

**Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Saltford**

**Registered Charity No. 1138407**

**Annual Report  
And  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**



**Incumbent (until 31.09.22)  
The Revd D Wilshere  
The Rectory  
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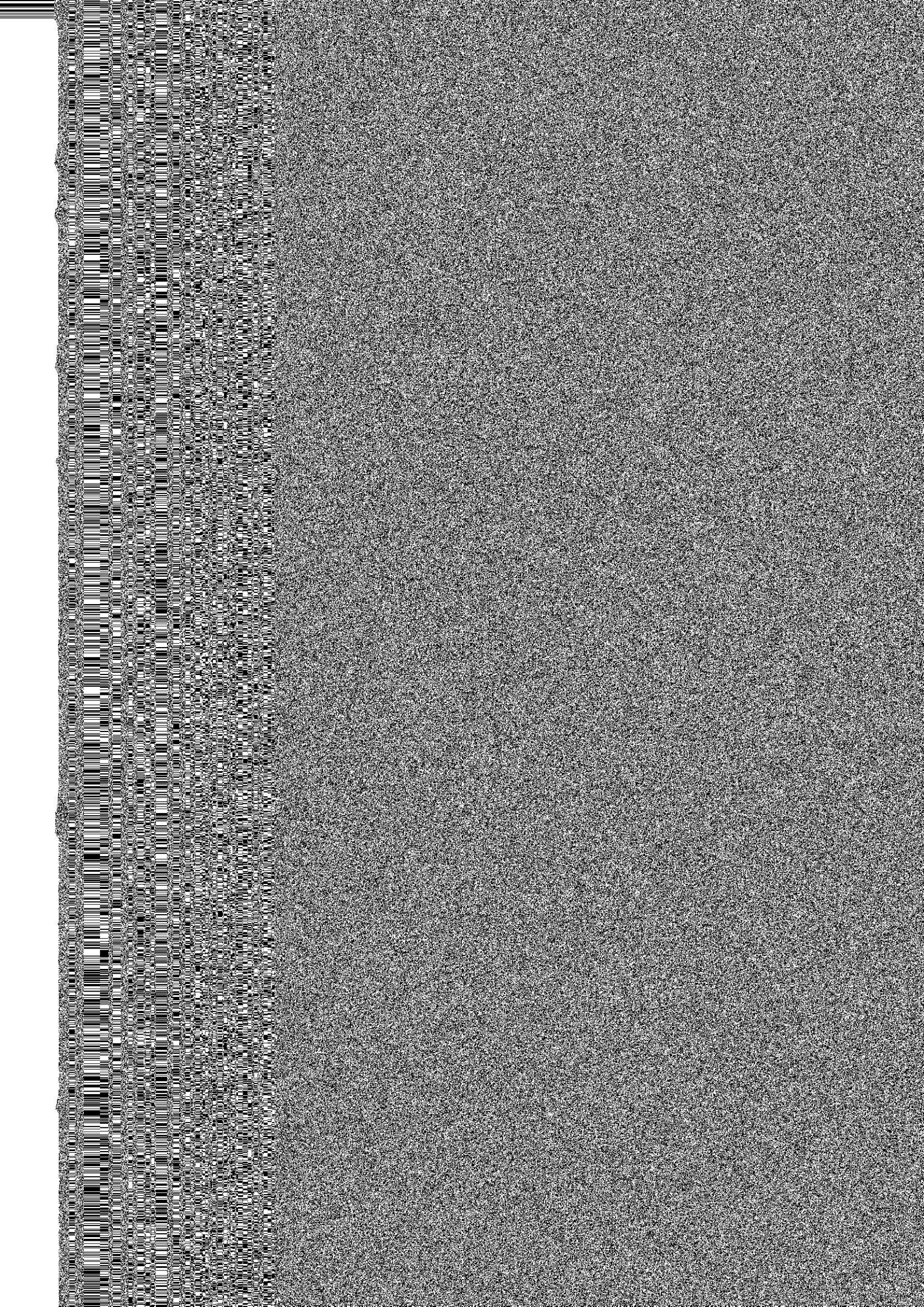
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Mr N Laycock  
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Home Groups have continued by Zoom and later in the year some met in person. During the year church members have met socially at the Little Coffee Shop and the Crown to provide support for each other.

