be attractive enough to store under the tower between fairs, thus beautifying the space.

Many thanks to our dozen volunteers who give so much time and make it such a joyous event.

Stewardship

At the end of 2022, we finally achieved one of our key aims for the year, that of installing a cashless 'donation station', which is now situated by the north door.

The Stewardship Committee had for some time been looking at this as a good way to encourage easy giving, particularly in our increasingly cashless society. The project was then taken forward by Gwen Rogers, Jake Kirner and Tim Middleton but an unforeseen difficulty – our first intended supplier went bust just as we were about to place an order – meant that we were only able to take delivery of the new 'Payaz' machine at the end of the year.

The 'Payaz' machine invites donors to tap their debit or credit card on it to donate a default sum of £5, £10 or £20 – or to put in any other sum that they wish to give. There is no need to provide personal information and the transaction takes seconds. In January 2023, we received 30 donations totalling £305

through Payaz, most of them for £5 or £10. In 2023, we hope its prominent position by the door will encourage more visitors to donate this way, particularly at weddings, concerts, the Christmas carol services and other special events.

As the table below shows, overall donations have risen slightly compared with 2021, but are not yet back to the pre-pandemic level of 2019. This is despite receipts in 2022 being increased by around £2,000 in donations taken during livery company services relocated to St Giles' while St Lawrence Jewry has been closed for refurbishment. It's worth noting that we are able to claim gift aid not just in cases where the donor has signed a gift aid declaration (included in the first row of the table) but also via the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (allowing us to claim gift aid on small anonymous cash or contactless payments). In 2022, these two types of gift aided donations have added about £18,000 of income to the total in the table below.

The number of people giving regularly by standing order has dropped this year from 45 to 44, but we will continue to encourage new and existing members of the congregation to give this way, as it makes financial planning so much easier for the church. Details of how to give by standing order are on the church's website under 'Our Stewardship'. There were no bequests or legacies in 2022.

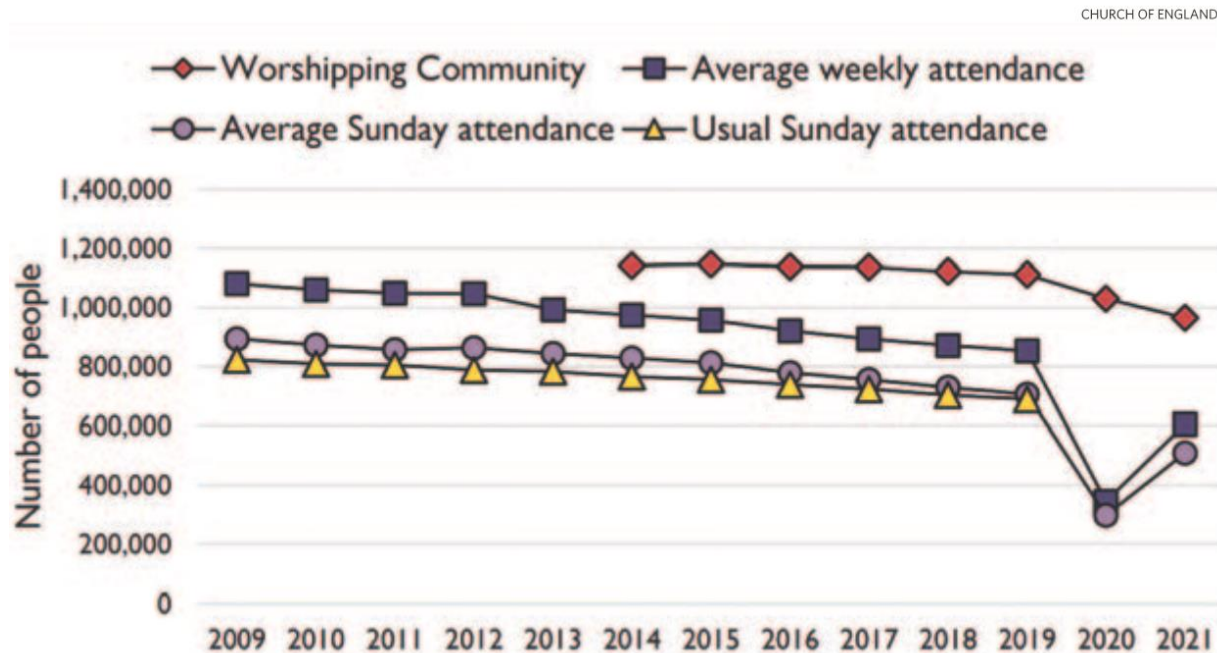
One striking difference between 2021 and 2022 has been the increase in the cost of living. Inflation is now hitting around 10%, so a donation of £10 in 2022 only buys what £9 would buy in 2021, but many donors, quite understandably, have not adjusted to that in their giving. We understand the pressures on household budgets but in 2023 we will hope to encourage the congregation and visitors to take account of inflation in whatever sum they are able to give, whether by cash, Payaz or standing order.

The Stewardship Committee will be helped in its work this year by the very welcome addition of Amanda Dean and Christopher Gadsden to our numbers.

