

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1139222

Details

Other names CHRIST CHURCH PCC, STAMFORD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-11-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Christ Church is an Anglican church with a weekly Sunday service. We have Holy Communion once a month. We have children and youth work every other Sunday. We operate social outreach projects covering new born to elderly, vulnerable, disabled and marginalised individuals. Check our website for more details.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£60,218	£57,072	-	-
2023-12-31	£57,741	£62,827	-	-
2022-12-31	£51,600	£62,894	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,082	£77,201	-	-
2020-12-31	£57,348	£76,742	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Ann MacBeath		2021-09-21
Dawn Field		2019-04-28
Denise Collins		2025-05-18
Jacqui Luan Wells		2021-05-02
Phiona Hemrita Blake		2024-04-07
Rev Anthony Olanrewaju Laotan		2020-08-05
Tina Bland		2021-05-02

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Independent examiner	Michelle Feasey, Stamford

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Administrative information

Christ Church Stamford is situated on Green Lane Stamford. It is part of the Diocese of Lincoln within the Church of England.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members who have served from / during 2023 are:

Ex-Officio	Anthony Laotan	Vicar
	Dawn Field	Warden
Elected Members	Tina Bland	Member
	Rachael Carter	Secretary, stepped down April 2024
	Jacqui Wells	Deputy Safeguarding Officer
	Carol MacBeath	Lead Safeguarding Officer
	Phiona Blake	Member
	Lorraine Davie (Lou)	Stepped down November 24

Committees

The Ministry Team operates with the Vicar, Revd. Anthony Laotan, Children, Youth & Families Minister, Laura Mitchell, Jacqui Wells & Dawn Field the Churchwarden.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met ten times over the course of the year whereas Ministry Team met monthly.

Objectives and activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of promoting within the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Christ Church building. The church operates social outreach projects covering newborn to elderly, vulnerable, disabled, and marginalized individuals.

Church Attendance

The church holds a weekly morning service at 10am. Our weekly attendance at services averages 30 per week.

There are 51 members on the Electoral Roll.

Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

For these 2024 accounts we have continued to use ExpensePlus, which was the financial software we employed in 2023, and this year's accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

The total income for Christ Church was £60,218 an increase of 4% on the previous year. Total expenditure was £57,072, a decrease in spending of 9% on the previous year. It should be noted that the increased income did include a large grant of £21,500 (2nd year allocation) from the Henry Smith Charity to employ our Children, Youth and Family Minister.

Open plate collections remained stable and whilst regular giving did dip towards the year end, it was compensated for by an increase in one-off gifts. We are receiving good regular income now from hall lettings and a regular hirer has increased the number of sessions which will further benefit the church and *increase* income in 2025. In May 2024, the Friends of Christ Church donated £50 towards obtaining a contactless device for collecting offerings and other donations from the Diocese of Lincoln Generosity Team and it has since been an additional income stream.

Utility bills remain high, our electricity was in line with budget but gas was much higher. The boilers are old and will require replacement in the short term. We had made a Covenant Pledge with the Diocese to pay £11,500 in 2023, £12,500 in 2024 (which was fully paid) rising to £15,000 by 2025.

Christ Church Ministry

Our regular income has remained stable, and we have seen stability in the number of people attending church and our weekly activities. Church services are well attended and we still have new people join us even as we have had a few leave due to house moves, career changes etc. Our CATALYST Communities (Home groups) have expanded and shrunk over the course of the year. We increased to 5 earlier in the year and decreased to 3 by the latter part of the year as three smaller CCs morphed into 1. The highlight of the year was our own version of 'Come Dine With Me' in June. Each CATALYST Community took it in turn to host both church members and invited guests over 4 Wednesdays to explore the Christian faith using a video series called 3,2,1 by the Speak Life Charity. It was a success judging by the number of new people that attended and also the community feel it gave us as a Church. We decided, based on good feedback; to organize a similar event quarterly and in December, we held a Christmas Variety Night which had 45 people in attendance and a good cross section of members and people from the community. Our Annual fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre, also took place in December raising £750.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programmes - a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and, ultimately, a relationship with Christ. Under the leadership of the Rev Anthony Laotan, we continue to respond to the opportunities and need around us under the umbrella of the Anchored project.

Anchored

This project incorporates StartaFresh, Communita Plus & Bread & Butter. All the programmes are run by volunteers under the Leadership of Revd Anthony Laotan.

Communita Plus

Communita Plus is a group with a broad remit of not just the elderly but others within the Community who are isolated, lonely or new to Stamford. These people meet every Wednesday from 11am to 2pm (term-time) to socialize, enjoy a cooked two-course meal and some form of entertainment.

StartaFresh

This group continues to meet weekly on a Friday (term-time). StartaFresh offers vital confidence building and social support for the members. We continue to provide educational opportunities with Rutland Adult Learning to whom we are very grateful for their continued support.

Feeding Families

We still receive boxes of emergency food from the Rapid Relief Team and distribute these to those in need in our community. People do not need to be referred to or have any kind of assessment. These boxes are given to people known to us who are struggling and also through our local schools.

The Bread & Butter Thing

This food membership club provides food recovered from Farms, Factories and Supermarkets at affordable prices, about a third less than supermarket prices. This club runs weekly throughout the year and has already become popular within the community.

Buildings

Our Quinquennial inspection took place in January 2024 and highlighted the basement stairlift needs replacement.

Children and Youth

Our work with children and young people through 'Tots and Toast' and the local schools continues to thrive. These groups are well attended and popular with local families. Our Children, Youth & Families Minister has continued working with children and youth in both Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy one day a week supporting both children and young people through gardening activities and mentoring. She organized Rooted, a bible-themed holiday club in the summer which was very successful. At Halloween, she and her team helped to run a Light Party at Bluecoat School in October which was equally well attended. The Den, however, suffered a decline in numbers all year and had to be rested in December with a view to repurposing it in 2025. We remain grateful to all those who fund us to continue all this important work, thanks to funding from The Burghley Family Trust, Stamford Lads Club, and Henry Smith Charity.

Christ Church Grantors

Christ Church gives a huge thank you to the many people who so kindly donate to support the outreach programs. We have also received generous grants and donations from a range of organizations in 2024, including:

- Burghley Family Trust
- Stamford Lads Club
- Henry Smith Charity
- Friends of Christ Church

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC

Charity Law requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial transactions during the Charity year and of the disposition of the Charity's assets and liabilities at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

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The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to prepare financial statements which comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies	17999	510	18509	21785
Charitable Activities	22045	19665	41710	35957
Investments	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	40043	20175	60218	57741
Payments				
Charitable Activities	36789	20283	57072	62827
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Support	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total payments	36789	20283	57072	62827
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	3254	-108	3146	-5086
Fund Transfers In	120	0	120	3000
Fund Transfers Out	120	0	120	3000
Net Movement of Cash Funds	3254	-108	3146	-5086
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	33261	12781	46043	50773
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	36515	12674	49189	45687

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Balance Sheet (Church of England)
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Current Assets				
Cash	36,515	12,674	49,189	45,687
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	36,515	12,674	49,189	45,687
Represented By				
Unrestricted				
General (Unrestricted)	15,612		15,612	14,762
Designated				
Children and Youth Refreshments (Des)	303		303	512
Mission Refreshments (Des)	230		230	409
Anchored D (Des)	13,665		13,665	10,846
Day Centre D (Des)	255		255	255
Garden Project (Des)	0		0	0
Toddlers (Des)	530		530	530
Fabric (Des)	358		358	358
Audio Visual (Des)	639		639	639
Hardship (Des)	2,100		2,100	2,255
Outreach (Des)	1,458		1,458	1,458
StartaFresh (Des)	800		800	680
Wheelchair Car (Des)	563		563	201
Transport Scheme (Des)	0		0	0
Restricted				
Children and Youth Minister (Res)		10,945	10,945	10,597
Children and Youth Projects (Res)		593	593	1,197
Anchored R (Res)		0	0	0
Children's Church (Res)		344	344	459
Day Centre R (Res)		0	0	0
Garden Project R (Res)		113	113	148
Mission Fund (Res)		157	157	367
StartaFresh R (Res)		507	507	0
Minibus Transport Scheme (Res)		0	0	0
AED (Res)		14	14	14
Agency Collections (Res)		0	0	0
Funds of the Church	36,515	12,674	49,189	45,687