The WhatsApp group called "Prayer, Share and Care" has continued to be a channel for prayer and mutual spiritual encouragement for many. The 6pm prayer group 'Prayer@6' has continued to pray for the discipleship and mission in its many forms in the life of St Mary's, and to pray for our nation and the world. The group have continued to meet for 15 minutes of prayer four times a week. Online Morning Prayer has continued throughout the year.

**To provide an opportunity for people to gather to hear the message of the Gospel.**

With church buildings once more open for services and occasional visitors, we have been able to share the gospel not only through collective and individual acts of kindness and the sharing of God's love, but in and through the teaching and liturgy of our services.

**A place where all believers are actively involved in shared leadership and service by the identification of and the giving of gifts of time, gifts and resources.**

There has been opportunity offered and taken to develop gifts such as welcoming, reading the lessons, leading intercessions, and being involved in the Connect services. We continue to seek to be a fellowship of those who follow Jesus Christ, with lives rooted in prayer and guided by the Spirit, giving our time, treasure and talents in His Name and for His glory.

We want to give a special thanks to our parish administrator, Liz Benden, who has carried an additional workload during our Rector's absence and then as we entered into a period of Vacancy. She continues to support and serve the life and mission of the church with skill, kindness and efficiency.

**Developing missional opportunities through our links with the community and the world.**

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions the Saltford Foodbank Distribution Centre resumed normal operation in 2022 and clients were allowed back into the main hall. The number of clients coming was low in early part of the year but has increased to a steady number for the rest of the year. We thank people for the continued food donations received in the local drop off boxes in the church hall lobby, Saltford Hall and in the Tesco and Waitrose Keynsham supermarkets.

Many of our congregation are involved in the activities of Saltford Community Association and in village organisations.

From April 2022 a monthly parish breakfast was started. It has proved very popular as a time of fellowship and an informal welcome to visitors, and has raised funds for local, national and international charities.

**To continue to maintain and improve our church, church yard and church hall**

2022 was a busy year fabric wise. In addition to normal maintenance, boiler servicing and other inspections, more improvement to some of the lighting was carried out and SMART meters were fitted. In the church a new, modern sound system has been used and is appreciated by all. The lights on the path to the church and to the Quiet Garden have been improved. Moving forward, our next Quinquennial inspection is due in 2023. It is anticipated that some work will be recommended in 2024 onwards, including to stonework together with redecoration of the inside of the church. Low priority work on the bell and refurbishing the organ has been deferred.