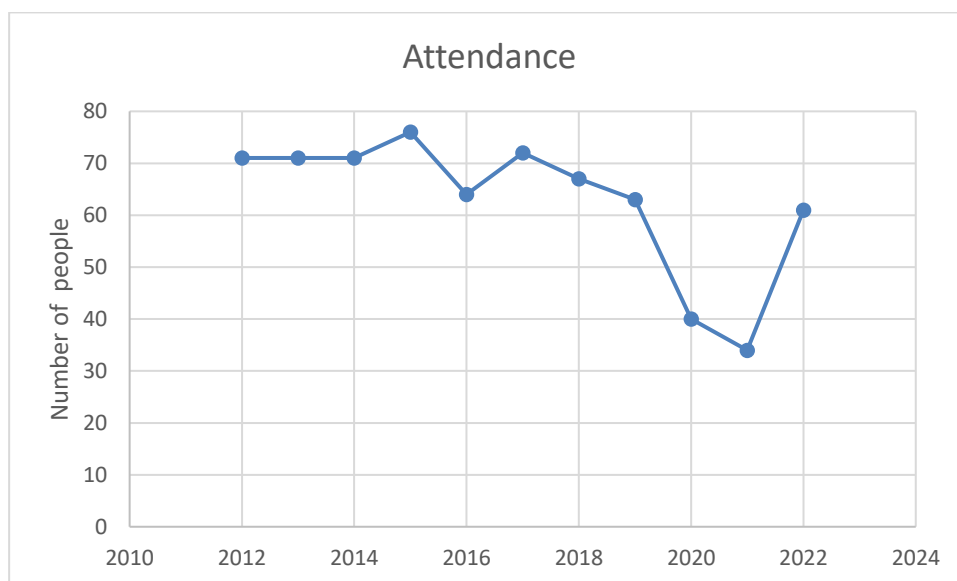
Donations (other than for new furniture)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Donations eligible for gift aid	£61,500	£56,000	£65,366	£63,887
Donations via Give.net	-	£300	£1,660	£650
Open plate donations not eligible for gift aid	£8,700	£1,400	£1,118	£3,342
Other donations not eligible for gift aid	£5,600	£4,800	£3,448	£5,046
Total	£75,800	£62,500	£71,592	£72,925

Church Attendance (Statistics for Mission)

In December the Church Times published an article about attendance headlined “Attendance survey shows Covid effect – C of E mission figures record another anomalous year”. It included this chart –



The data for St. Giles' followed a similar pattern –



with declining attendance until covid closed the church and in-person attendance ceased. At St. Giles' the recovery in 2022 saw a return to the 2019 level, unlike the CofE nationwide.

With additional services on Sunday and mid-week it is hoped to continue the upward trend.

Archdeacon's Visitation

The Visitation was conducted by The Ven Luke Miller (Archdeacon of London) on Tuesday 6th. September 2022. He met with the Rector, Assistant Priest, Churchwardens, PCC members and the Administrator. His report describes the parish and comments on it as follows:-

Parish Life

MAJOR PARISH ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerts, music and recitals. • The Book Fairs – well established, well known and well run; brings in net c £15k pa
FINANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that finances are ‘robust’ and there is a realisation that the church is well endowed and has good support from capital investments for day to day work. Events and concerts have done well, and consideration is being given to the implications of this and whether a trading subsidiary might be needed.
HOPES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconnect the church with the north of the parish. • Establishment of more weekday services, including a weekday eucharist and morning and evening prayer already now regularly publicly said. • There is much spiritual depth: building on this with more explicit teaching and learning.
BUILDING MATTERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building is in good order with the recently installed lighting, furniture and cleaning of the floors. • Redecoration is planned.
WORK OF THE STAFF TEAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Norris is to be thanked for all the work he did on top of his full time job during the vacancy. He worked very hard indeed and the deanery and Archdeaconry is most grateful to him. • The church was thus in very good order after a good incumbency and a well run vacancy. • Jake Kirner has combined the work of administration, (supporting the volunteer PCC Secretary), and buildings manager. Hires have increased, There is a plan as Gwen steps down to separate the two functions of administration and buildings manager to build capacity. • Anne Marsden Thomas MBE Music is at the heart of the liturgy at S Giles and Anne has been MD for 40 years. It is very good to have a Rector both knowledgeable and supportive of the music. • Volunteering is being reviewed by the Churchwardens to see how it can support the church better.
COMPLIANCE ISSUES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation is well stored on a computerised system, but not entirely user friendly for someone new to it. It would add to resilience if the files could be set out in a clearer way. • Photographs should be added to the (commendably comprehensive) church property register (inventory) which clearly show the hallmarks of the silver and/or the hall marks of each piece should be described. • Please confirm that the fire extinguishers really are ‘service free’ and do not require an annual service.

Additional Comments

The beginning of a new incumbency gives a chance to take stock and look at the work of the parish. In the case of S Giles there is the happy opportunity to seize the opportunities which have been opened by the hard and effective work of the last few years while also embarking on new things. The building is in good order. While recognising the inevitable challenges, the finances are healthy. There are good people doing great things. There is also a sense of new beginning in the need to rebuild after Covid. There is opportunity to reach to the offices in the parish and already the church is getting its information into some of their internal communications. As it was put in the PCC, **S Giles is “re-stating where we were going well, and unlocking the tremendous potential.”**

There are hopes to expand the midweek offering of the parish to make connections with firms and businesses. Plans are afoot to support the teaching and deepening of spirituality and continue the pastoral ministry on which so much else depends. Some simple immediate actions, such as the planned overhaul of the website, make a great deal of sense. We discussed things such as the use of the church's year and its rhythm to bring people to a series of 'specials' (Christmas; Epiphany; Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday; Easter; Pentecost; Harvest; Armistice/Requiem). This would build on things like the annual requiem already in place to develop a congregation of 'once a monthers' who then, if there are good catechetical systems in place to lead them on in devotion and spirituality, grow in commitment.

Overall, there is a hope in the parish to be more intentional about growth and welcome. There was a clear-eyed recognition that S Giles, though wanting to be much more than this, has been in many ways 'the church of the Barbican' and has some work to do genuinely to serve the whole parish. This does not mean that there has been no contact with the 'north' of the parish: good relations with S Luke's School, are just one example. It is good to have used opportunities such as the SIAMS inspection of the school to look both at the school vision and that of the parish church and see how connection can be made better. I would encourage thoughts about reaching out to those less seen in S Giles and thinking about how to increase the offer of the parish church. At the visitation there was mention of, for example, a Families' Service on Sundays. In answer to the point made in the PCC about the accessibility of S Giles from the north, in time thought could perhaps be given to developing a second worship centre.