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown

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Fund Movement by Type
For the Period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	15118	33532	33158	120	15612
Total	15118	33532	33158	120	15612
Designated					
Children and Youth Refreshments (Designated)	512	606	815	0	303
Mission Refreshments (Designated)	409	0	179	0	230
Anchored D (Designated)	10846	4295	1476	0	13665
Day Centre D (Designated)	255	0	0	0	255
Garden Project (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
Toddlers (Designated)	530	0	0	0	530
Fabric (Designated)	358	0	0	0	358
Audio Visual (Designated)	639	0	0	0	639
Hardship (Designated)	2255	0	35	-120	2100
Outreach (Designated)	1458	0	0	0	1458
StartaFresh (Designated)	680	125	4	0	800
Wheelchair Car (Designated)	201	1486	1123	0	563
Total	18144	6511	3631	-120	20904
Unrestricted Total	33261	40043	36789	0	36515
Restricted					
Children and Youth Minister (Restricted)	10597	17230	16882	0	10945
Children and Youth Projects (Restricted)	1197	2305	2909	0	593
Anchored R (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
Childrens Church (Restricted)	459	0	114	0	344
Day Centre R (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Project R (Restricted)	148	0	34	0	113
Mission Fund (Restricted)	367	133	343	0	157
StartaFresh R (Restricted)	0	507	0	0	507
Minibus Transport Scheme (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
AED (Restricted)	14	0	0	0	14
Agency Collections (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12781	20175	20283	0	12674
Restricted Total	12781	20175	20283	0	12674
TOTAL	46043	60218	57072	0	49189

CONCLUSION

Before closing it is appropriate to thank most sincerely our staff and all the volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to ensure the efficient running of our services, projects and community activities. We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from sponsors, grantors and charitable organizations, trusts and businesses - and the people who just give, even when they themselves struggle to make ends meet. We also thank the many other groups and partners who collaborate closely with us in a multitude of ways.

This report dated:

Signed:

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Anthony Laotan
(Vicar)

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Dawn Field
(Church Warden)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

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	Dawn Field	Warden
	Nigel Garwood	Resigned as Warden 2023
	Laura Mitchell	Stepped down April 2023
	Lesley Foulkes	Stepped down December 2022
	Barbara Morley	Tenure completed 2023
Elected Members	Tina Bland	Member
	Rachael Carter	Secretary
	Jacqui Wells	Deputy Safeguarding Officer
	Carol MacBeath	Lead Safeguarding Officer
Co-opted	Lisa Garwood	Resigned as Treasurer 2023

Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee which has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by Council and to limits of delegated authority.

The Building Committee oversees the stewardship of the Church building and ensures that repairs are dealt with.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met ten times during the year. Committees have met between meetings and items from these were included in the PCC discussions as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

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Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

For these 2023 accounts we have moved to a new financial package, ExpensePlus, and this year's accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

The total income for Christ Church was £57,741 an increase of 11% on the previous year. Total expenditure was £62,827 which was almost the same as last year. It should be noted that the increased income did include a large grant of £18,800 for the Henry Smith Charity to employ a Children, Youth and Family Minister.

Our overall giving was very much in line with our budget. Open plate collections remained stable and whilst regular giving did dip towards the year end, it was compensated for by an increase in one-off gifts. We are receiving good regular income now from hall lettings and a regular hirer has increased the number of sessions which will further benefit the church and *increase* income in 2024.

Utility bills remain high, our electricity was in line with budget but gas was much higher. The boilers are old and will require replacement in the medium term. We had made a Covenant Pledge with the Diocese to pay £11,500 in 2023 (which was achieved), £12,500 in 2024 rising to £15,000 by 2025. We spent the agreed £6,754 on repairs to the ramp wall. Three quotes were obtained and the work was completed in December 2023. This money has been taken from General Fund reserves.

Christ Church Ministry

Our regular income has remained stable, and we have seen stability in the numbers of people attending church and our weekly activities. This year we developed the garden to the rear of the church into a welcoming space for the community. We are grateful to our funders for enabling this to happen. As we head into 2024, we plan to use this for outreach activities. Church services are well attended and we have seen new people join us. Following a fortnightly discipleship group in 2022, two CATALYST Communities (Home groups) emerged and have been established. Another Home Group that was functional pre-covid also restarted bringing the number of CATALYST Communities to three. Towards the end of the year, two more groups were formed including one for teenage girls. We have had a few successful social events during the year, including Step into Spring - a community event, and a Coronation Party for King Charles which was largely funded and supported by the Council. We capped the year with our annual fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre. This event raised £700.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programmes - a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring the Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and ultimately a relationship with Christ. Under the leadership of the Rev Anthony Laotan, we continue to respond to the opportunity and need around us under the umbrella of the Anchored project.

Anchored

This programme incorporates StartaFresh, Day Centre, Community Chatter and Feeding Families. There were some significant changes to the way Anchored operates as the contract for Temporary Manager overseeing the Day Centre and Feeding Families expired. All the programmes are now run by volunteers under the oversight of Revd Anthony Laotan.

Day Centre

Day Centre ran for the first half of the year with several efforts to keep it financially and numerically sustainable. Numbers dropped significantly as more members either took ill or were rehoused in care homes as rising operational costs outweighed income. Decision was made to bring the Day Centre to an end and not to renew the Temporary Manager's contract. Also, decision was also made to incorporate the former Day Centre and Community Chatter members into a new group, COMMUNITEA PLUS, with a broader remit of not just the elderly but others within the Community who are isolated, lonely or new to Stamford

StartaFresh

This group continued to meet on a Friday, dropping to once a week due to staff changes. StartaFresh offers vital confidence building and social support for the members. We continue to provide educational opportunities with Rutland Adult Learning to whom we are very grateful for their continued support.

Community Chatter

Ran weekly as an afternoon drop-in session where anyone from the community can come along for friendship and support until it was ended alongside the Day Centre as stated above. Members were migrated to COMMUNITEA PLUS, the new group that has incorporated both the Day Centre and Community Chatter.

Feeding Families

We still receive boxes of emergency food from Rapid Relief Team and distribute these to those in need in our community. People do not need to be referred or have any kind of assessment. These are given to people known to us who are struggling and also through our local schools.

The Bread & Butter Thing

We met with The Bread and Butter Thing Charity in the summer and started a food membership club in November 2023. This club provides food recovered from Farms, Factories and Supermarkets at affordable prices, about a third less than supermarket prices. This club runs weekly through the year and has already become popular within the community.

Children and Youth

Our work with children and young people through 'Tots and Toast' and The Den continues to thrive. These groups are well attended and popular with local families. Our new Children and Youth Minister resumed duty in April 2023 and has continued the good work established by her predecessor. She has continued visiting Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy one day a week supporting both children and young people through gardening activities and mentoring. She organized various activities and sessions in the summer such as Community Cook-up for families and creative workshops for young people. We ran a Light Party in October which was well attended. Work with young people gathering on church grounds through the drop-in has temporarily ceased but engagement is ongoing as and when they are around. We remain grateful to all those who fund us to continue all this important work, thanks to funding from The Burghley Family Trust, Stamford Lads Club, the Ark Trust and Henry Smith Charity.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	21,657	128	21,785	17,202
Charitable Activities	15,552	20,405	35,957	34,398
Investments	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	37,209	20,532	57,741	51,600
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	47,124	15,703	62,827	62,894
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Activities	0	0	0	0
Support	0	0	0	0
Total resources used	47,124	15,703	62,827	62,894
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-9,915	4,829	-5,086	-11,293
Fund Transfers In	0	3,000	3,000	130
Fund Transfers Out	3,000	0	3,000	130
Net Movement of Funds	-12,915	7,829	-5,086	-11,293
Total Funds Brought Forward	45,821	4,952	50,773	62,066
Total Funds Carried Forward	32,905	12,781	45,687	50,773

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Christ Church – 1139222
Balance Sheet (Church of England)
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Current Assets				
Cash	32,905	12,781	45,687	50,773
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	32,905	12,781	45,687	50,773
Represented By				
Unrestricted				
General (Unrestricted)	14,762		14,762	23,133
Designated				
Children and Youth Refreshments (Des)	512		512	631
Mission Refreshments (Des)	409		409	500
Anchored D (Des)	10,846		10,846	9,456
Day Centre D (Des)	255		255	2,318
Garden Project (Des)	0		0	103
Toddlers (Des)	530		530	628
Fabric (Des)	358		358	895
Audio Visual (Des)	639		639	782
Hardship (Des)	2,255		2,255	2,255
Outreach (Des)	1,458		1,458	4,500
StartaFresh (Des)	680		680	619
Wheelchair Car (Des)	201		201	0
Transport Scheme (Des)	0		0	0
Restricted				
Children and Youth Minister (Res)		10,597	10,597	1,084
Children and Youth Projects (Res)		1,197	1,197	700
Anchored R (Res)		0	0	12
Childrens Church (Res)		459	459	564
Day Centre R (Res)		0	0	72
Garden Project R (Res)		148	148	902
Mission Fund (Res)		367	367	424
StartaFresh R (Res)		0	0	0
Minibus Transport Scheme (Res)		0	0	1,181
AED (Res)		14	14	14
Agency Collections (Res)		0	0	0
Funds of the Church	32,905	12,781	45,687	50,773

