

# **St Barnabas Church, St Paul's Cray**

Registered Charity No 1138953

## **Annual Report And Financial Statements Of the Parochial Church Council ( The Trustees )**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2022**

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## ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ST PAULS CRAY

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT for 2022

St Barnabas Church is the parish church of St Paul's Cray, Orpington, in the London Borough of Bromley. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester in the Church of England and part of the local Orpington Deanery. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St Barnabas Church, Rushet Road, Orpington, Kent BR5 2PU.

*St Barnabas PCC* has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, currently the Revd Neil Coleman, and during a vacancy with the Area Dean and Archdeacon, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Hall and Church House, all of which are situated in Rushet Road. Until the summer of 2022 St Barnabas PCC also had responsibility for St Barnabas Pre-School. The Church is a registered charity (No 1138953) of which the members of the PCC are trustees.

#### MISSION AIMS

Our Vision is summarised by our motto:

*"Keeping Connected to God / Being Connected to our World"*

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our church and in their homes, to become part of the community of St Barnabas, and to be fruitful and to care for others in the Parish and in God's wider world. We gather in God's love, grow through his word and spirit, give to be disciples for and go to share with others Jesus' life in all its fullness.

Our hope is that we not only keep connected to God, and with His help to the outside world, but also that we sustain and grow our connections with each other, as part of God's loving family in the Crays.

#### REVIEW OF 2022

*Church membership:* The total number on the Electoral Roll at the close of the year marginally increased to 62 (from 61), 13 of whom were resident outside the parish.

We were saddened by the deaths of several longstanding church members during the year, and were glad that many were able to join their families and friends at the services held to commemorate and celebrate the lives of Audrey Hagley, Anne Hall, Georgiana Nicol and John Sunley. All much loved and mourned.

We were however delighted to welcome Mia Johnstone in baptism at the end of August, as well as being happy during the year to be able to greet a number of adults as new and regular members of the Church family.

*Services and attendance:* We were able to resume our normal pattern of services during the year, with Holy Communion and Morning Worship (sometimes enlivened as Café Church in the Hall) on alternate Sunday mornings; time to pray on Wednesday mornings; and additional services as appropriate on the main church festivals. Average attendance at Sunday morning services during the year was 51 (including nine under the age of 16), which was a slight increase over 2021, during part of



which year some covid restrictions were still in place. There were peaks of 87 on Easter Sunday, 109 on Remembrance Sunday, and 76 on Christmas Day. A total of 96 attended Carols by Candlelight two weeks before Christmas. Attendance at Messy Church, which we were able to resume this year in more normal circumstances under Jane Sweatman's energetic leadership, was 90 (50 adults and 40 children) on Good Friday and at least 120 (60 adults and 60 children, and possibly more) on Christmas Eve.

*Attendance online:* Thanks to the skill and dedication of Brian Sweatman on computer and Jacqui Lander (or Randolph; Nnaemeka) on sound, all Sunday services (and midweek extra's) continued to be made available live on Zoom and on Facebook, and could subsequently be retrieved on Facebook. Our Facebook page has 712 followers and our livestream video has been viewed by 181 followers and 279 non-followers with 36% viewing more than 1 minute of the content. There were between 4 and 15 peak live views and subsequently another 45 to 423 views after the end of the livestream. The page reach peaked at 923 for the calendar year. As well as those in the locality unable for one reason or another to get to church on a Sunday morning, a number of present and former members of the Church family who are further afield follow our services in this way, with regular followers as far away as the Philippines and Arizona.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

We began the year with a focus in some of our services on the difficult and often vexed subject of personal relationships and sexuality. In response to the Bishop's recommendation of a suite of resources for *Living in Love & Faith (LLF)*, which some groups or individuals examined in more depth mid-week, Neil shared excerpts of videos from the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) to aid some aspects of our understanding of doctrine in a changing contemporary culture. In some ways it was challenging to speak and engage publicly on these issues, but given how long the matters had not been fully addressed by the Church, and in the face of the growing gulf between civil and canon law in a "post-Christian" country, it was time to think these things through, and we prayed for God's grace and help to discern faithful ways forward.

Our readings on many Sundays in the early part of the year were drawn from the Lectionary, with a particular focus on Luke's Gospel, but we also had a special series - such as after Easter on "Growing in Circles" to appreciate God's invitation into intimacy, affirmation, authority and obedience. Going into Advent we heard Ezekiel's words and images of prophecy to help us appreciate how different Biblical genres (or gateways) can be read to understand God's purposes. Throughout the year, we were able to happily resume more congregational singing, more gatherings in Café Church and the regular sharing of refreshments after services.

*Small groups* met to encourage one another in the faith, pray and reflect on specific series of readings or on the previous Sunday talk. These groups, adapting numerically over time, play a vital role in the growth of discipleship amongst the group members themselves, and a flexible means of drawing others into the process of spiritual growth.