Thinking has been going on about how to make sure that there is capacity among the people of the parish for what needs to be done, and there is consideration of how to ensure volunteering is well used, administration is in place and the necessary caretaking function provided. This is to be welcomed. As volunteering is reviewed it is important always to ask not how posts can be filled, but how people can be developed in their service of God through their offering of time to the church. It is healthy to ensure there is as much join-up as possible between the practical needs of the church and the spiritual growth of the faithful. How are volunteers enabled to pray through their work, galvanized by Scripture and supported with the Sacraments? "Flower arrangers' Eucharist" and Sunday Club Teachers' Bible Study are more important than full rotas and skilled delivery.

S Giles is a church which has a new beginning with a new incumbency just at the end of the pandemic. This is a moment to seize the opportunity and respond to the call.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

• St Giles' Cripplegate – The Parish Church

Condition and Quinquennial Inspection

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in September 2020 by Kelley Christ, the Inspecting Architect. In her report she describes the church as "generally well maintained, in fair condition for its age and the PCC and church community continue to invest in the ongoing care and representation of the building fabric".

The most urgent issues were "the presence of efflorescence to the column bases and irregular deterioration of the Purbeck limestone floor to the Nave", "a localised section of damp plaster to the south nave aisle wall which has inexplicably high moisture readings relative to adjacent plastered surfaces" and similar damage to the mediaeval sedilia and piscina in the chancel. This damage was surveyed by Dr. David Carrington, Skillington Workshop, in November and his report describing the causes and possible remedies is expected before Easter 2023.

Work during the year

Walls - The "localised section of damp plaster to the south nave aisle wall" was behind a drain from the aisle roof which had been inspected by Andrew Thompson, Fullers Builders, in May 2021 when he reported

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"that the hopper is in good condition and is not leaking from any part, we were able to inspect behind it and could confirm that the stone work was remaining dry."

We have also noted that there is an area of masonry that is spalling to some extent, the location of which pretty much corresponds with the damp internally. We're wondering whether this could be the cause of the internal issue."

Following this advice Fullers were invited to defrass the spalling stonework in June 2022 and the work was funded by the Friends of City Churches and the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Despite gutter maintenance in January the Rector observed an overflowing hopper in August caused by a blocked drain pipe which was cleared by him and Jake Kirner, Administrator.

Heating – the boilers were repaired in January and then again in September and October. When winter weather reduced the outside temperature to 3°C the boilers could only raise the indoor temperature by 10°C. Further repairs are urgently needed.

Rectory – was redecorated and a new kitchen installed.

Future Plans

An overdue Electrical Inspection including PAT testing will be arranged as soon as possible (Ref. QI Report Section 1.3). The internal water damage to the south aisle will be repaired when the wall is dry.

When Skillington Workshop publish their report the recommended conservation work will be arranged and funding has already been offered by the City Churches Grants Committee and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Eco Heating Systems will be researched as carbon neutral, warm and reliable replacements for the current failing system.

Tower and Bells

The QI report states that the tower condition is good and no further investigations of movement when the bells are ringing have been undertaken. Since the movement adversely affects the bells the ringers can informally monitor it and report any deterioration. They remain "challenging" but no change has been reported. The Steeple Keeper, Henry Coggill, has performed the routine maintenance of bells and fittings. He reports that ropes are fraying and will need replacement soon.

All twelve bells were rung before the Installation and Induction of Fr. Jack as Rector and the Tenor bell was tolled for the death of the Queen.

The Organs and Piano

Use of the two organs in church was roughly equal in 2022. While social distancing was required, the choir always sang from the east end accompanied by the beautiful chancel organ; as the restrictions lifted we enjoyed the varied richness of the larger gallery organ on alternate Sunday mornings. The church paid for repairs and/or tuning on four occasions, and on a fifth occasion the BBC paid for tuning prior to a recording. The organ blowers received their annual service and the booster blower on the gallery organ was taken away for overhaul, so much of that organ was silent for a week. The extremes of temperature in 2022 were unkind to the state of both organs: unfortunately, organs prefer consistent temperatures and humidity levels. For the second year running the practice organ in the church office required no maintenance and that organ is much appreciated by organ students who access it in the hours when the church administrator is off duty. The income from that organ goes to Friends of St Giles, where it is held in a restricted fund ready for use when the three organs needed cleaning. Elizabeth Day, our organist, oversees the booking and payment system, which is through Google calendar and Paypal.

We should be aware that organs need cleaning every 20 or so years, especially in a dusty city centre. Our organs were last installed or cleaned in 2008, so that expense is beginning to loom ahead.

Our superb Steinway piano was tuned five times in 2022, always at a hirer's expense. Its right block came unstuck in the summer but, thanks to the skills of Jake and Lydia, who fixed it for a cost of £160, we saved the £800 plus VAT quoted by Steinway.

Security, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment

Accidents - Two accidents were recorded in the Accidents Book. The first involved a loose churchwarden's stave in the Strong Room which fell and cut the warden's hand. The stave has since been stored securely. A second more serious injury was caused by a falling coat stand in the vestry. The stand was usually located by the west door where it was supported by the wall. It has been returned to the west door and will not be left unsupported in future.

Defibrillator - During the year, the PCC resolved to buy a defibrillator. This has now been purchased and is kept in the vestry.

Fire Extinguishers - In 2021, the PCC agreed that it could save money by replacing the existing collection of fire extinguishers with newer models that would be suitable for dealing with all types of fire and which would not need to be maintained as frequently. Consequently, during this year the PCC purchased new extinguishers, with single items replacing the pairs of extinguishers that had been in place previously. The new extinguishers take up less space than their predecessors, are easier to use, and require maintenance at ten year intervals.

Property Register and Logbook

The PCC inspected the Property Register at its meeting, 30th. January 2023, and the Churchwardens confirmed that it provided an accurate terrier (a list of land belonging to the church) and inventory (a list of all the items belonging to the church). The log book (a detailed record of all the alterations, additions and repairs carried out in relation to the church, its land and its contents) was unavailable.