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown

Christ Church – 1139222
Fund Movement by Type
For the Period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund Name and Type	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General	23,133	30,278	38,650	0	14,762
Designated					
Children and Youth Refreshments	631	743	862	0	512
Mission Refreshments	500	858	950	0	409
Anchored D	9,456	1,850	461	0	10,846
Day Centre D	2,318	2,937	5,000	0	255
Garden Project	103	0	103	0	0
Toddlers	628	0	97	0	530
Fabric	895	0	537	0	358
Audio Visual	782	0	142	0	639
Hardship	2,255	0	0	0	2,255
Outreach	4,500	0	42	-3,000	1,458
StartaFresh	619	61	0	0	680
Wheelchair Car	0	482	281	0	201
Transport Scheme	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted					
Children and Youth Minister	1,084	18,800	12,287	3,000	10,597
Children and Youth Projects	700	1,600	1,103	0	1,197
Anchored R	12	100	112	0	0
Childrens Church	564	0	105	0	459
Day Centre R	72	0	72	0	0
Garden Project R	902	0	755	0	148
Mission Fund	424	0	56	0	367
StartaFresh R	0	0	0	0	0
Minibus Transport Scheme	1,181	0	1,181	0	0
AED	14	0	0	0	14
Agency Collections	0	33	33	0	0
TOTAL	50,773	57,741	62,827	0	45,687

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown

CONCLUSION

Before closing it is appropriate to thank most sincerely our staff and the many volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to ensure the efficient running of our projects and community activities. We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from sponsors, grantors and charitable organisations, trusts and businesses - and the people who just give, even when they themselves struggle to make ends meet. We also thank the many other groups and partners who collaborate closely with us in a multitude of ways.

This report dated:

Signed:

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Anthony Laotan
(Vicar)

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Dawn Field
(Church Warden)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH,
STAMFORD**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

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:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanation 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 matter set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Michelle Feasey
1 West Street Business Park
Stamford PE9 2PL



2nd April 2024

Director: Michelle A. E. Feasey
Company Secretary: Niall McQuitty
Vat Registration No. 793 3980 79
Registered in England No: 4462491



Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Christ Church
Stamford

AGENDA

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

- 1, Prayer and Introduction – Revd Anthony
- 2, Hymn 1 - Great is thy faithfulness
- 3, Bible Reading 1 – Ephesians 4:1-6
- 4, Election of Churchwarden for 2023/24
- 5, Hymn 2 – The Goodness of God
- 6, Bible Reading 2 – Colossians 1:9-13
- 7, Exhortation – Revd Anthony

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

- 7, Matters Arising from 2021/22 minutes
- 8, Reports – a) Churchwardens report – Dawn and Nigel
 - b) Mission and Ministry Associate's report – Laura
 - c) Safeguarding report – Carol
 - d) Electoral Roll - Gail
 - d) Groups 1 - Tots n Toast – Jacqui / Sunday zone - Rachael
 - d) Daycentre report / Families in need – Rhea
 - e) Vicar's report / Groups 2 – The Den / StartaFresh – Revd Anthony
- 10, Financial Matters – Discussion & Formal approval of the Accounts and Appointment of Independent Examiner - Lisa
- 11, Any Other Business
12. Prayers
12. Hymn 3 - Build Your Kingdom here
- 13, Blessing

NEXT PCC MEETING – JUNE 20, 2023

PROVISIONAL DATE OF NEXT APCM – April 28, 2024

MINUTES

Vestry Meeting

1. Welcome and Prayer: Rev. Anthony Laotan welcomed the parishioners and opened with a prayer
2. Election of Church Wardens: Nigel Garwood is stepping down after 6 years, Antony thanked him for his service. Dawn Field is returning as Church Warden.

APCM

1. Apologies: Carol MacBeath, Laura Mitchell, Dawn Field
2. Ministry report: given by Anthony as part of the service
3. Minutes from the APCM November 2022: Minutes proposed as a true record by Jay Nicholls and Seconded Nigel Garwood
6. Church Fabric Report: A written report is available on file with the minutes
7. Ministry and Mission Associate: Laura prepared a video as a summary of her Ministry and Mission Associate report. Laura thanked people from the community that helped with the Christ Church Community Garden. Laura thanked the volunteers that helped the run the community events that the Church has run. Inroads have been made with regard to the school gardening project at Bluecoats. Laura thanked everyone for their support so far. A written report is available on file with the minutes.
8. Safeguarding Report: A written report is available on file with the minutes
9. Electoral Roll: Total of 51 members, two have passed away A written report is available on file with the minutes
10. Children and Youth: Tots and Toast available on file with the minutes. Rachael thanked the volunteers that have joined, this has enabled the Sunday Zone to run 3 (4) times a month.
10. Anchored Report: Anthony summarised the projects that Rhea runs, Day Centre, that now runs weekly, and food boxes for the schools. A written report is available on file with the minutes
11. Children and Youth the Den: Meets every Thursday, Anthony joined the team and members from St Georges also joined the team for 6 months.
12. Ministry Report: First half the year was busy, we unfortunately lost Geraldine Crowley and Paul Darley and there was a flood in the basement. Things began to settle down towards September. Anthony thanked everyone for stepping in with their time and support to ensure that ministry could continue. A written report is available on file with the minutes.
13. Financial Report: The accounts have been independently examined, they have been formally adopted as a true record by the PCC. Michelle Feasey was proposed as the independent examiner, proposed by Nigel Garwood and seconded by Gail Burnham. Predicted a £8000 shortfall for the Church fund, but this was not

the case, general giving increased and Church events have raised money. Diocese gave £3000 to help with gas and electric bills, and we had a donation of £1000. We are running at 'break even' budget and this is a good place to be in. A written report is available on file with the minutes. Lisa has stepped back from her post as treasurer, Anthony thanked Lisa Garwood for her 5 years of service as she is stepping down as treasurer, but will keep doing the accounts for Christ Church.

14. Deanery/Diocesan Report: A written report is available on file with the minutes.

14. AOB: It was asked what the Henry Smith fund covers. Anthony explained it covers wages, training, resources and rent of the building.

Closed with prayers and worship.

FABRIC

Throughout 2022 all required checks on Fire protection, electrical and gas have been carried out.

The grounds behind the Church which was overgrown was cleared so that the Electrician could put the new wiring in for the new Electrical Cooker.

The brick wall at the side of the slope leading up to the Church building has been separating away, this has been an ongoing issue. We have been working with our Insurance Company Ecclesiastical who have provided assistance with the Church sending a letter to the owners to try and receive reimbursement of costs to repair the damage.

The Church audit was carried out

Dawn Field and Nigel Garwood

Church Wardens

ELECTORAL ROLL

Electoral Roll

The Electoral roll currently stands at 51 members as at 04th April 2023.

Movement:

- 5 members left (2 deceased / 3 left CC)
- 1 new member

Electoral roll 2022 55 members

Gail Burnham

Electoral Roll Officer

CHILDREN & YOUTH

TOTS 'N' TOAST REPORT

Since leading from September 2022, we have had a steady influx of mums and toddlers. Average attendance figures have been around 13 children per week, with a high of 22.

The curriculum has followed 'Women of the Bible' and 'Fruits of the Spirit'. A new curriculum will begin after the Easter holidays.

The children have enjoyed our Christmas Jumper Day, a visit from Father Christmas, Red Nose Day and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Sensory activities are proving popular – with the grown ups as well in some cases! – and as the toddlers are growing , they are becoming more interested in the crafts that we do as well.

It is lovely to see those mums who have been coming since their older children were little, now bring their younger ones. We've had some new mums come along too with their young babies which is lovely to see. It just goes to show what a group like this means to our community.

Our Light Party, which is primarily run for primary aged children, in October was a big success, running at full capacity.

It's been an absolute pleasure on my part, with the aid of my daughter Emily, Carol, my mum Ruth, Alice and Tina to get to know these families and their little ones.

May we wish our best to the new Children & Young Peoples Minister, Laura Mitchell, and I hope she finds running the group as enjoyable as I have.

Jacqui Wells

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Zone

I have been running Sunday along with Tina since September 2022. Initially we were able to offer Sunday Zone once a month following Men of the Bible curriculum. Since January 2023 we have had three new volunteers (Laura, Jacqui and Emily) join the team and now able to offer three sessions per month. Laura helped to organise a new curriculum, following fruit of the Spirits which we will be following until May 2023. We have between 5 and 10 children each session, normally we do a group craft activity, read a Bible verse relating to the theme, make a craft and play games/do a song at the end if there's time. Generally children are quite engaged in the different activities, although we have some slight older children (towards the end of primary school) join and have differentiated the activities where possible. Our next task is the clear out the crafts cupboard so that we have clearer picture of we have and can introduce some new activities. It has been great to see new children join the group, lovely to get to know them and guide them at the start of their faith journey.