We appreciated being able to meet again in person (as well as continuing online access for those unable to attend) for our special services, such as those on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day. Other Cray Churches joined us again on *Good Friday* for our open-air service on Cotmandene Crescent, helping us to bring witness of Jesus' saving love to the wider local community. Our *Good Friday Messy Church*, which brought in many local families, was a wonderful celebration



too, followed by an Easter Day service to hear the hope Jesus' resurrection proclaims; and there was an even greater attendance (and much fun) at Messy Church on Christmas Eve. Organised and led by Jane Sweatman (with a large and committed team of helpers) these all-inclusive services are a creative form of worship and celebration which brings the central message of the Gospel, and of God's love for all, closer to local families who are not necessarily regular attenders at more standard services.

Messy Church makes it possible for many members of the Church family to engage in our central mission, of bringing the Good News to the world, in a practical and unthreatening way. A similarly proactive form of mission are the regular sessions of *Healing on the Streets* on Saturday mornings, when a small, courageous and dedicated group from St Barnabas (led by Jane and Brian Sweatman, and joined by some others from other local churches) meet and greet and offer prayer and solace to local people in and around the local shops on Cotmandene Crescent. There have been some really heart-warming and encouraging encounters during the year. We hope that some other members of God's Church will feel encouraged to join in this mission in the coming year.

In the summer Neil joined Paul and Jacqui Lander on a memorable trip to *Albania* to support Arben Bedullah and other Christians in Albania. It was inspiring to see the ministry of the theological training in Tirana, and the commitment of the growing churches in Korce and Zvezda, whether they were meeting in shop-fronts or in village homes. Their faith and enthusiasm is contagious, as they do all they can to give of themselves in wholehearted worship and mission - for which we as a Church family have been privileged to give some support, and intend to continue to do so. But mostly, of course, they need and welcome our prayers.

After the covid interruptions of the previous two years Neil was delighted to be able to visit more local *Schools* to share the Good News at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, and to welcome some back into the Church; and the work of *Youth for Christ*, now based in our own building, augments the kingdom ethos greatly amongst young people in the neighbourhood. We enjoyed welcoming the *Scouts* for St George's Day (in late April) and on Remembrance Sunday (in November). We are all very conscious of and grateful for the enormous contribution which Rhys Davies makes both to our Church and to the local community with his cheerful and energetic Christian leadership of the Scouts - and also most impressed by his disciplined marshalling of these young people on parade Sundays, which are wonderful opportunities for us to get to know not only the young people themselves but also many from their families, and for them to get to know something about us. We were also very glad to be able to welcome our new local *Borough Councillors*, Chris & Rebecca, for these and other services and events; their presence as active participants in our services is very encouraging for us all. Our *Fun Day*, under Mary and David's leadership, again went superbly well, this year with the added attraction of the Orpington Baptist Church Boys Brigade marching band.

We celebrated the *Queen's Platinum Jubilee* in June when Jo Boorman organised a great party for all the community to enjoy. In September, we marked the death of the Queen in appropriate fashion in our following Sunday service, gave thanks for her outstanding example of leadership and Christian duty and commitment, and prayed for Charles III as he embarked on his onerous new responsibilities. Many happy and interesting memories of Elizabeth II were shared at Thursday Club and at our next Baycroft service by those who had lived throughout her reign, and in some cases for very much longer!

*Prayer Breakfasts* resumed, alternating between Ozzie's Diner and the Church Hall, whilst a small group of regulars devoted time together on *Wednesday mornings* for prayer for our Church life, for



the Church family, and for those in need both near and far. Many other individual prayer needs and requests – particularly, but not only, for those who are ill or bereaved – are shared through the *Prayer Chain*, organised discreetly but efficiently by Phaedra Hayter.

We have all been encouraged by the greater use of the *Church Hall*, with increasing numbers of hirings for family and other local celebrations. This has yet again proved David Thomson's wisdom and foresight, and justified his very hard work a few years ago, in raising funds for, and then managing, the complete redecoration and refurnishing of the Hall, and the refurbishment of the kitchen to acceptable modern standards, making the Hall a much more useful and attractive resource for the local community.

Following the closure of the Pre-School (see below) the residual teaching and other equipment was made available to our community and to other charities. Subsequently, and with a lot of hard work from a first-class team of volunteers, storage and activity resources in and around the Hall were reorganised on more logical lines acceptable to the various regular church users (including the three separate children and young people groups on Fridays, Sunday School groups, and Thursday Club).

One result of the closure of the pre-school has been that the Hall and its facilities have now become available on weekdays for hire to other groups on a more regular basis, which should be of long-term benefit to the financial health of the church as an organisation. In view of the improved facilities and greater costs of the Hall the PCC also approved a small increase in hire charges, to take effect from January 2023.

After receiving financial assistance from the Diocese to meet some of our increased heating costs, we experimented with opening the Lounge as a *Warm Space* in the winter, given the financial hardship many people were known to be facing, and following the lead given by a number of other church communities around the country. We enjoyed welcoming some visitors on several occasions, but in the light of what was only a very limited take-up it was eventually concluded that other Churches, in more central locations, were probably better positioned to fulfil the need.