Faculties

<u>DAC Reference</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
0111.01-0422B	List B	7 th . June 2022	Defrassing spalling external stonework in the south aisle wall.
0111.01-0722A	4289	21 st . November 2022	Survey of damage to medieval piscina and sedilia in the chancel, marble floor and nave pillars. Subsequent conservation and repair works. Condition - The proposal for the final treatment works is to be reviewed by an architect member of the DAC prior to tendering for work.

• ***Churchyard, St Giles' Church Hall and Columbarium***

The Churchyard continues to be a place of bustle and life. Services spill out into it, especially weddings, Evensong on St Giles' Day, and other major celebrations.

The Corporation of London has made some efforts to restore the Engineering brick paving, but the fundamental membrane is in poor state, and the flawed draining a regular source of clogging and flooding. The result of these design flaws is the damp in the Church Hall and Columbarium.

Conversations with the Corporation about suitable maintenance (e.g. tackling efflorescence on the niche stones in the Columbarium) have begun but are typically slow in nature. Also ongoing are discussions about boundaries and land use resulting from confusion in the 1973 lease of the Church Hall, and a mis-measuring of the Churchyard from the South East corner of the Church building. Despite this, the Columbarium is regularly visited by families whose loved ones are interred there, and the Hall is daily filled with young life by the Newpark Nursery. This combination of old and young is testament to St Giles' rootedness in our community, and the breadth of it.

The Hall income continues to go, until 2024, to the Diocese for major re-tanking work nearly 20 years ago. Plans for the return of income and rental agreements to the Parish will begin in 2023.

- **St. Alphage Garden**

The parish of St. Alphage held a 1000 year lease, from 1587, on its burial ground which is now maintained by the Corporation of London as a public park. St. Alphage was united with St. Giles' in the post-WW2 rationalisation of City parishes and we inherited the lease. The lease was registered in the name of the Rector at the Land Registry in 2010. The burial ground remains subject to the faculty jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. In 2016 the PCC applied for a Faculty, on behalf of the Corporation, to redevelop the garden on "the condition that the final design be approved by the Rector and PCC to ensure that the Christian

and historic interpretation of the footprint of the church and graveyard is developed in accordance with the PCC's wishes". The PCC approved commemorative panel designs, which included the text "This is the house of God and the gate of Heaven" from Genesis 28:17". The installed plaque omitted the text and the Corporation Project Manager attributed this to it being exclusively Christian and the location being Corporation owned. Being an Old Testament book, Genesis is not exclusively Christian and the ownership of the "lower garden" was established in 2012 when it was "oversailed" by cranes used to redevelop Roman House.

- **Roscoe Street Hall (was St. Luke's Church Centre)**

The hall was leased to Kunstraum, a not-for-profit art gallery for five years in 2016. By 2021 covid had curtailed their activities and they had restructured as Studio Roscoe CIC, a Community Interest Company supporting artists with origins in the African & Caribbean Diasporas and People of Colour of the world. The contract is to be updated to reflect their new identity and rent. At the same time any outstanding issues relating to quinquennial inspections, insurance and responsibility for gas safety certification will be resolved.

Financial Review

After a period of interregnum, 2022 was a welcome step back towards normality. Father Jack's arrival in May has re-energised the church, with new services, events and community engagement, with new faces coming through our doors. There is a strong sense that we are now investing for the future which is reflected in our financial statements.

Considering our external environment, our results have been shaped by the following key factors:

- The post-Covid demand for 'real-life events', leading to a record year for our events activities.
- The War in Ukraine and the end of Covid, both of which have led to very significant rises in energy costs and general inflation, affecting all areas of our expenditure.
- Global central banks policies to control this inflation through significant hikes in interest rates have had a markedly negative impact on the value of our investment portfolio.

Taking our income first, this rose notably during the year (2022: £288,695; 2021: £251,494). The increase was almost entirely due a successful increase in our fund-raising activities, with an uplift in lettings (2022: £67,975; 2021: £40,864) and quarterly bookfairs (2022: £23,667; 2021: £13,987) representing almost all of the change. Voluntary income fell, (2022: £101,690; 2021: £133,150), due to recategorisation of music income to income from church activities. Donations from other sources offset the fall in our regular Gift Aid Donations.

Our investment income held up well (2022: £31,730; 2021: £30,720) as investment yields rose, offsetting the fall in the value of the underlying assets.

Our expenditure for the year rose significantly (2022: £260,468; 2021: £232,082), due to a combination of cost increases, one-off items in preparation for our new rector, and a notable increase in costs linked to additional event activity, noting this also led to additional income.

Our most significant cost item was our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (2022: £87,200; 2021: £87,200), as we continue to contribute our full share. Our costs of management and administration, including the employment of our administrator and depreciation ticked upwards (2022: £50,535; 2021: £46,864), with the main uplift due to a considerable increase in printing costs. Overall church running costs were flat (2022: £40,309; 2021: £41,567), though heating costs more than tripled before any supporting grants (2022: £22,353; 2021: £5,874), though this was offset by a c. £20k reduction in repairs and restoration versus our prior year as planned works were rescheduled to 2023.

The overall picture before investment gains was one of a modest surplus (2022: £28,227; 2021: £19,412). This was made up of surplus on unrestricted funds (2022: £34,129; 2021: £34,367) and a small deficit on restricted funds of (2022: £5,902 deficit; 2021: £14,955 deficit) as depreciation and expenses exceeded restricted income.

Both our unrestricted investments and endowments investments (Sworder Foundation) suffered notably from falls in global asset prices (2022: £148,979 loss; 2021: £162,237 gain), though our fund performance in 2022 of minus 12% was less negative than global equity benchmarks.

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to hold approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure in reserves to enable us to

- Plan effectively for the longer term
- Invest in developing activities that further our mission
- Respond strategically and responsibly to changes in the external environment
- Manage our cashflow

Our reserves target is £200k. Our reserves (excluding sums invested in fixed assets) at 31 December 2022 stood at £294,627 (31 December 2021: £258,533), meeting our policy objectives.