Rachael Carter

The Den

The Den resumed in September with two members of the team having left in the summer. The remaining volunteers wanted to continue running the weekly sessions, so I stepped in to provide leadership in the interim and also to liaise with St George's church for volunteer support. Alice Pinney and Mark Beckett, both Youth Minister and Apprentice Youth Worker from St George's joined the team and that enhanced our capacity and put us in a position to run regularly as we had, for most weeks, large numbers of young people attending sometimes between 17 and 20. On the run to Christmas, we ran a 3-part advent series as a new feature (God-slot) of the sessions which we had also extended to 2 hrs between 5 and 7pm. This went down really well with the youth and would remain as part of the sessions.

Revd Antony Laoton

MINISTRY AND MISSION ASSOCIATE

The Friday Thing / International Feasts

Through the majority of 2022 we continued to host 'The Friday Thing', a welcome morning in church aimed at international people. This started fortnightly and was a lovely time of hospitality and fellowship that gave a place for internationals to come, meet others and hear about other events in church and town. We were helped by Jennie Burnett (of St George's Church) and Yvette Diaz-Munoz (of the Stamford Diversity Group) to run this and welcomed visitors from a range of countries, including the Ukraine, Italy, Spain, Jamaica, India, Guatemala, Mexico, among others. We also hosted 3 further International Feasts on Saturday evenings through the year (May 21st, Sept 17th and Dec 17th) which were reasonably well attended, though smaller than the initial 2 last year. On the 5th of June at our Pentecost service some of the people we had had contact with through this group joined our service to sing in Italian which was a truly wonderful offering. During the Christmas event, entitled 'Christmas around the World' we hosted the local Ukrainian choir and Ellie Turner played the harp. It was a beautiful time, a real blessing for us.

Through the autumn the numbers became smaller at the Friday Thing group (possibly as other groups arose and the Ukrainians got more settled in Stamford) and we felt that it would be right to stop this group to focus our efforts more on outreach to the young people who were gathering on our doorstep at church. Jennie and Yvette planned a follow-on Alpha course at St George's that we could signpost people to. The group had been started shortly before the Ukrainian war and refugees began to arrive in Stamford so it had definitely been a blessing for a season in God's timing.

Community events

Through the last year we have held a number of events aimed at reaching out to the community and showing Christchurch to be a place for all to belong. We hosted a **Jubilee Celebration** on the 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which was well attended and great fun. There was food, singing, dancing with all ages represented and many on our fringe came along plus some completely new faces from the local estate.

We held a **Clothes Sale** on the 16th July, hosted in the church which again was fairly well attended by the community. A LOT of clothes were donated and some money was raised for the church through this event as well as providing an opportunity to connect with some members of the community who attended.

The **Light Party** will be described elsewhere but to note that is another community event for children in our calendar. I helped as a volunteer here and it was great to be able to invite some of the children I had made contact with through the garden and schools to this event.

Again, the **Christmas Fayre** will be described elsewhere, but again we had a well-attended event with some children from the gardening group and schools attending and enjoying the activities and festivities.

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Last month we hosted our final community event this year, our '**Step into Spring**' celebration with the opening of the Community Garden. This was perhaps thwarted a little by the coinciding presence of the fair in town, but for those who attended, it was a fun event with food, music, dancing and the Community Garden was toasted for the '*Community, Connection and Conversation*' that we pray will grow and flourish there. Members of the two organisations who had helped fund the project (The Ark Trust and Stamford XT) attended for the opening part of the evening. The team received their new 'Gardening Team' t-shirts and one of the children helped to show people round. There was a lovely vibe into the rest of the evening as Rachael and Rhea led the dancing and a good number of people joined in!

Community Garden

One of the highlights this year has been the 'completion' of the Community Garden. I write this in hyphens as a garden is never really finished as such (and from a planting point of view there is still work to be done on the garden), but from a vision point of view we have reached a significant milestone with the garden.

After quite a wait for one reason and another, in July last year, the landscaping gardeners were able to do the initial structural work of creating the foundations of the garden (patio, raised beds etc) in 'Stage 1'. Unfortunately during the school holidays shortly after this there was a bit of a break in activity there and there was some vandalism to the garden. God used this for good however, as this event led some of the local children who were hanging out there to ask if they could help us with the garden project 'to make it a nice garden for everyone' and in the autumn this led to the start of the 'Gardening Group'. I ran a pilot group for the first month, then extended the pilot further, especially as the winter was then approaching and it was too cold and dark to run the children's group outside. We had two children from the estate who have been very committed to the project, turned up regularly and both have also started to attend church events (services, the Den and various community events). One boy has particularly got very involved in the church community on a Sunday and definitely had the opportunity to hear more of the gospel as a direct result of this. As the group has developed we are in the process of recruiting, DBS checking and equipping volunteers so we can continue this group in some form.

Another lovely thing about the Community Garden has been the way it has drawn in some of the local neighbours and church members on the fringe. We have had fantastic help from a number of people including Phiona, Bob, Sarah, David, Brian, Pete, Carol, Charlie, Michael and Amy among others plus donations of plants/trees from Lesley in memory of her mother, Ann, in memory of Paul, a bench from another Amy, thinking of Geraldine, a sign made by Dave and other donations towards plants from a number of other people too. We are very grateful for them all, and consider it a wonderful image of how the kingdom of God grows and develops too!

Schools work

My involvement in the schools this year has mainly taken the form of befriending parents at the school gate and seeking to offer support, hospitality and extending a welcome to church events when appropriate. I have also been in discussions with the Principal, Mrs Emma Houlton, about the school gardens and how we could help / support the school to make best use of them. Thus far this has involved helping review the land, making a project plan and detailed drawing of an

MINISTRY AND MISSION ASSOCIATE

allotment garden, supporting the formation of a PTFA, trying to raise awareness, gain support and start fundraising for this project. The school have had a number of challenges through the year, including most significantly their Ofsted inspection, resulting in a 'Requires Improvement' status, so their energies and attention have been mainly focussed on the key needs and priorities arising from this, but some progress has been made in the garden and it is nearly ready to use for growing come the Spring! I am awaiting a discussion with them about how I might best use my time in the school in the coming year however.

Youth outreach

Over the summer and into the early autumn, we became increasingly aware of the young people (secondary school/college age mostly) who were hanging around the building - some of whom were just hanging out, others at times smoking cannabis and occasionally involved in other anti-social behaviours. This has provided us with both a challenge and an opportunity. We have tried to balance our various responsibilities to our members, staff, neighbours, the people who use or hire the building as well as our responsibility before God to reach out to these young people and seek to engage with them, offering them something better in terms of the life that Jesus can give them. So, we have had discussions within PCC, with the safeguarding team, the police when appropriate about how to proceed wisely and safely, but also started to think and pray about how we can best meet this expressed and immediate need on our doorstep. Through the winter, a small team of us (Anthony, Yvette and myself) started to open the door on a Thursday evening as a drop-in for any young people who wanted to come in. We had varying numbers of kids (between 3-13) of approximately 13-16 year old young people, or small groups of college students, who sometimes came in or sometimes we chatted to outside, or just talked and prayed together as a team if no-one was there. We have had chance to get to know some of these young people by name and share something of the love and invitation of God with them, mainly through friendship at present, but with a couple of opportunities for deeper conversation. We have also noticed the positive way that they young people, once they got to know us a bit, have got involved to help us on one off occasions when setting up for community events if they happened to be around, for example at some of the International Feasts and the 'Step into Spring' event.

More recently, one evening a large group of kids was seen locally being followed by the police and we have observed that there have been less kids hanging around since then, but there are definitely still some, and the opportunity to try to engage and provide some kind of alternative activity or event where we can authentically reach out to this generation remains, as a big question, challenge and opportunity for us for the coming year. It has been an interesting, sometimes challenging, but fulfilling year and I am grateful to God and to the church for the opportunity to be a part of His work in this place. May He continue to lead us, guide us, equip and provide for us in the coming year!

Laura Mitchell
Ministry and Mission Associate

ANCHORED

StartaFresh

StartaFresh sessions reduced to once a week on a Friday with Geraldine's passing. The group stuck together and even had 2 new members join them as well. Rutland Adult Learning continued to offer various life skill courses with Sue, the Tutor at the helm. She has been facilitating courses for the group for a long time and has also supported them pastorally as well. The group specially requested that the sessions continue to run weekly term time to the which both Rutland Adult Learning and Christ Church agreed in principle to.