Our Church's regular contributions to a number of national *charities* continued with 4% of our income given between; *Tear Fund* that support so many communities around the world in practical and spiritual ways wherever it's needed most; CMS partner *Tim Curtis* in consultation with the Anglican church of Paraguay in Rio Verde to be writing, translating and producing training material in the Énxet language for indigenous Christian leaders; *Arben Bedula* (through TEN) in leading one church and planting another in southern Albania; and 2% between *BRF* that developed Messy Church and Anna Chaplaincy; *CAP Bromley* to support those in debt and facing increasing financial hardship; and *Spinnaker* that provides school workers to appropriately share the Gospel with children in Orpington and St Paul's Cray.

Foodbank receives individual offerings during the year and more at Harvest, we continued as a Church or as individuals to support a number of particularly *local charities*, and Thursday Club received regular briefings on the work of Child Aid during the year and its members made regular donations to its work. This provided practical help to vulnerable children and child-support organisations in Eastern Europe and, in particularly difficult circumstances, Ukraine.



Towards the end of the year an entirely new initiative was launched when Kayleigh invited the ladies of the parish to become founder members of the *St Barnabas Women's Community Choir*. This now meets regularly on Thursday evenings in the Church. According to rumours received from some of the participants by those many church members who are of course not invited, this is a highly talented group, already achieving high standards of performance and, of equal importance, providing great fun (and exercise) for those involved.

We have continued to operate within the bounds of our *Child Protection Policy* and Church of England and Diocesan *Safeguarding* guidelines, and all PCC members and all relevant volunteers and most helpers have received or are receiving the appropriate training as required. Phaedra Hayter continued as Parish Disclosure Officer, and Sue Proctor as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC has been regularly reminded of its collective responsibility for ensuring that statutory or other procedures are respected and enforced, and, most importantly, and irrespective of procedures, that the church community remains a safe and welcoming environment for young people, for the vulnerable, indeed for all. Sue and Phaedra have kept the PCC updated, have made every effort to remind all concerned of their own individual responsibilities, but further progress still needs to be made in some areas. Our Safeguarding Sunday was intended to help us all keep this matter near the top of our agenda, and encourage all concerned not only to take note but also to act accordingly.

The PCC held several discussions during the year on the possibility and desirability of seeking to acquire a *minibus*, initially for the use of children and young people's groups, but also available for other groups or to meet other urgent travel needs. After some debate, the PCC agreed to continue with an application for National Lottery funding. This application proved successful, and an updated briefing will be provided at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May.

**Children and Youth Ministry:** Sadly, the financial challenges of continuing with our *Pre-school* became too great for the PCC to reconcile and regrettably, after much prayer and hard thought, we took the difficult decision that the school should close at the end of the academic year in July. Our long-standing staff had served faithfully, over so many decades, coping with the challenges of a greater range of younger children to care for and their varying developmental needs, let alone the greater health and hygiene demands which arose during their last two years as a result of the pandemic. However, wider societal changes – including reduced statutory funding, greater competition from commercial and other nurseries and pre-schools, and the more complex responsibilities of employers in this highly regulated sector - led the PCC to conclude that its main responsibility must always be to protect our ability to pursue our core mission and that our more limited financial resources should be focused accordingly.

*Children and Youth Worker:* In November Jen Coleman took up a full-time role with Chislehurst Youth for Christ (based in our church building), and her hours employed by the PCC were consequently reduced, but still generously funded through a grant from the St John's Fellowship. The constructive relationship between our own youth and CYFC has proved of great benefit throughout the year.

*Splashkids* (led by Alison Kavanagh) and *Lighthouse* (for the older young people, led by Jen Coleman) continued to meet during most Sunday morning services.

On Friday afternoons and early evenings in term-time the Hall was more or less continuously occupied by *Tots Club* (run for so many years by Mary Thomson), *Rock* (for children from 8 to 11) and *Fuel* (for



young people from 11 to 18), both the latter under Jen Coleman's overall charge, but all with help from many other church members, CYFC and (Crystal) Palace for Life Foundation. The *St Barnabas Bike Project* continued to be well-supported on Saturday mornings with several groups of young people graduating with an admirably bespoke set of new wheels.

In August fourteen young people, accompanied by Neil, Jen, Chichi, Jane Sweatman and Josh (from CYFC), joined about 2,000 other young Christians for a week at the *Satellites Youth Festival* in Peterborough. It was an uplifting time for all concerned – and Jane's mastery of cooking amidst a record-breaking summer of heatwaves was particularly appreciated.

**Our mission to the elderly:** *Thursday Club* met monthly throughout the year under Sue Proctor's leadership; and in most months (and subject to the occasional incidence of covid) Sue, along with Neil (on most occasions) Jacqui and members of the Worship Group, continued to take a service of prayer and praise to the *Baycroft Care Home*. At the end of August a number of church members attended Baycroft's summer fête in celebration of the fifth anniversary of their arrival in Grays Farm Road. In her capacity as an Anna Chaplain Sue also visited or kept in regular contact with a number of the more elderly members of the Church family, including some no longer able to attend Sunday services on a regular basis.

#### LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH

The leadership and operational management and maintenance of the Church is a shared responsibility. *The PCC, and particularly the Vicar, are very grateful to all those who cheerfully give so much of their time, without formal titles, to undertake so many of the functions which keep the Church and its many activities going throughout the year, and which underpin our core work and mission.*

*PCC membership:* Since the annual meetings in May 2022 the full membership of the PCC has been as follows: the Rev Neil Coleman (ex-officio Chairman); Paul Lander (Lay Vice-Chairman and Worship Group Leader); Jo Boorman (Deanery Synod Representative); Rhys Davies; David Fitzpatrick (Churchwarden); Comfort Harding; Jacqueline Lander (Treasurer); Chichi Nwandu (Lay Minister in training); Sue Proctor (Lay Minister with Permission to Officiate, Anna Chaplain and Safeguarding Officer); and the Rev Jane Rawling (Associate Minister with Permission to Officiate). Sharon Fitzpatrick was appointed Secretary at the first meeting after the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The PCC met five times for regular meetings during the year, two extra meetings were held (to resolve issues of staff pay and to consider a funding proposal for a minibus), and online consultations were held as needed. Jacqui's commitment and many hours of time every week as Treasurer kept us all assured of good stewardship amidst so many changes, and God's abundant grace was evident when we see all that was given and provided for.

Two sub-groups of the PCC met as needed during the year: the *Standing Committee*, which is a statutory body empowered under church law to transact business on behalf of the PCC; this consists of Neil, David F, Jacqui and Rhys. The second, and less official, sub-group currently known as 'Wardens & Staff' (or WAS), comprises the Incumbent, Associate Minister, Lay Minister, Youth Worker and the Warden; it meets to keep an overview of all aspects of the church's life and ministry, to consider and plan for future patterns of services, and to think and pray strategically.

*Churchwarden and assistants:* At the annual meeting of parishioners in May, Rhys Davies stepped down after three years as Warden but agreed to continue to serve on the PCC and to provide continuing support for the new Warden. David Fitzpatrick was elected in his place, combining the



heavy duties involved with his work as one of the Worship Group leaders, our Representative on the Diocesan Synod, and membership of the Bishop's Council. In addition to Rhys' continuing support, David has been assisted from time to time on Sundays by Carol Parker and Bill Proctor (and by many unsung heroes of the Welcomers group, and especially George Kavanagh), and in his other management and administrative functions by David Thomson (in relation to the church estate), Nnaemeka Nwandu (in relation to health and safety matters) and Brian Sweatman (in respect of I.T.).

*In worship:* Our regular worship continued to be led by our Vicar Neil Coleman, supported by Jane Rawling (Associate Minister) and Sue Proctor (Lay Minister and Anna Chaplain), with occasional but much valued contributions from others, including Brian Sweatman and Colin Frampton. Jen Coleman and Chichi Nwandu were awarded the Bishop's Certificate in July and, as they continued their training towards their expected licensing as lay ministers, were able to play a rather larger part in our regular Sunday worship when not otherwise committed to other tasks.

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight.* We were all saddened by the death in August of John Sunley, who had served as Reader at St Barnabas for more than fifty years, and played so great a part in all aspects of our work and life together. In his early years John was a very active leader of our young people, and inspired many; subsequently he was one of the founders of Thursday Club, for the more mature members of the Church family, which he then led for many years and remained a regular attender and contributor for the rest of his life. Although John had had to pull back from some duties in more recent years, he continued to lead our prayers and to preach (always prefaced by those appropriate words from Psalm 19) even when his health began to deteriorate, and to provide wise advice, positive encouragement and warm and cheerful comfort to many members of the Church family and any visitors he would meet. Generations of church members owe John an enormous debt of gratitude for his loving and faithful service and support for us all, and for the Church

*In music:* Paul Lander continued to lead the musical side of worship with their customary élan, together with the other regular members of the Worship Group (Phaedra Hayter, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Geoff Ready, Chrys Wickramasinghe, Brian Smyth and Chichi Nwandu). Their work included not only the regular provision of music in our services in Church but also each month at Thursday Club (with Phaedra and Paul leading) and in services at the Baycroft Care Home in Grays Farm Road. The group have during the year been joined by Ruth Ware, whose mellifluous cello has lifted our spirits in worship and praise on some Sunday mornings. Over the last year a number of young people began to add welcome new sounds and new voices to the mix with the encouragement of Paul, David and Chichi: as well as joining the Worship Group on occasions the young musicians also led a Sunday service worship in the Autumn of 2022 – a hopeful augury for the future. Under the leadership of Josh Smith of CYFC they also provided stimulating new sounds at the annual Carol Service in December.

*In the office:* Kayleigh Shaw continued to serve with efficiency and good humour as Church Administrator, in particular taking on most of the arrangements for the increasing number of hall bookings and establishing a much-improved bookings diary.