Investment Policy

It is our policy to invest the short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

Publications

Our online communication remained important again this year and enabled us to continue to reach a wider number of people outside of those attending services including the extended congregation and those who have moved away. This has enabled many of them to stay in touch and attend services when they are in London.

The regular newsletters written by Jake Kirner and the Rector, Jack Noble focused on sharing the notices, updating on volunteering activities and ways to participate in supporting the church. The increase in midweek services and in particular the introduction of a monthly sung evensong service has been well advertised.

Key services, especially during Easter and Advent, were listed on www.achurchnearyou.com by Revd Alex Norris.

We continue to reach out to all those married at St Giles' for the 'Welcome Back' service as well as to friends and family of the deceased ahead of the All Souls Service.

Diana Morgan Gray and Brian Solomons continued to manage the website and Diana kept the display panels at the back of the church up to date. The weekly service, including readings and sermons, continued to be posted on the website. The annual retreat to Othona was well advertised and articles and pictures were displayed afterwards.

Formal notices of meetings and faculties were displayed on the notice board outside the north door and continue to appear on the church website as well as the notice board inside church.

A Christmas and Easter Leaflet were prepared, published, and printed with widespread distribution across the parish, All the advertised services went ahead and a large number of people attended including once again some who had not previously been to St Giles. Both the Christmas and Easter leaflet continue

to explore how St Giles lives out the Christian message, in addition we have included thoughts and insights from the children of St Luke's Church of England Primary School.

We continue to be grateful to the graphic designer Gill Thomas for her help in designing and formatting the leaflet. The leaflets are distributed by members of the congregation who we are very dependent upon. Local feedback suggests that even those who do not attend church enjoy reading the leaflet and feel a closer connection to our message.

The Advent Fair was well advertised with many local shops and services using the church's poster in their windows and this attracted a large number of people.

The Book Fair was advertised to its 300-strong mailing list, as well as through Barbican Talk, although word of mouth is probably the main driver behind the increased custom we've seen.

The hire page on the website was beefed up by Jake and Diana to provide more detail, and so reduce the email burden. This provides information for those wishing to make use of the church for concerts and rehearsals.

The team have increased activity on Twitter and other forms of social media which has attracted a greater following. This activity will be enhanced next year.

St Giles continued to contribute a regular quarterly article to Barbican Life with a full page spread from our new Rector and are a lively introduction to his style of ministry. These too have been well received by the local community

The events to welcome Fr. Jack Noble, the new incumbent, were well-advertised and this resulted in a very diverse and large attendance for his installation and induction. Photographs of the event were posted on the website and the notice boards.

The services to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee were well advertised. Sadly, these events were followed by the passing of the late Queen and the church was able to respond to the need of members of the local community to come and pay their respects. Communication on how to sign the book of condolences was swiftly shared and attracted a number of people who do not usually visit St Giles. The streaming of the state funeral was also well advertised, and this enabled many in the local community to be together to mourn.

Volunteers

- play an important part in the day to day life of the church supporting our mission and living out our faith. St Giles is lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers from both the congregation and the local community.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skill.

- The PCC, especially the Churchwardens, Treasurer Dave Archer and Secretary Gwen Rogers
- The Sunday Club – Rachel Free, Dave Archer, Louise Watson, Louise Ketley, and Alastair Woods; Elizabeth Day led singing.
- The “Rota participants for Sunday Parish Eucharist” too numerous to list and without whom we could not cope.
- All those make the special services possible including the Easter Vigil, Parish Carol Service and All Souls Service and the delivery of the Easter and Advent leaflets to the parish.
- The Cleaning Angels - Angela Simons, Mona Henshall, Diana Morgan Gray, Dawn Runnicles, Ann Bradley and Pat Simmonds.
- Flower Arrangements – Diana Morgan Gray.
- Notices on Display Panels, Boards and Email. - Diana Morgan Gray and John Marshall.
- Those who take part in the ‘God at Work’ Lent sermons.
- Finance Team and money-counters – David Freeman and Christopher Gadsden
- Othona Planning Team – Cath Urquhart, Susan Royce and David Price. Diana Morgan Gray looked after the travel arrangements.
- The bell ringers especially Richard Pullin (Tower Secretary) and Henry Coggill (Steeplekeeper).
- The singers who join the regular quartet for special services and repertoire.

- Solis, our resident Evensong choir
- The IT Support Team -Tim Middleton and Gwen Rogers.
- The website and social media team of Brian Solomons, Tim Middleton and Diana Morgan Gray.
- The Advent Fair - Diana Morgan Gray, Dawn Runnicles, Tim Passey, Charis Wong, Wendy Ellis, Cyril Leroy, Penny Sharpe, Anne Marsden-Thomas, Christopher Gadsden, David Price, Brian Solomons, Gail Beer, Marianne Christensen, David Price and Elizabeth Day, who organised the Children's Concert.



Book Fair volunteers celebrating after another successful fair.

- All involved with the Book Fairs, donating and selling books Wendy Spurry, Karen Lee, James-Paul Kelly, Dawn Runnicles, Mona Henshall, Christopher Gadsden, Anna Bayraktar, Brigid Barton, Lai Marsh, Simon Freeman, Serena Scaramuzzi, Maeve Alexander, Alison Parry, Valerie Mills, Sue Lyon, Stephanie Ross, Hugh Smith, Helen, Mani Pillai, Liz Setchim, and Caroline Swash. Thank you to our Administrator Jake Kirner for co-ordinating this amazing effort
- Those who, on behalf of St Giles, act as Trustees and sit on committees within our local community including Louise Hunter.
- Simon Freeman and Mark Hunter for supporting Safeguarding at St Giles

We at St Giles always welcome newcomers to consider undertaking these roles and we reach out to our local community to encourage and support people to participate in whatever way and whenever they feel is right for them.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Giles' Cripplegate the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Assistant Priest, up to four churchwardens, twelve elected lay members, representatives of the Cripplegate Ward, Deanery Synod representatives and co-opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Churchwardens Measure 2001 provides for annual election of churchwardens

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be raised and spent. All are deemed to be "Fit and Proper Persons" under the terms of the Finance Act 2010 and are not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the terms of the Charities Act 2011.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Online Safeguarding training is offered to all PCC members.