Revd Antony Laotan

Day Centre

Day Centre we continued to grow throughout 2022. Our members increased to 25 and continued to be held fortnightly. We couldn't have operated the group without our dedicated volunteers, in the kitchen, serving and on transport and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them. Geraldine was ill from the beginning of 2022 and was on leave. Sadly we lost Geraldine to cancer, our thoughts and prayers remain with the family. We thank her for her contribution to building DayCentre and the projects she held close to her, she touched many lives and households with her cheer and guidance.

In January 2023, we transitioned to hosting weekly sessions for Day Centre, this has been well received. Though numbers are at a low at the moment of 12 members due to some members now in full time care or travelling, we endeavour to rebuild our membership with active marketing (flyers, facebook etc), in addition we happily accept new volunteers.

We continue to provide food hampers for Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland, a fruitful partnership with the schools. The schools' support team identifies families and staff most in need and deliver the hampers to them. This year we have distributed over 300 hampers. The schools are extremely grateful and thank Christ Church for their continued commitment to the community.

Community Chatter continued through 2022 with a low attendance. In 2023 'Soup with me' - a pay as you feel group - was born out of the need for community support during these difficult economic times. This group is now merged with Community Chatter, the attendance has improved with a steady weekly increase. The vision for this group is to continue to provide a safe space for our community with the benefit of a hot meal, build confidence of making friends for members who find this difficult and those who suffer from anxiety, this is achieved through positive interaction via games etc.

The projects have continued with the support of Rhea Rayside, who is on a temporary contract.

SAFEGUARDING

Relatively quiet year with no major concerns reported.

Biggest issue has been the presence of teenagers/young adults hanging around outside of church.

As a Church Christian Community we have been open minded and have tried to engage with them with some success at times. We have sought advice from the police and the situation is being monitored.

Reminder to all the church community that Carol MacBeath is the safeguarding officer and Jacqui Wells the deputy.

Both Carol and Jacqui are very approachable and would be happy to talk to anyone in confidence about worries or concerns re abuse or safety.

There is a safeguarding notice board at the back of the church near the kitchen with useful information and phone numbers. Also leaflets in the foyer.

As a team we have reviewed the Church Safeguarding Policy and it has been updated as appropriate.

Safeguarding is a matter for us all and no-one should be in fear of abuse, neglect or their safety.

Carol MacBeath.
Safeguarding Officer

VICAR'S REPORT



Just like every new year, Christ Church's APCM affords us the opportunity to reflect on the year past and forecast for the year ahead. It's that time when every member of the congregation participates, as it were, in the 'business of the church' which normally is entrusted in the hands of the PCC.

2022 felt like the final game of a football tournament. It was intense in some parts and packed with twists and turns in other parts. The year started in earnest with our overarching theme of 'Harvest' which was intended to set the tone for all the work we were to undertake in the year. Our annual financial forecast almost dampened the mood as we realised the huge deficit before us. Since the sale of the minibus, this was to be the first year we would be without a financial buffer and also faced with paying off our Covenant Pledge (replaced Parish share) to the Diocese.

Determined as ever and trusting in God's provision, we kept moving towards our goals in the first half of the year with faith and hope. Sadly, within that timeframe, two stalwarts of the church, Paul Darley and Geraldine Crowley transitioned to eternal glory. Their absence is still hugely felt, and we miss them ever so dearly. There were also changes to the staff team as Lel Nichols, our Children, Youth and Families Minister felt a God-given call towards a new career path with the NHS leaving huge shoes to fill and Lisa Garwood, our administrator, also moved into a new role at Ryhall C of E School.

Like most teams heave a sigh of relief when the referee's whistle is blown after a protracted half, so did we through the summer holidays. The *turbulence* had subsided, and it was now a great opportunity to reflect and reorganise for the remainder of the year. Rhea Rayside, who had taken over from Geraldine Crowley in January due to ill health, continued in post until the end of the year running the Daycentre fortnightly and working with the local schools supplying struggling families with food boxes. Between September and December, other weekly outreach groups such as Tots n Toast, the Den and Start a Fresh, all run by *super* volunteers, thrived with increased attendance and regular sessions across the board. The highlight of this period was the good news of a three-year funding for the Children, Youth and Families Minister role from the Henry Smith Charity. This grant reignited hope in the continuity of a vital aspect of our church's existence and future.

Our signature event, the Christmas Fair, did not disappoint, as it was bustling with people from within the Church and the wider community. The Light Party, the month before, was equally well attended. The end of the year was certainly merrier than the beginning as we belted out Christmas carols in the Car Park with the Barn Hill Orchestra, had lovely Christmas services and a financial surplus to cap it all. Visitors streamed to our services all through the year; some stayed, some left, and others just passed through! In keeping with the football analogy, the pressure we had felt in the first half made us relentless through the second. We weren't just able to defend our goal area very well, we counter attacked by the grace of God and carried the day!

Through it all, the Hand of the Lord was upon us and we were the better for it. In so many ways, it was indeed a Year of Harvest!

Revd Anthony Laotan

FINANCES

Our annual accounts have been independently examined, by Michelle Feasey, and formally adopted by the PCC as a true record of our finances. The full annual accounts are available in a separate document. The church has a number of funds and this report concentrates on the General Fund. The General Fund is where all the main church income and expenditure goes, each programme has a separate restricted and designated fund and there are a number of small church related funds such as hardship, fabric and mission.

The total income for Christ Church was £51,600 a decrease 11% on the previous year. Total expenditure was £62,894 which was also a decrease of 18%. Our regular giving planned remained stable. We saw a small increase in our open plate collections and there was substantial additional one-off giving from members of the congregation. The reduction in income is due to a decrease in grant income for our projects. Two staff resignations in the summer gave a decrease in budgeted expenditure. We saw a significant increase in our gas and electric bills to £4,700 but all other expenses were broadly in line with last years figures and within our budget. We ended the year with a small surplus of income over expenditure on our General Fund rather than the £8,000 deficit initially predicted at the beginning of the year. We were able to pay our Covenant Pledge to the Diocese of £10,000. We have pledged £11,500 in 2023 rising to £15,000 by 2025.

As we head into 2023 we are running a breakeven budget. We are anticipating some building works to repair the outside wall. This is likely to cost around £6,000 which can be covered from reserves in General Fund. We have approved funding for the new Children, Youth and Families Minister from the Henry Smith Charity and this will be drawn down now an appointment has been made. We currently have one other member of staff on a fixed term contract covering our Day Centre which remains under review.

We are grateful for the continued support of a number of organisations who have granted funding so that we can continue children and youth work and Anchored. We have also received funding for the development of the garden. This year we received funding from Stamford Lads Club, Burghley Family Trust, Reiss Trust and The Ark Trust.

We are thankful for the generosity of all who give of their time, talent and treasure to the work of Christ Church. We do not take it for granted.

Lisa Garwood
Treasurer

Christ Church

Stamford

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Stamford
Charitable status	The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number: 1139222
Principal address	Christ Church, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE
Principal contact	Mrs. Lisa Garwood, Treasurer
Telephone no.	01780 766446
Email	treasurer@christchurchstamford.com
Website	www.christchurchstamford.com
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc, Broad St, Stamford
Independent examiner	Michelle Feasey, Stamford

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Administrative information

Christ Church Stamford is situated on Green Lane Stamford. It is part of the Diocese of Lincoln within the Church of England.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members who have served from during 2022 are:

Ex-Officio	Anthony Laotan	Vicar
	Nigel Garwood	Warden
	Dawn Field	Warden
	Paul Darley	Reader - Until March 2022
	Laura Mitchell	Deanery Synod
Elected Members		
	Tina Bland	
	Rachael Carter	
	Barbara Morley	
	Jacqui Wells	
	Carol MacBeath	
	Lel Nicholls	Resigned July 2022
	Lesley Foulkes	
Co-opted	Lisa Garwood	Elected until APCM and then Co-opted

Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee which has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by Council and to limits of delegated authority.

The Building Committee oversees the stewardship of the Church building and ensures that repairs are dealt with.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met six times during the year. Committees have met between meetings and items from these were included in the PCC discussions as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of promoting within the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Christ Church building. The church operates social outreach projects covering newborn to elderly, vulnerable, disabled, and marginalised individuals.

Church Attendance

The church holds a weekly morning service at 10am. Our weekly attendance at services averages 40 per week.

There are 55 members on the Electoral Roll.

Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

The total income for Christ Church was £51,600 a decrease 11% on the previous year. Total expenditure was £62,894 which was also a decrease of 18%.