### **The Church estate: Buildings and Grounds**

With funding received from the Home Office, CCTV was installed in June 2022 and has now been registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. Appropriate signing will be displayed around the site. It is very much to be hoped that this will reassure employees and regular users, and discourage any return of the misbehaviour and vandalism to which the Church estate has occasionally been subject in recent years.

We had a quinquennial inspection of *Church House* towards the end of the year. This was primarily to check the outside of the house and its structure, and the grounds, but attention was also drawn to the need for gas and electrical safety checks to be brought up to date. We accordingly authorised Savills (the agents) to go ahead with Gas Safety and EICR inspections and are liaising with them to agree what other repairs may need to be completed. Each party (the Diocese and St Barnabas) will split the costs of any work according to the agreed ratio.

Some minor repairs have been carried out where necessary; and the external entrance doors to the main Church building have been provided with new locks and keys. Following the closure of the pre-school we have also made some modifications and improvements to the furniture and other storage arrangements in the Hall.

New electric heaters have been installed in the Lounge, and guards have now been put around them to prevent damage.

The grounds have been maintained in generally good order and I am grateful to the small band of volunteers who have so willingly undertake this work. Some of the trees have been causing damage to the fences and will be checked as necessary.

**Risk Management:** We continue to operate within the bounds of our Child Protection Policy and Church of England and Diocesan safeguarding guidelines, and all PCC members and other relevant volunteers have received or are undergoing the appropriate training as required. Phaedra Hayter continues to be our Parish Disclosure Officer, and Sue Proctor as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Nnaemeka Nwandu has been our Health & Safety Officer since May 2022. An Established Fire Risk Assessment is in place. All fire extinguishers have been checked and where necessary replaced. Expert advice and guidance are sought as appropriate.

**Reserve Policy:** The PCC's policy is to maintain a reserve sufficient to meet 6 month's routine expenditure. We have been able to achieve this with the relevant funds held in our deposit account with the Diocese. The aim is to maintain all our reserves with the Diocese, thereby earning a little interest whilst keeping the reserves separate.

Adequate funds are set aside, on a monthly basis, to meet the costs associated with the quinquennial review of the church buildings and the attendant recommendations for repair work to be carried out.

Other church groups and office holders have where necessary reported their activities in separate Documents circulated in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.



Approved by the PCC on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Revd Neil Coleman.



## 2022 Finance Report

### Overview

The year end bank balance stood at £9,557 (2021: £5,052 ). In the first half of the year we withdrew £9,000 from our deposits with the Diocese to help with cash flow. However we were able to place on deposit the £11,000 grant we received from St John's Fellowship to cover the costs of our Youth Worker. The PCC committed to pay the Diocese £32,903 in 2022 in response to the generous support we get from them, including the vicar's stipend. It was a challenge but, with the increase in rental income and church hall lettings, we have managed it. For 2023 the PCC have agreed an Indicative Offer of £35,500. Our Youth Worker now works for Chislehurst Youth For Christ (CYFC), who are based in our premises. Most of her remit is now covered by CYFC but St Barnabas still employs her for 5 hours which covers the younger children's work and Sunday meetings. Our administrator oversees the hall lettings and does an admirable job. Sadly, during 2022 the Preschool had to close as it was no longer financially viable. The losses sustained and aid from the church during the closing months were covered by their cash reserves.

Overall we had a net surplus of funds of £3,594 compared with net surplus of £20,964 in 2021. However, bear in mind we had a very generous donation of £30,000 in 2021.

### Financial Highlights

#### Incoming Resources

**General Giving** income via morning services and standing orders amounted to £39,168 (2021: £38,424), an increase of 2%. Most of the giving is by direct bank transfer which eases the counting of Sunday collections. Should anyone wish to alter their way of giving or change the amount they give please speak with me. It is also relatively easy to allocate your giving to a particular purpose. Tax payers can also increase their giving, with no extra cost to themselves, by Gift Aiding their donations.

**Income tax recoverable:** Income tax recoverable for 2022 is estimated at £8,302. This is an increase of £2,667 over the previous year. We received £7,802 for the tax year 2021/22 compared to £6,435 for 2020/2021

**Rental Income:** The Square room is let out to Chislehurst Youth for Christ and we received £5,046 from them during the year. The renting of Church House yielded an income of £14,322 before expenses.

The Fun Day returned in 2022 and again was a great success

Total Incoming Resources amounted to £133,334 (2021 - £135,072 ). However bear in mind the gift of £30,000 in 2021.

#### Resources Expended

There was no major premise expenditure during the year. However we still had our set outgoings of Indicative Offer to the Diocese (Parish Share); General running expenses and Staff costs. Although Preschool closed in July Staff Costs remained roughly the same due to redundancy payments made.

Total Resources expended from Unrestricted funds totalled £79,890 (2021-£76,704).