PCC members are encouraged to attend Diocesan Training Events and to access documentation on the Parish Resources website (www.parishresources.org.uk) including "Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members" and PCC Governance. Electronic copies of PCC minutes and reports, dating back to 2007, are accessible by all PCC members.

The PCC has met on four occasions since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April and twice before it. With meetings in person instead of video conferencing the attendance returned to pre-pandemic levels with an average of 63%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Giles' is the Ward Church of Cripplegate Ward. The PCC is also known as St. Giles' Cripplegate PCC, or the PCC of St. Giles' Cripplegate with St. Luke Old St.

Diocese: London
Archdeaconry: Archdeaconry of London
Deanery: The City

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Email: admin@stgileschurch.com

Bank: CAF Bank
Bank Account Name: St Giles Cripplegate PCC
Account Number: 00034121
Sort Code: 40-52-40

An account is also held with NatWest (St Giles' Cripplegate Church, 56-00-23, 46985867).

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Independent Examiner:	Revd. Alan Clements	
Quinquennial Inspector/ Church Architect	Kelley Christ (A&RME architects)	
Legal Advice	Travers Smith LLP. The PCC are grateful for the advice and assistance received from Travers Smith on a fee-free basis as part of their charitable pro-bono commitment.	

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, the PCC was notified by the Charity Commission on 16th September 2010 that it had been registered as charity number 1138077.

Churchwardens

The role of a churchwarden is described on the London Diocesan website at <http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/churchwardens/>. The website description finishes with "Churchwardens are not expected to do everything above themselves, but to make sure that there are other people available to carry out the various tasks." At St. Giles' the "other people" include the PCC and its committees, task & finish groups, church officers, the parish administrator, the concert assistants, professional advisors and the many volunteers. The churchwardens can be contacted by email churchwardens@stgileschurch.com.

PCC Members

During 2022 the following have served as members of the PCC; they are either ex officio under the Governing Documents, or elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: -

Ex officio

Rector	Reverend Canon Jack Noble*	Ex officio Chair
Assistant Priest	Reverend Alex Norris	
Churchwarden elected April 2015 and re-elected annually.	Tim Middleton *	
Churchwarden elected April 2016 and re-elected annually.	Lorraine Mullins *	Lay Vice Chair
Churchwarden elected September 2020 and re-elected annually.	Gail Beer *	

Elected Members

Until APCM 2023

David Archer *
Kathryn Elsby
Anne Marsden Thomas *
Catherine Urquhart

Until APCM 2024

David Price
Penelope Sharpe
Mona Henshall
Vacancy

Until APCM 2025

John A Bryden
Mark Hunter
Dawn Runnicles
Vivian Elliot

Ex officio as Deanery Synod Representatives until 30-June-2023

David Freeman *
Daniel Gerring
Gwen Rogers *

Ex officio as representatives of Cripplegate Ward

Alderman David Graves
Two vacancies

PCC Committees

- **Standing Committee**

The PCC Standing Committee [members marked * above] has power to transact the business of the Council between the meetings thereof, subject to any directions given by the Council, and reports back to every meeting of the Council. Each of the other committees and groups [Worship and Liturgy, Stewardship, Parish Rate, Documentation of Financial Procedures and Administrative Restructuring] advises the PCC within the area of activity implied by its title but has no delegated powers as such.

- **Worship and Liturgy Committee**

Rector, Assistant Priest, David Freeman, Amanda Gibbon, Diana Morgan Gray, Mona Henshall and Anne Marsden Thomas (minutes). Chaired by Amanda Gibbon during the interregnum.

- **Stewardship Committee**

Catherine Urquhart (Stewardship Recorder), Amanda Dean, Christopher Gadsden and Malcolm Waters.

- **Parish Rate Committee**

Tim Middleton, Lorraine Mullins, Catherine Urquhart and the Parish Administrator.

PCC Task & Finish Groups

As implied by the name these groups are formed to complete a specific project and disband when it is completed.

- **Documentation of Financial Procedures**

Gwen Rogers, David Archer, David Freeman and Jake Kirner.

- **Administrative Restructuring**

Rector, David Archer, Gail Beer, Mark Hunter, Tony Murphy, Gwen Rogers

Approved by the PCC on 28th. March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	104,613	7,717		112,331	133,150
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	101,690	-		101,690	67,174
Income from investments	2 (c)	32,982	-		32,982	30,720
Income from church activities	2 (d)	41,693	-		41,693	20,449
Total income		280,978	7,717	-	288,695	251,494
Expenditure						
Church activities	3 (d)	227,236	13,150	-	240,386	211,456
Raising funds	3 (d)	19,613	469		20,082	20,626
Total expenditure		246,849	13,619	-	260,468	232,082
Net surplus/(deficit) before investment gains		34,129	(5,902)	-	28,227	19,412
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	7 & 8	(63,355)		(85,624)	(148,979)	162,237
Investment during year		(165)		165	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit)		(29,391)	(5,902)	(85,459)	(120,752)	181,649
Transfers between funds						
Net movement in funds		(29,391)	(5,902)	(85,459)	(120,752)	181,649
Total funds brought forward - adjusted	13	1,148,232	169,278	744,767	2,062,277	1,880,628
Total funds carried forward		1,118,842	163,376	659,308	1,941,526	2,062,277

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Balance sheet
As at 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible	6	351,275	246,611		597,886	609,382
Investments	7	474,847			474,847	538,202
Endowments	8			659,308	659,308	744,767
		826,122	246,611	659,308	1,732,041	1,892,351
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9 (a)	21,989	-		21,989	15,869
Cash at bank and in hand	9 (b)	281,827	(83,235)		198,593	164,254
		303,817	(83,235)	-	220,582	180,122
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(11,097)			(11,097)	(10,196)
Net current assets		292,720	(83,235)	-	209,485	169,926
Total net assets		1,118,842	163,376	659,308	1,941,526	2,062,277
Parish funds						
Unrestricted	11 & 12	1,118,841			1,118,841	1,148,232
Restricted	11 & 12		163,376		163,376	169,278
Endowment	11 & 12			659,308	659,308	744,767
		1,118,842	163,376	659,308	1,941,526	2,062,277

Approved by the PCC on 28th. March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Reverend Canon Jack Noble
Rector

1 Accounting Policies

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

(a) Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are accounted for on receipt by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid is accounted for on receipt, and tax recoverable is recognised when the related recovery has been received.