Our regular giving planned remained stable. We saw a small increase in our open plate collections and there was significant additional one-off giving from members of the congregation. The reduction in income is due to a decrease in grant income for our projects. Our Children and Youth Minister resigned in July and our Administrator left in August. This gave a significant decrease in budgeted expenditure. We saw a significant increase in our gas and electric bills to £4,700 but all other expenses were broadly in line with last years figures and with our budget. We ended the year with a small surplus of income over expenditure on our General Fund rather than the deficit initially predicted at the beginning of the year. We have made a Covenant Pledge with the Diocese to pay £10,000 in 2022 which was achieved. We have pledged £11,500 in 2023 rising to £15,000 by 2025.

As we head into 2023 we are anticipating some building works to repair the outside wall. This is likely to cost around £6,000 which can be covered from General Fund. We have agreed funding for a new Children, Youth and Families Minister. We are currently recruiting and will draw funds down when an appointment is agreed. We currently have one member of staff on a fixed term contract covering our Day Centre which remains under review. We will continue to communicate finances regularly with the wider congregation and plan to build on our fundraising efforts.

For the 2023 accounts we are moving to a new financial package and will be operating on a Receipts and Payments basis. In preparation for this we have fully depreciated the Fixed Asset (Wheelchair car) which was sitting at a value of £209. We have also corrected some small historic errors with regard to liabilities on PAYE and NI accounts and can confirm that our HMRC accounts are fully paid.

Christ Church Ministry

Our regular income has remained stable, and we have seen stability in the numbers of people attending church and our weekly activities. This year we have developed the garden to the rear of the church into a welcoming space for the community, we are grateful to our funders for allowing this to happen. As we head into 2023 we plan to use this for outreach activities. Church services are well attended and we have seen new people join us. There has been an increase in the number of baptisms. A fortnightly discipleship group has been established which is well attended. We have had a few successful social events during the year, including a Platinum Jubilee party attended by over 80 people. We held two fundraising events. A clothes swap sale and our annual Christmas Fayre. These two events raised £1,200.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programs a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring the Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and ultimately a relationship with Christ. Under the leadership of the Rev Anthony Laotan we continue to respond to the opportunity and need around us under the umbrella of the Anchored project.

Anchored

This program incorporates StartaFresh, Day Centre, Community Chatter and Feeding Families. There were some significant changes to the way Anchored operates as the manager sadly passed away. At the beginning of the year we put in place a temporary manager to oversee Day Centre and Feeding Families. Other programs are run by volunteers.

Day Centre

Day Centre has continued fortnightly. Numbers were initially good but have dropped as we neared the end of the year. We continue to keep the program under review and are grateful for funding of £2,000 from the Reiss Trust to enable us to continue this important work. Members attend and enjoy a 2 course hot lunch and some entertainment. They pay £12 to come which includes transport. This year we have replaced the gas oven with an electric range cooker.

StartaFresh

This group continued to meet on a Friday, dropping to once a week due to staff changes. StartaFresh offers vital confidence building and social support for the members. We have started a monthly art therapy session and continue to provide educational opportunities with Rutland Adult Learning to whom we are very grateful for their continued support.

Community Chatter

Runs weekly as an afternoon drop-in session where anyone from the community can come along for friendship and support. Many members knit or craft and there is a chance to play games.

Feeding Families

We receive boxes of emergency food from Rapid Relief Team and distribute these to those in need in our community. People do not need to be referred or have any kind of assessment. These are given to people known to us who are struggling and also through our local schools.

Children and Youth

Our work with children and young people through 'Tots and Toast' and The Den continues to thrive. These groups are well attended and popular with local families. For the first half of the year our Children and Youth Minister visited Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy one day a week. Here she provided reading support and some mentoring, developing strong links with the school families. We ran a Light Party in October which was a big success. We have noticed an increasing number of young people gathering in the church grounds. We are exploring different ways to reach out and support them. A drop in session has been offered on a Thursday to give them a warm safe space to hang out and chat. When developing the garden some younger children expressed an interest in helping out. From this we have started a weekly gardening group for children and hope to expand this work next year. It is hoped that the newly renovated garden will provide a space to interact with increasing number of youth. Our Children and Youth Minister resigned in July after 5 years in post. In November we discovered that The Henry Smith Trust has awarded us £63,800 over 3 years for a Children, Youth and Families Minister. Recruitment for this post will commence early 2023. We have been able to continue all this important work thanks to funding from The Burghley Family Trust and Stamford Lads Club.

Christ Church Grantors

Christ Church gives a huge thank you to the many people who so kindly donate to support the outreach programs. We have also received generous donations from a range of organisations in 2022, including:

- Burghley Family Trust
- Reiss Family Trust
- The Ark Trust
- Stamford Lad's Club

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC

Charity Law requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial transactions during the Charity year and of the disposition of the Charity's assets and liabilities at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- i. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- ii. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii. state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE) subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to prepare financial statements which comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Christ Church - 1139222
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	13,881	—	—	13,881	13,854
Collections and other giving	3,320	—	—	3,320	2,511
Other voluntary receipts	13,225	8,965	—	22,191	32,213
Gift Aid recovered	4,038	—	—	4,038	3,657
Other receipts	1,350	—	—	1,350	599
Activities for generating funds	1,897	—	—	1,897	1,411
Receipts from church activities	4,922	—	—	4,922	3,834
Total income	42,634	8,965	—	51,600	58,082
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	518	539	—	1,057	10,928
Missionary and Charitable Giving	20	559	—	579	350
Parish Share	10,000	—	—	10,000	10,000
Clergy and Staffing costs	8,257	13,953	—	22,210	31,835
Church Running Expenses	14,881	9,892	—	24,774	18,902
Church Repairs & Maintenance	2,911	687	—	3,599	4,511
Governance Costs	672	—	—	672	672
Total expenditure	37,261	25,632	—	62,894	77,201
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,373	(16,666)	—	(11,293)	(19,119)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	32	97	—	130	34,608
Gross transfers between funds - out	(70)	(59)	—	(130)	(34,608)
Other recognised gains/losses					
Net movement in funds	5,335	(16,628)	—	(11,293)	(19,119)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	40,477	21,588	—	62,066	81,185
Total funds carried forward	45,813	4,959	—	50,772	62,066

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Christ Church – 1139222
Balance Sheet (Church of England)
As at 31 December 2022

Fixed assets

Tangible assets	—	209
	—	209

Current assets

Cash at bank and in hand	50,772	62,090
	50,772	62,090

Liabilities

Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	234
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Net current assets less current liabilities

50,772	61,856
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Total assets less current liabilities

50,772	62,066
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Total net assets less liabilities

50,772	62,066
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Represented by

Unrestricted

Unrestricted - General fund	23,133	17,465
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Designated

Designated - Anchored Designated	9,456	9,901
Designated - StartAFresh	618	1,315
Designated - Transport Scheme	—	202
Designated - Toddlers Tots n Toast	627	620
Designated - Fabric Fund	894	2,372
Designated - Hardship Fund	2,255	2,255
Designated - Audio Visual	781	981
Designated - Children and Youth Minister	631	511
Designated - Crunch and Mission refreshments	500	581
Designated - Garden Project Designated	103	100
Designated - Outreach Activities	4,500	3,000
Designated - Day Centre	2,318	1,171

Restricted

Restricted - AED	13	13
Restricted - Day Centre (R)	72	6,169
Restricted - StartAFresh (R)	—	20
Restricted - Transport - Mini Bus (R)	1,181	2,919
Restricted - Mission Fund	423	718
Restricted - Agency collection	—	28
Restricted - Anchored Restricted	11	1,000
Restricted - CYM Projects	700	—
Restricted - Childrens and Youth Minister	1,083	7,782
Restricted - Celebrate Holiday Weekend Restricted	—	26
Restricted - Childrens Church	563	722
Restricted - Enable	—	687
Restricted - Garden Project	902	1,500