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## 2022 Finance Report

### Continued

Key outgoings included:-

Missionary and Charitable Giving/Home Mission  
Indicative Offer  
Church Running Expenses  
Church Repairs and Maintenance  
Secretarial / Staff costs

Total resources expended, including the above, amounted to £129,760 (2021 £114,109,) giving a surplus of £3,574

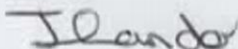
### Risk Policy

The trustees regularly review the major areas of risk and take any necessary action to limit foreseeable risks.

### Major risk exposure

The major risk to which the charity is exposed is failure to obtain adequate cash reserves to fund the charity's activities. This has been particularly relevant this year with the continuing effects of Covid. If sources of funding become more difficult to obtain the charity would be faced with the prospect of reduction in activities and a reduction of commitments. Also, if reserves fall below the amount considered necessary to operate normally it would contravene the charity's policy of maintaining them at a sufficient level.

Approved by the P.C.C. on Monday 20th March 2023 and signed on it's behalf by



Mrs Jacqueline Lander (Hon. Treasurer)



## ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ST PAULS CRAY

### Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 12 to 19

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (a) Examine the accounts under section 142 of the 2011 Act;
- (b) To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- (c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

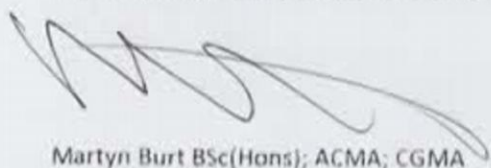
#### Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date:

**ST BARNABAS CRAY**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Voluntary Income	8a	47,877.85	19,216.21	67,094.06	83,024.44
Activities for generating funds	8b	21,275.10	3,086.69	24,361.79	10,481.67
Income from investments	8c	449.25	203.35	652.60	210.15
Income from church activities	8d	12,849.06	28,376.90	41,225.96	41,356.18
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>82,451.26</b>	<b>50,883.15</b>	<b>133,334.41</b>	<b>135,072.44</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Church Activities	9a	76,495.22	49,520.40	126,015.62	111,969.63
Fund Raising Costs	9b	1,249.10	256.79	1,505.89	349.42
Other Expenditure	9c	2,145.61	92.96	2,238.57	1,789.59
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>79,889.93</b>	<b>49,870.15</b>	<b>129,760.08</b>	<b>114,108.64</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<b>2,561.33</b>	<b>1,013.00</b>	<b>3,574.33</b>	<b>20,963.80</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8,260.83</b>	<b>-8,260.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>10,822.16</b>	<b>-7,247.83</b>	<b>3,574.33</b>	<b>20,963.80</b>
Total Funds brought forward at 1 January 22		142,781.33	35,504.35	178,285.68	157,321.88
Total Funds carried forward at 31 December 22		<u>153,603.49</u>	<u>28,256.52</u>	<u>181,860.01</u>	<u>178,285.68</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these accounts.



## ST BARNABAS CHURCH ST PAUL'S CRAY

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	57,695.83	59,835.83
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	4	7,491.36	6,705.24
Diocesan Funds:			
Church Repair Funds		24,842.08	23,866.34
Legacies Account		13,287.56	13,209.44
Ordinary Deposit		76,293.05	73,843.80
Cash at Bank and in Hand:			
Lloyds Bank account		9,556.97	5,052.11
Cash in hand		50.00	275.00
Preschool Santander account		5,949.44	5,564.17
Cash in hand-Preschool		0.00	297.57
Cash Tots		419.06	228.36
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		137,889.52	129,042.03
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors-Amounts falling due within one year	5	13,725.34	10,592.18
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		124,164.18	118,449.85
Creditors-Amounts falling due after one year		0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>181,860.01</u>	<u>178,285.68</u>
<b>Represented by - PARISH FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted:			
Property		53,264.00	54,296.00
Church Repair Funds		24,840.08	23,864.34
General Funds		75,499.41	64,620.99
		153,603.49	142,781.33
Restricted:			
PCC		24,389.67	20,393.75
Missionary Fund		3,447.79	3,447.79
Preschool Fund		0.00	11,434.45
Tots Club		419.06	228.36
		28,256.52	35,504.35
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u>181,860.01</u>	<u>178,285.68</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Monday 20th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
The Reverend Neil Coleman (PCC Chair)

  
Jacqueline Lander (PCC Treasurer)

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**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 PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have been prepared under FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)). The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor that are informal gatherings of church members.

**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

**Movable church furnishings**

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. As the church hall is incorporated within the church complex it is not recognised as a PCC asset.

**Other Land and Buildings**

Following the introduction of Financial Reporting Standard 15 "Tangible Fixed Assets" the fixed asset of land and building was crystallised at its carrying value on 1 January 2000. The property consists of the 77% interest of the Parish in Church House which is situated next to the Church. The remaining 23% is owned by the Diocese. The property is split 33% land and 67% buildings. Under FRS 15 there is no depreciation incurred on land, however, there is a depreciation charge of 2% on cost applied to the building portion.

**Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment**

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated at a rate of 20% on the written down value. Individual items with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which they are acquired.