Grants, legacies and donations receivable are allocated to the relevant fund according to any restrictions placed upon their use. Grants and legacies are accounted for when they become due, and are included as debtors at the balance sheet date where:

- the PCC is certain of its entitlement and any pre-conditions have been complied with;
- it is reasonably certain that the grant or legacy will be received within a reasonable time span;
- the amount to which the PCC is entitled, and which will be received, can be reliably measured.

Income from investments

Dividends, interest and any related tax recoveries are accounted for on receipt, except where the amounts due at the balance sheet date cannot be reliably quantified.

(b) Resources used

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis except where noted below.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are accounted for on payment, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when it becomes payable, and any amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included as an operational, though not legal, liability.

(c) Assets

Consecrated and benefice property

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

No value is attributed in these accounts to the following.

- The fabric of St. Giles' church and the churchyard which are vested in the Rector.
- The former churchyard of St. Alphage, London Wall (which is laid out as a public open space in St. Alphage Garden) and which is on a long lease from the City Corporation. It was registered in the name of the Rector during 2010; the value of which is undetermined at the present time.
- The former St. Giles' Church Hall adjacent to St. Giles' church, which is on a long lease from the City Corporation to the PCC (vested in the LDF as custodian trustee); it is underlet to LDF and sub-under-let to and occupied by Newpark Nursery. However the final form of each of these leases remains under negotiation and there are issues of boundaries needing to be rectified, so the PCC is unable at present to value this asset. The adjacent Columbarium remains under PCC control.

Moveable church furnishings

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

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

Church seating	20 - 50 years
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Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost net of recoverable VAT or else, for gifts in kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt.

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

Land	Nil
Fixtures & fittings	20 years
Computers and similar equipment	3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this asset currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified and included in expenditure for the year.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of market value.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held either the CCLA or at the bank.

(d) Funds

Unrestricted Funds

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

Restricted Income Funds

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

Restricted Capital Funds

These are funds that represent income received for specific capital investments. Depreciation on these assets are charged to the these funds.

Endowment Funds

These are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Details of their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

(e) Volunteers

The monetary value of volunteer time is not recorded neither as an incoming nor outgoing resource since this cannot be accurately quantified because the number of hours and value per hour is indeterminate.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	2021 £
2. Income and endowments				
(a) Voluntary income				
Gift aid donations	58,599	-	58,599	68,366
Tax recoverable	14,406	-	14,406	20,181
Wall safe donations	407	-	407	769
Open plate collections	3,342	-	3,342	1,118
Legacies	-	-	-	1,726
Grants				
City Churches Grants Committee		-	-	-
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	1,604	-	1,604	9,684
ASCY Ancient Society of College Youths		-	-	475
Friends of St Giles		-	-	1,188
Friends of City Churches	-	2,000	2,000	-
Deanery Grant for insurance	-	576	576	951
Other Grantors	-	5,141	5,141	-
Stewardship - Give.net	1,032	-	1,032	3,233
City Burial Ground Fund	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Donations - other	5,124	-	5,124	2,679
Parish rate	17,601	-	17,601	12,573
	104,613	7,717	112,331	125,443
(b) Activities for generating funds				
Church lettings (Commercial)	56,707		56,707	40,684
Church lettings (Mission)	11,268		11,268	-
Bookstall	48		48	289
Book fairs	23,667		23,667	13,987
Roscoe Street hall income	10,000		10,000	12,215
	101,690	-	101,690	67,174
(c) Income from investments				
Dividends	31,730		31,730	30,687
Interest	1,252		1,252	33
	32,982	-	32,982	30,720

(d) Income from church activities

Columbarium	-	-	4,442
Special services	10,589	10,589	4,845
Weddings and funerals	2,972	2,972	1,183
Music income	21,121	21,121	7,707
Vergers' income	2,944	2,944	1,607
Bellringers' income	832	832	-
Refreshments	35	35	-
Events and other income	3,201	3,201	8,372
	41,693	41,693	28,156
Total income and endowments	280,978	288,695	251,494

3. Expenditure

(a) Missionary and charitable giving

Diocesan Lent Appeal	-	-	1,400
Hackney Food Bank	-	-	48
Plan International	180	180	165
Refugee & Other charities	2,998	2,998	-
	3,178	3,178	1,613

(b) Activities

Ministry:			
Diocesan common fund	87,200	87,200	87,200
Diocesan parochial fees	-	-	-
Clergy expenses	4,892	4,892	3,990
Pastoral Assistant's expenses	-	-	-
Church running costs:			
Heating, lighting and water	22,353	22,353	5,874
Insurance	945	945	1,263
Major repairs and restoration	1,759	4,105	24,150
Maintenance	12,906	12,906	10,280