Funds of the church

50,772	62,066
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Christ Church - 1139222
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	17,465	36,534	30,896	29	—	—	23,133
Sub-totals	17,465	36,534	30,896	29	—	—	23,133
Designated							
ANCHORDES - Anchored	9,901	—	444	—	—	—	9,456
AUDIOVIS - Audio Visual	981	—	199	—	—	—	781
CYMDESTIN - C&Y Minister	511	752	632	—	—	—	631
Crunch - Mission Refreshments	581	396	478	—	—	—	500
GARDENDES - Garden Project	100	—	—	3	—	—	103
Outreach - Outreach Activities	3,000	1,500	—	—	—	—	4,500
Day - Day Centre	1,171	2,968	1,819	(2)	—	—	2,318
Start - StartAFresh	1,315	—	629	(67)	—	—	618
Transport - Transport Scheme	202	—	209	7	—	—	—
Toddlers - Tots and Toast	620	7	—	—	—	—	627
Fabric - Fabric Fund	2,372	475	1,952	—	—	—	894
Hardship - Hardship Fund	2,255	—	—	—	—	—	2,255
Sub-totals	23,011	6,100	6,365	(59)	—	—	22,687
Restricted							
AED - AED	13	—	—	—	—	—	13
ANCHORRES - Anchored	1,000	1,122	2,110	—	—	—	11
CYMPROJ - C&Y Projects	—	700	30	30	—	—	700
CYMREST - C&Y Minister	7,782	1,220	7,888	(30)	—	—	1,083
CelebrateR - Celebrate Weekend	26	—	—	(26)	—	—	—
Child - Childrens Church	722	360	518	—	—	—	563
ENABLE - Enable	687	—	687	—	—	—	—
GARDENRES - Garden Project	1,500	3,270	3,864	(3)	—	—	902
DayR - Day Centre	6,169	2,057	8,154	—	—	—	72
StartR - StartAFresh	20	—	87	67	—	—	—
Mini-BusR - Transport Bus	2,919	—	1,730	(7)	—	—	1,181
Mission - Mission Fund	718	—	295	—	—	—	423
Agency - Agency collection	28	236	264	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	21,588	8,965	25,632	30	—	—	4,952
Totals	62,066	51,600	62,894	—	—	—	50,772

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CONCLUSION

Before closing it is appropriate to thank most sincerely our staff and the many volunteers who give so much of their time and energies to ensure the efficient running of our projects and community activities. We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from sponsors, grantors and charitable organisations, trusts and businesses - and the people who just give, even when they themselves struggle to make ends meet. We also thank the many other groups and partners who collaborate closely with us in a multitude of ways.

This report dated:

Signed:

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Anthony Laotan
(Vicar)

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Nigel Garwood
(Church Warden)

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Dawn Field
(Church Warden)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD



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I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

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:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanation 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 matter 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
 - o to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - o 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. in which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Feasey
1 West Street Business Park
Stamford PE9 2PL

20th April 2023

Director: Michelle A. E. Feasey
Company Secretary: Niall McQuilty
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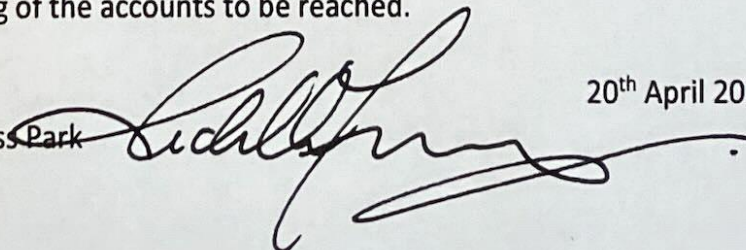
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ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Christ Church
Stamford

AGENDA

Christ Church Agenda for Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 24th April 2022

Prayer and Introduction - Rev'd Anthony

Hymn

Bible Reading - 1 Peter 2: 4-10

Elections of Churchwardens for 2022/23

Hymn

Bible Reading - John 15: 9-17

Exhortation - Rev'd Anthony

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Minutes from 2021 - including matters arising

Elections -Deanery Synod representative

New PCC Members

Reports - Churchwarden's Report

Children, Youth and Young Families

Electoral Roll

Ministry and Mission Associate

Anchored

Vicar's Report

Finances - including appointing Independent Examiner

Any Other Business

Hymn

Blessing

MINUTES

of the 24th Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Christ Church
Sunday 2nd May 2021

Vestry Meeting

1. Welcome and Prayer: Rev. Anthony Laotan welcomed the parishioners and opened with a prayer

2. Election of Church Wardens: Nigel Garwood (proposed by Dawn Field and seconded by Paul Darley) and Dawn Field (proposed by Lisa Garwood and seconded by Laura Mitchell) were elected as church wardens.

APCM

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Ministry report:** given by Anthony as part of the service

3. **Minutes from the APCM November 2020:** Minutes unanimously agreed and signed as a true record.

4. **Deanery Synod Representative:** Laura Mitchell elected to Deanery Synod, proposed by Rachael Carter and seconded by Joanne Atkinson.

5. **PCC Members:** New members elected are

Rachael Carter : Proposed by Laura Mitchell, Seconded by Ruth Lock

Jacqui Wells : Proposed by Lisa Garwood, Seconded by Rachael McIntyre

Tina Bland: Proposed by Lisa Garwood, Seconded by Ruth Lock

Barbara Morley : Proposed by Lel Nicholls, Seconded by Jason Nicholls

6. **Church Fabric Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. Jason highlighted key areas such as the work done on risk assessments on return to worship post lockdown. The cooker will need replacement. The organ was found to be beyond repair and removed. A/V equipment has been upgraded thanks to a generous legacy.

7. **Children and Youth Ministry Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. Lel specifically thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

8. **Anchored Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. Anchored is the new name for our outreach, encompassing StartaFresh, Day Centre and new initiatives.

9. **Electoral Roll:** April 2020 membership is 59, a decrease of one from the previous year. Three members have left and two joined.

10. **Safeguarding Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes Anthony encouraged us to look out for one another as we emerge from lockdown. We are looking for a new Safeguarding Officer.

11. **Ministry Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. Anthony mentioned that we would move forward with the pop-up café to connect with our community and with Catalyst communities also.

12. **Financial Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. Lisa verbally summarised key points from the written report. The church finances have been independently examined and an independent report produced which was adopted by the PCC on 20.04.2021. The report will be uploaded onto the Church and Charity Commission website.

13. **Deanery/Diocesan Report:** A written report is available on file with the minutes. The Christ Church parish profile is about to go live and it is hoped the interviews will take place in June.

14. AOB:

14.1 Barbara commented that we should continue to ensure that Christ Church is A Place to Belong. Anthony agreed by the grace of God we would.

Closed with prayers and worship.

FABRIC

Throughout 2021 all required checks on Fire protection services and gas appliances have been carried out. It was highlighted that the cooker in the kitchen is coming to the end of its serviceable life. Investigations are ongoing into replacing it.

Towards the end of 2021 we realised that the brick wall at the side of the slope leading up to the Church building was separating apart. A structural Engineer came out and checked the situation and confirmed that there was some structural damage being caused by tree roots on the neighbouring property. We have contacted Land Registry and the Diocese for advice as to how the problem can be solved.

During the year we have had a couple of sessions to clear clutter and tidy up, once in the shed and once in the building. Thanks to all who volunteered to help.

The church made a donation to Bluecoat School in exchange for their roadside noticeboard. Planning permission was sought and approved for it to be placed at the front of the church. This has now been put up and we would like to thank Colin Field and Neels Herman for the hard work getting this in place.

The Church audit was carried out and the inventory (Terrier) has been updated accordingly.

Nigel Garwood & Dawn Field
Church Wardens

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral roll currently stands at 55 members as at 24th April 2022.

Movement:

- 4 members left (3 deceased / 1 left CC)
- 1 new member

Electoral roll 2021 58 members

Gail Burnham
Electoral Roll Officer

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tots' 'n' Lil'Cherubs:

During lock down in 2021 I was able to establish a well-being group for new mums and their babies, which met the required the restrictions at the time. Called 'Lil'Cherubs', the group ran once a week from January – June 2021 and proved successful. As restrictions lifted the group decided to amalgamate with Tots 'n' Toast which was starting back up. To date this is still the case, now all the Lil' cherub babies are now toddlers so are fully exploring the main hall, I continue to set up a separate Lil' Cherubs area in church which has given the whole group much more space. We deliberately carried on offering sessions throughout the Summer of 2021 to try and console those that had missed out on contact time. We reverted to term time only in September 2021. Current attendance figures are usually in the late teens with a maximum of 23 young babies/toddlers attending in any one session. Our curriculum has covered Creation, Miracles and Parables and we move on to 'Men of the Bible' this coming term. This provision is popular to our community families and is of great importance to my role.

The Den:

This remained online last year, and Aileen and I delivered 53 weekly sessions until we could re-open face to face on 8th June '21. Once again, to console those who had missed out on face to face, we managed to stay open throughout the Summer, albeit to a very small number of young people (min of 3, max of 7). We have been running consistently (term time only) since September '21 and quickly established a core group of approx. 12 young people who attend most frequently. The maximum we have had attend is 18 in one session. We currently have 21 registered and a solid team of 5 fabulous volunteers who support the smooth running of the group. Encouraging fellowship, we have recently introduced prayer cards and each week one member chooses a prayer and reads it to all before we start our meal together. This provision is a most valued integral part of my ministry.

Sunday Zone:

Last year we maintained delivery of craft packs to our church families until we were able to re-establish in September 2021. Our teachings were lectionary based, in line with Anthony's sermons at the time. From January 2022 we have returned to our own curriculum and have covered Creation and Miracles, now moving on to Parables. We no longer have a secondary school aged group, (Blaze), as our youth (& volunteers) have moved on both physically and spiritually. Our current attendance numbers range from 5 – 9 children each session, supported by a rostered team of 4 wonderful volunteers without whom I could not function! Their hard work and time is so greatly appreciated!