**FUNDS**

**Restricted Funds**

These comprise revenue or grants for a specific PCC expense, as specified by the donor. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balances remaining unspent at the year end are carried forward as a balance on that fund.



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**MISSIONARY FUND**

This comprises donations, gift days and special appeals for missions that the church supports. The same rules as in the above paragraph apply.

**PRESCHOOL FUND**

This is a facility for children that operates from the church hall and comprises income from fees or grants less operating costs. The same rules apply as for the PCC restricted Funds. The Preschool ceased operating in July 2022 and surplus funds transferred to general funds.

**TOTS CLUB**

This a facility for small children prior to preschool and also operates from the church hall. The fund comprises income from subscriptions or events less operating costs. The same rules apply as for the PCC Restricted Funds.

**Unrestricted Funds**

These are funds to be spent on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

**Incoming Resources:** Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantified. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**Resources expended:** Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**2. STAFF COSTS**

<b>(a) Staff Costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
During the year the PCC employed 3 staff in its PreSchool at any one time; 1 in its office and 1 youth worker.		
Wages and Salaries (including redundancy payments)	49,843	49,611
<b>(b) There were no payments to the trustees for their services.</b>		
<b>(c) Several members of the PCC were reimbursed for expenditure made on behalf of the PCC. These transactions were all carried out at arm's length, on production of invoices. The nature of the expenses were printing and stationary; cleaning materials material for services and computer expenses.</b>		
<b>(d) Fees for examination of accounts</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Independent Examiner	350	325

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**3. FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1st January 2022	77,000.00	22,649.96	99,649.96
Additions at cost	-	-	0.00
At 31st December 2022	<u>77,000.00</u>	<u>22,649.96</u>	<u>99,649.96</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st January 2022	22,704.00	17,110.13	39,814.13
Charge for year	<u>1,032.00</u>	<u>1,108.00</u>	<u>2,140.00</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>23,736.00</u>	<u>18,218.13</u>	<u>41,954.13</u>
N.B.V AT 31 December 22			<u>57,695.83</u>
N.B.V AT 31 December 21			<u>59,835.83</u>

The property included above as 'Freehold Land and Buildings' is represented by Church House which is an asset that has been provided for church use and therefore treated as a functional fixed asset. In the recent past it has not been used to house any church workers so it has been rented out to bring in some rent. However, the PCC are aware of the situation and will keep this position under review, and if the likelihood of church use in the near future is unlikely, the asset may be classified accordingly as something more appropriate.

<b>4. DEBTORS</b>	2022	2021
Tax recoverable	5,500.00	5,000.00
Prepaid Council Tax	376.15	366.83
Net Rent due on Church House	1,100.41	1,100.41
Prepaid Repairs	514.80	
Prepaid Youth Costs		238.00
	<u>7,491.36</u>	<u>6,705.24</u>

<b>5. LIABILITIES</b>	2022	2021
Other Creditors	6,021.29	5,946.04
Accruals	<u>7,704.05</u>	<u>4,646.14</u>
	<u>13,725.34</u>	<u>10,592.18</u>



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6. FUNDS

Fund Movements

	Balance as at 1-1-22	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31-12-22
<b>FUNDS</b>					
<u>Unrestricted:</u>					
Property	-54296.00		1032.00		-53264.00
CRF-Church	-13042.44	-77.75		-3410.00	-16530.19
CRF-Church Hall	-5846.40	-28.83		1170.72	-4704.51
CRF-Church House	-4975.50	-18.65		1388.77	-3605.38
General	-64620.99	-82326.03	78857.93	-7410.32	-75499.41
<u>Restricted</u>					
PCC	-20393.75	-20939.56	16943.64		-24389.67
Missionary	-3447.79				-3447.79
Preschool	-11434.45	-29409.58	32583.20	8260.83	0.00
Tots	-228.36	-534.01	343.31		-419.06
	<b>-178285.68</b>	<b>-133334.41</b>	<b>129760.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-181860.01</b>

Transfers between Funds

From	To	Reason	Amount
Pre-School	PCC General Fund	Closure funds	15,036.84
PCC General Fund	Pre-School	Closure expenses	6,776.01
Ch Hall Repair Fund	PCC General Fund	Against repairs carried out	2,689.52
CRF Ch Hse	PCC General Fund	Against Church House repairs & Fees	2,186.77
General Funds	Church Repair Funds	Against future repairs	5726.80

7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Tangible Fixed Assets	57,695.83		57,695.83
Current Assets	106,770.40	31,119.12	137,889.52
Liabilities due within one year	-10,862.74	-2,862.60	-13,725.34
Liabilities due after one year			
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>153,603.49</b>	<b>28,256.52</b>	<b>181,860.01</b>