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	2019	2018	2017
Music:			
Director of Music remuneration	16,711	16,711	11,099
Choir remuneration	25,925	25,925	19,294
Assistant Organist	5,993	5,993	3,773
Organ tuning, piano tuning & maintenance	4,817	4,817	2,906
Music scores, books & licence	907	907	2,206
Services:			
Church	867	867	682
Special services and events	1,654	1,654	1,142
Weddings and funerals	-	-	-
Church lettings	819	819	114
Columbarium	-	-	656
Leaflets & guides	-	-	486
Roscoe Street hall	-	-	101
Insurance	-	-	3,912
Vergers expenses	6,499	6,499	-
Bellringers' expenditure	1,072	1,072	268
Rectory maintenance	6,900	6,900	4,210
Other Expenses	2,190	2,190	183,604
	204,410	2,346	
(c) Management and administration			
Bkkeeper/Administrator salary, oncosts	31,744	31,744	30,769
Printing, stationery and postage	3,396	3,396	1,218
Telephone, fax and email	253	253	416
Website & internet connections	1,348	1,348	1,117
Accounting expenses	848	848	718
Independent Examiners Fees	150	150	150
Bank charges	237	237	292
Depreciation	1,286	11,273	12,184
Bad Debt write off	-	-	-
	39,262	11,273	46,864
Total expenditure	246,849	13,619	232,082

(d) Allocation of costs

	Church activities £	Raising funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 2021 £ £
Missionary and charitable giving Activities	3,178 196,780	- 9,975	3,178 206,755
Management and administration	40,428	10,107	50,535
	240,386	20,082	260,468
			232,082

The basis for the allocation is as follows.

- missionary and charitable giving are fully attributable to church activities
- activities costs are allocated on a line by line basis
- management and administration costs are allocated on an estimate of time taken

4. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 2021 £ £
Salaries and wages .	29,020		29,020 27,866
Pension	2,725		2,725 2,903
	31,744	-	31,744 30,769
Average number of employees			1 1

Under the terms of the Employment Allowance Scheme the church is able to reclaim its employers NIC payments in full.

The PCC has contracts for services with the Director of Music, musicians and our cleaning firm. All of these people work on a freelance basis.

5. Payments to and giving by PCC members - all paid from unrestricted funds

(a) PCC members received fees for services rendered as follows.

	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 2021 £ £
Anne Marsden Thomas - Director of Music	16,711 11,410
Penny Sharpe - Choir member	5,804 4,335

(b) Clergy were reimbursed for clergy expenses as follows.

Jack Noble - Rector (from May 2022)	3,281	-
Katharine Rumens - Rector (to June 2021)	-	3,156
Alex Norris - Curate	1,612	834

(c) No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

(d) in 2022 PCC members gave £35,383 to the church (2021: £36,082).

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Property	Church fixtures & fittings	Church furniture (20 yrs)	Church furniture (50 yrs)	Church & office equipment	Total
	£	£	£		£	£
At valuation - 1 January 2015	350,000					350,000
Cost						
At 1 January 2022	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	2,792	630,880
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions at costs	-	-	-	-	1,064	1,064
At 31 December 2022	350,000	150,867	39,456	87,765	3,856	631,943
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2022	-	14,502	3,946	1,755	1,295	21,498
Withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge of the year	-	7,544	1,973	1,756	1,286	12,559
At 31 December 2022	-	22,046	5,919	3,511	2,581	34,057
Net book value						
At 31 December 2021	350,000	136,365	35,510	86,010	1,497	609,382
At 31 December 2022	350,000	128,821	33,537	84,254	1,275	597,886

The hall in Roscoe Street is vested in the London Diocesan Fund as Custodian Trustee and for which the PCC are acknowledged to be the Managing Trustee. It has been currently let commercially at a reduced rent of £10,000 since 2021 in recognition of the financial hardships brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rent will be progressively raised to a commercial rate during 2023

7. Investment assets

	£
Market value at 31 December 2021	538,202
Disposal	-
Purchases at cost	-

Revaluation gain	(63,355)
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>474,847</u>
8. Endowment assets	£
Market value at 31 December 2021	744,767
Disposal	165
Purchases at cost	(85,624)
Revaluation gain	
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>659,308</u>

The endowment assets represent permanent endowment investments held within the Cripplegate Church Sworder Foundation for which the London Diocesan Fund acts as the Custodian Trustee and the PCC as the Managing Trustee. The capital is subject to restriction on its use and is governed by the objects of the Foundation as indicated in the Charity Commission Scheme of 21 January 1992. There is no power to convert capital into income and the capital is held permanently although the constituent investments may change over time.

	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	17,359	8,932
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,630	6,937
	<u>21,989</u>	<u>15,869</u>

9. Current assets

(a) Debtors

Trade debtors
Other debtors
Prepayments and accrued income

(b) Cash at bank and in hand

Current - NatWest	27,252	25,018
Current - CAF Bank	69,823	30,637
Deposit	94,392	101,483
General	5,116	5,116
Roscoe Street Hall	2,010	2,000
Credit Union	-	-
Rector's expenses float	-	-
Petty cash	-	-
	198,593	164,254

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	2,318	972
Other creditors	5,558	5,435
Accruals and deferred income	3,221	3,789
	11,097	7,517

There are no liabilities due after one year.

11. Summary of fund movements

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	Total
	General	Investments				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	610,030	538,202	169,278	744,767	2,062,277	
Incoming resources	280,978		7,717		288,695	
Resources expended	(246,849)		(13,619)		(260,468)	
Investment gains		(63,355)		(85,624)	(148,979)	
Transfer between funds	(165)			165	-	
Balance at 31 December 2022	643,994	474,847	163,376	659,308	1,941,525	

Restricted funds: capital improvements to the church funded by specific grants and donations.

12. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	351,275	246,611		597,886
Investment fixed assets	474,847		659,308	1,134,155
Debtors and prepayments	21,989			21,989
Cash	281,827	(83,235)		198,593
Liabilities: amounts falling due in one year	(11,097)			(11,097)
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	1,118,842	163,376	659,308	1,941,526
Fund balances at 31 December 2021	1,148,232	169,278	744,767	2,062,277

13. Prior year adjustment

In 2022, Music income has been moved from 2(a) to 2(d), to reflect the non-voluntary nature of this income.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London EC2Y 8BD on the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st. December 2022 as set out on pages 27 to 39 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C., 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date 19th. April 2023.

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