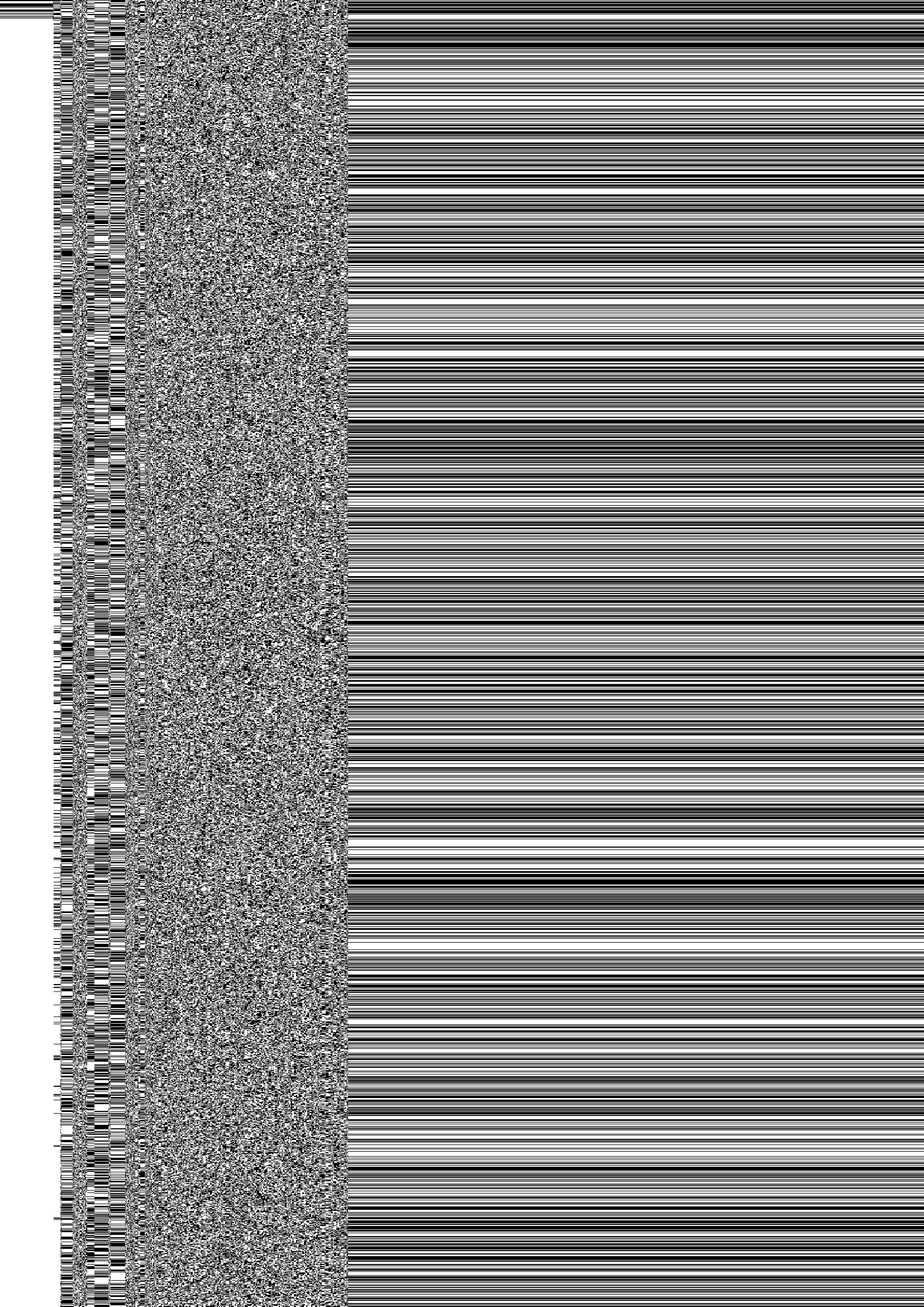
In the closed churchyard Saltford Parish Council have funded the repair of a length of collapsed wall churchyard and removed some trees that were undermining another wall. The appearance of the grave areas could be improved if there were enough volunteers.

In the church hall improvements have been made to some of the lighting and in the car park further new signs have been put up stating that users must not block in other cars so that there is access for authorized users and emergency vehicles. Some preparatory work has continued detailing the work required to refurbish and maintain the exterior of the church hall. This includes inspection of the roofs and steeple in 2023 or 2024, once funding has been sourced. High priority work will be done first eg cleaning very high gutters by a specialist contractor.