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<b>8 Analysis of Incoming Resources</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>		<b>Restricted</b>		<b>P.C.C.</b>		<b>Missionary</b>		<b>PreSchool</b>		<b>Tots Club</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	
		<b>General</b>		<b>Designated</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
<b>a) Voluntary Income</b>																			
	Planned Giving	36,704.26				36,704.26										36,704.26		36,404.62	
	Tax Recoverable	8,302.30				8,302.30										8,302.30		5,635.09	
	Open Plate Collections	2,439.29				2,439.29		24.65								2,463.94		2,019.34	
	Legacies					0.00										0.00		0.00	
	Sundry Donations	432.00				432.00		4,241.56								4,673.56		34,024.39	
	Grants Received					0.00		14,950.00								14,950.00		4,941.00	
		<b>47,877.85</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>47,877.85</b>		<b>19,216.21</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>67,094.06</b>		<b>83,024.44</b>	
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>																			
	Gift Days & Special Appeals					0.00		1,520.00								1,520.00		836.20	
	Other Events	1,907.04				1,907.04				1,514.69		52.00				3,473.73		0.00	
	Rental Income	19,368.06				19,368.06										19,368.06		9,645.47	
		<b>21,275.10</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>21,275.10</b>		<b>1,520.00</b>		<b>1,514.69</b>		<b>52.00</b>		<b>3,086.69</b>		<b>24,361.79</b>		<b>10,481.67</b>	
<b>c) Income from Investments</b>																			
	Bank Interest	449.25				449.25		203.35								652.60		210.15	
		<b>449.25</b>				<b>449.25</b>		<b>203.35</b>						<b>203.35</b>		<b>652.60</b>		<b>210.15</b>	
<b>d) Church Activities</b>																			
	Fees / Subscriptions	1,619.20				1,619.20				27,894.89		463.01		28,357.90		29,977.10		38,055.23	
	Church Hall Lettings	11,098.50				11,098.50								0.00		11,098.50		3,165.00	
	Bookstall Income	115.44				115.44										115.44		135.95	
	Miscellaneous	15.92				15.92						19.00		19.00		34.92		0.00	
		<b>12,849.06</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>12,849.06</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>27,894.89</b>		<b>482.01</b>		<b>28,376.90</b>		<b>41,225.96</b>		<b>41,356.18</b>	
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>82,451.26</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>82,451.26</b>		<b>20,939.56</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>534.01</b>		<b>50,883.15</b>		<b>133,334.41</b>		<b>135,072.44</b>	



ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ST PAULS CRAY													
Year ended 31 December 2022													
9 Analysis of Resources Expended	Unrestricted		Restricted				TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		
	General	Designated	Total	P.C.C.	Missionary	PreSchool	Tots Club	Total	P.C.C.	Missionary	PreSchool	Tots Club	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Church Activities</b>													
Mission and Charitable Giving	3,416.00		3,416.00	1,717.00				1,717.00					5,133.00
Home Mission	2,028.00		2,028.00	444.65				444.65					2,472.65
Messy Church	72.75		72.75	60.00				60.00					132.75
Youth Work	690.85		690.85	300.00				300.00					990.85
Bike Project			0	3,591.34				3,591.34					3,591.34
	6,207.60	0.00	6,207.60	6,112.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,112.99					12,320.59
													7,728.49
<b>Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share</b>	32,903.00		32,903.00					0.00					32,903.00
Other Ministry Costs	911.36		911.36					0.00					911.36
Running Expenses	17,771.20		17,771.20			20.00	111.77	131.77					17,902.97
Maintenance	6,086.44		6,086.44			169.59		169.59					6,256.03
New Equipment	0.00		0.00					0.00					0.00
Depreciation	2,140.00		2,140.00					0.00					2,140.00
Secretarial / Staff Costs	7,479.59		7,479.59	10,830.65		31,533.20		42,363.85					49,843.44
Preschool closure costs			0.00			659.00		659.00					659.00
RDBF/Verger/Organist Fees	0.00		0.00					0.00					0.00
Course Fees	327.33		327.33					0.00					327.33
Upkeep of Services	1,640.57		1,640.57					0.00					1,640.57
Magazine / Bookstall Costs	78.07		78.07					0.00					78.07
Stationery and Printing	950.06		950.06			83.20		83.20					1,033.26
	70,287.62	0.00	70,287.62	10,830.65	0.00	32,464.99	111.77	43,407.41					113,695.03
													104,241.54
<b>b) Raising Funds</b>													
Cost of Events	1,210.55		1,210.55					139.09					1,349.64
Refreshments	38.55		38.55			68.21	49.49	117.70					156.25
	1,249.10	0.00	1,249.10	0.00	0.00	68.21	188.58	256.79					1,505.89
<b>c) Other Expenditure</b>													
Legal and Professional	1,665.08		1,665.08					0.00					1,665.08
Bank Charges	233.54		233.54					0.00					233.54
Miscellaneous	246.99		246.99			50.00	42.96	92.96					339.95
	2,145.61	0.00	2,145.61	0.00	0.00	50.00	42.96	92.96					2,238.57
													1,789.59
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	79,889.93	0.00	79,889.93	16,943.64	0.00	32,583.20	343.31	49,870.15					129,760.08
													114,109.04