**Safeguarding**

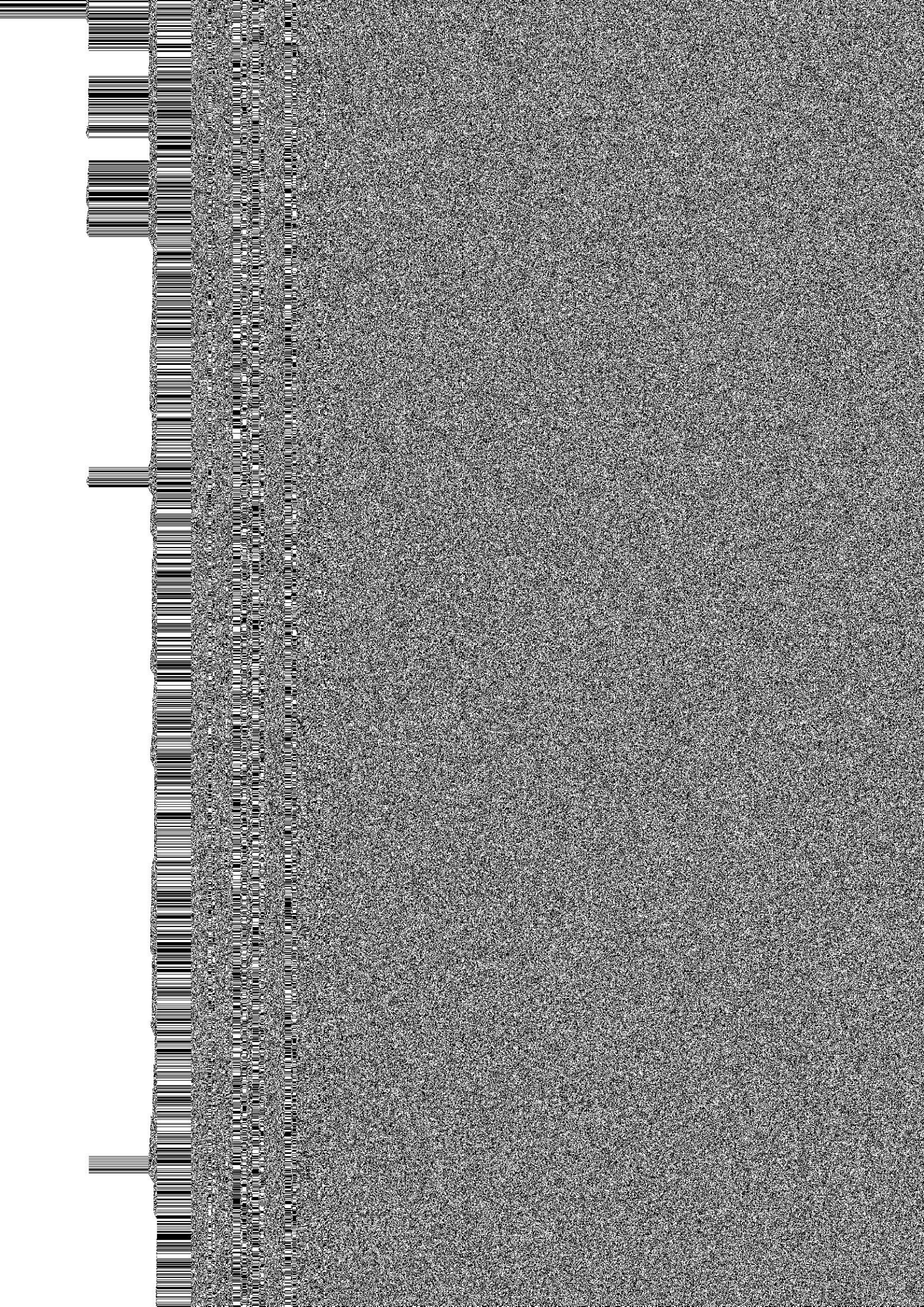
The Benefice Safeguarding and Safe Recruitment Policy is updated annually, published on the web sites, and displayed in the churches. Safe recruitment procedures are in place. Volunteers working with children and adults have job descriptions and there is the expectation that they will attend appropriate training. PCC members have completed the Basic Safeguarding training. Lay pastoral assistants, Readers and the Safeguarding Officer have all completed the required training.













RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
		General	Designated		2022	2021
RECEIPTS		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>						
Planned Giving	3(a)	48,067	-	-	48,067	51,506
Collections, donations and other giving	3(b)	4,328	-	1,000	5,328	3,795
Grants	3(c)	5,497	-	-	5,497	32,834
Legacies		-	-	-	-	500
Gift Aid Tax Recovered		<u>8,227</u>	-	-	<u>8,227</u>	<u>14,188</u>
		66,119	-	1,000	66,119	102,823
<b>Other Trading Activities:</b>						
Bookstall, hall lettings	3(d)	4,290	-	-	4,290	1,495
Other church events		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts from Investments:</b>						
Interest & dividends		64	-	-	64	7
<b>Receipts from Church activities:</b>						
Statutory fees retained by PCC		1,883	-	-	1,883	2,859
<b>Other receipts:</b>						
Reimbursement of shared Benefice costs		6,804	-	-	6,804	6,179
Miscellaneous		<u>1,432</u>	-	-	<u>1,432</u>	276
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u>80,592</u></b>	<b>-</b>	<b><u>1,000</u></b>	<b><u>81,592</u></b>	<b><u>113,638</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Charitable activities:</b>						
Donations to charities	4(a)	30	2,500	-	2,530	2,570
Mission & Evangelism		268	96	-	364	2,803
Parish Share		49,891	-	-	49,891	54,579
Clergy expenses	4(b)	770	-	-	770	687
Church running expenses	4(c)	4,638	398	-	5,036	5,140
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	17	17	1,404
Cost of raising funds		6,876	-	-	6,876	4,078
Support costs		1,917	-	-	1,917	518
Administration costs (incl staff costs)		16,182	-	-	16,182	19,288
Governance costs		306	-	-	306	388
Other		906	-	-	906	1219
<b>Major expenditure</b>						
Repairs to church building		2,369	-	-	2,369	24,446
Repairs to church hall		-	-	-	-	560
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>84,153</u></b>	<b><u>2,994</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>87,164</u></b>	<b><u>117,680</u></b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>7,192</b>	<b>(8,469)</b>	<b>(2,264)</b>	<b>(5,572)</b>	<b>(4,042)</b>
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-	-
		7,387	(8,564)	(2,264)	(5,572)	(4,042)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan		<u>25,447</u>	<u>19,263</u>	<u>11,411</u>	<u>52,160</u>	<u>56,202</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec		<u>32,834</u>	<u>10,679</u>	<u>9,147</u>	<u>46,588</u>	<u>52,160</u>

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Funds Designated £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Bank Current Accounts	3,346	-	-	3,346	5,339
Deposit Accounts	33,126	3,779	6,221	43,126	42,816
	<u>36,471</u>	<u>3,779</u>	<u>6,221</u>	<u>46,472</u>	<u>48,155</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>					
Income Tax Recoverable	2,320	-	-	2,320	2,735
Shared Benefice costs – Corston	727	-	-	727	776
Shared Benefice costs – Newton St Loe	727	-	-	727	776
Income Ledger	879	-	-	879	
	<u>4,653</u>			<u>4,653</u>	<u>4,287</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Purchase Ledger	591	-	-	591	941
	<u>591</u>			<u>591</u>	<u>941</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at a Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:-

Mr D Pickup (Chair)  
(signed on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023)



Dr N Osborne (Church Warden)  
(signed on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023)



Mrs P Faulkner (Treasurer)  
(signed on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023)



The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING BASIS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**2. TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

The expenses paid to clergy may contain a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other such payments were made to PCC members.

**3. RECEIPTS**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
	General	Designated	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
3(a) <i>Planned Giving</i>					
Tax efficient	44,399	-	-	44,399	47,983
Non tax-efficient	3,668	-	-	3,668	3,523
	<u>48,067</u>	-	-	<u>48,067</u>	<u>51,506</u>
3(b) <i>Other Donations</i>					
Legacies	-	-	-	-	500
Sundry Donations	<u>4,328</u>	-	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,328</u>	<u>3,795</u>
	<u>4,328</u>	-	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,328</u>	<u>4,295</u>
3(c) <i>Grants</i>					
BANES Covid grant	1,250	-	-	1,250	9,534
Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage				-	23,300
Bath & Wells Cost of Living grant	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
VAT refund through LPWS	<u>2,997</u>			<u>2,997</u>	
	<u>5,497</u>	-	-	<u>5,497</u>	<u>32,834</u>
3(d) <i>Other Trading Activities</i>					
Bookstall receipts	169	-	-	169	288
Church Hall Lettings	<u>4,121</u>	-	-	<u>4,121</u>	1,479
	<u>4,290</u>			<u>4,290</u>	