Paws for Prayer:

Sadly, this has not restarted after lockdown, mostly due to my lack of time but also due to maintaining a sensible social distance with others. Bear and I are keen to carry on when the time is right.

Rooted Summer Club:

After a successful funding bid from the LADs club, we were able to deliver a Summer club that ran once a week throughout the Summer of 2021. Some of the Den young people volunteered to help and we delivered 5 sessions teaching the Fruits of the Spirit to a group of 13 youngsters.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Light Party:

Thankfully we were still able to deliver an alternative to Halloween last October 2021, by kind funding from the LADs Club. We had 26 young people from the church family, and from various primary schools, join us for a fun evening of games and activities centred on Jesus being the Light. We received some positive feedback and once again, this was to the thanks of the generous volunteers who supported it!

Christingle Service:

Sadly, this had to be cancelled due to Covid illness.

School Ministry:

With the same funding from the LADs Club, I am able to attend Bluecoat Primary for a morning and Stamford Welland Academy in the afternoon every Tuesday to offer school ministry and support. This funding runs from September 2021 through to the end of July 2022. I have been able to give some mentoring and resilience support and promote reading skills, as well as developing relationships with individuals both students and staff. I see approximately 20 young people (one to one) throughout the day.

Choc 'n' Chat:

Acutely aware of our youth who were struggling with the lock down, I was able to run a Youth Alpha for 10 weeks from March – July 2021. With a dedicated small team of volunteers, we were able to draw alongside individuals and help them better understand the big questions in life and explore their stance of faith. We had 7 young people attend the course, most of whom came from The Den, and it was a real privilege to be a part of their spiritual journey.

Looking forward:

From May we will have a new Blaze group once a month, run by Carly who attends our church. With support, she will be leading our older primary aged children in Jesus centred teachings, and this is an exciting development for our church youngsters.

Responding to a specific request, I will be running Alpha for a small group of Tots parents, starting Wednesday 27th April for 8 weeks. This will be the second Alpha we have run and will hopefully pave the way for further courses.

Despite not having many youths attend our services, I maintain meetings with our Choc 'n' Chat group during school holidays, with the aim of running a mini youth Bible study (face to face) via a phone app. The details of when and where are currently being developed.

Your continued prayers are needed in giving thanks to God for all our current volunteers and funding and to seek more as none of the above is possible without either the willing and giving hearts of those around us.

Lel Nicholls

Children & Youth Minister.



MINISTRY AND MISSION ASSOCIATE

In March 2021 I was commissioned into the role of Ministry and Mission Associate for Christchurch. The missional side of this role has involved initiating and overseeing a number of different projects over the year including the Pop-Up Café, the Gardening Group and development of the Community Garden, helping to develop the International Culture Feast and Friday Thing and co-ordinating some one-off outreach events such as the Scavenger Hunt and the Ladies Pamper Evening.

This is alongside to contributing to other ministries of the church, particularly with supporting the leading and teaching at the monthly all-age services and contributing to the children's and youth work in other outreach opportunities such as Tots and Toast, Youth Alpha, the Easter Experience and the Rooted holiday Club.

Pop-Up Café

The Pop-up Café started on Tuesday afternoons after Easter when lockdown lifted and ran until the end of September when the weather turned too cold for sitting outside! The aim was to create a space where people from the local community could connect with each other and the church, give us an opportunity to read the local mood and see what might 'pop-up' from there. While it did go well and achieve what we hoped it would in many ways, we discovered that mainly the people who connected were people already on the fringe on church and members of the international community who came from a personal invitation. While there were some local people who came spontaneously there were perhaps not quite as many as we had hoped. However, it did give us great visibility to the school community opposite and we were able to create lots of initial links that we have been able to build on since, for me particularly as my daughter Hope started school there in the autumn. When it was too cold to meet outside, part of the café community moved to a Thursday afternoon and we created the 'Community Chatter' group where people could continue to gather.

Gardening Group and the Community Garden

During the pop-up café we came to further realise the fantastic potential of our little garden space outside church at the back of the car park. Over the coming months I developed a proposal for developing that space into a Community Garden, which I presented to the PCC in June and was approved in November. We are now all lined up ready to go with this as soon as we receive the final go-ahead from the diocese. In order to help manage the current garden and develop the opportunities the Community Garden will present, I started a Gardening group in October on Tuesday afternoons and although attendance has been fairly small, we have made great progress tidying up the garden. We had a break over the coldest months in winter but restarted in February and are looking forward to being able to crack on with the next stage of the plan soon, God willing!

International Culture Feast and The Friday Thing

Following the attendance of a number of international people, mainly ladies, at the Pop-Up Café, and a rather divine opportunity to host an 'International Feast' in December at the church, we have developed a more regular (currently fortnightly) Friday morning drop-in group specifically aimed at internationals. The aim of this is to provide a place of welcome, fun, fellowship and potentially the development of faith over time. So far, we have had three mornings which have been well attended, had a great atmosphere and contained significant conversations and opportunities for encounter with God! The International Feast has also become a quarterly event and the second one in February was again really well attended (by nearly 20 different nationalities) and was great fun!

MINISTRY AND MISSION ASSOCIATE

Outreach events

As well as contributing to the community outreach events that we already run as a church, such as the Christmas Fayre and anniversary events, we hosted a Scavenger hunt for families in October and a Ladies Pamper evening in March. Both were well attended by members of the church as well as people from the local community which was fantastic. We had encouraging feedback that they were really enjoyed and both events brought a couple of people in or back to church the following days. The Ladies Pamper evening particularly gave us a wonderful opportunity to really bless the ladies who came, not just with the physical pampering treats but also what we called the 'Blessing chair' where people could receive prayer or words of encouragement, strengthening or even revelation.

Future ideas and opportunities

It is encouraging writing this report to see how far we have come in just a year, and I look forward to seeing how things further develop or adapt with the coming seasons. We are eagerly awaiting the permission to go ahead with our Community Garden, but in the meantime have created fantastic links with the local school opposite in an opportunity to support them with the reviving of their wildlife garden and potentially developing a space into a community allotment garden.

Depending on the progress of the garden in the next few weeks/months, we may be able to open the pop-up café again this summer in the carpark or the garden. We are particularly looking forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June and are trusting that by then we may be ready to officially 'open' the community garden and then use it for the party!

Following the recent conflict in the Ukraine and the arrival of some Ukrainians in Stamford, the Friday Thing is well placed to receive people looking for support and friendship, so we are waiting to see how this will develop over the coming months. We are due to review the plans at May half term, so we decide then how to take this further from there. May God help us to help those who come.

The other area of stirring over the year as we connected with and observed our community is the way that we have young people gathering at our doors and the increasing problems with casual drug use in our local community. We have been and continue to pray into this opportunity and concern and are trusting that the Lord will guide our steps in reaching out where the need is greatest.

In Christ, and for His glory,

Laura Mitchell

Ministry and Mission Associate



ANCHORED

Anchored is the title given to our new programme created towards the end of 2020. It incorporates existing programmes that have run at Christ Church for many years, the Day Centre and StartaFresh. Anchored will seek to offer activities and support to the wider community of Christ Church parish. We hope that the activities on offer and those yet to be developed will build resilience, improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness, foster community integration and enable spiritual transformation within our Parish in particular and Stamford in general. Anchored is headed up by Geraldine who has done a fantastic job in developing the programme and responding to need.

StartaFresh continued on Zoom until March, this enabled us to maintain regular contact with our members. We returned to face to face meetings in March and adjusted our sessions so that the group met on a Monday and Friday afternoon. We were able to start an Art Therapy session once a month with the wonderfully talented John and Rachel Nicholls. They are able to draw upon their artistic talents and life experiences to deliver sessions that are both fun and supportive to the well-being of the group. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of volunteers who give up their time and facilitate sessions including CAP Kick start courses, Healthy Lifestyle activities, games quizzes and much more. Rutland Adult Learning have remained instrumental in our Friday sessions and Sue has delivered a couple of excellent courses encouraging literacy and numeracy skills and encouraging the members to research and deliver some content themselves. The Pelican Trust also come periodically to do some sessions with the group. Group numbers have remained steady since restarting, most members have returned to at least some of the activities and we have seen a couple of new people join.

At the Day Centre we continued the weekly soup run to our members until June 2021. They were delighted to be able to meet in person for the first time in July 2021 when we ran a Summer Party including Fish and Chips and ice cream. It was great to see so many of the members back and enjoying the company, which is the most important aspect of the group to them. We resumed sessions in September and currently meet fortnightly in term time. This reduced frequency was in part to be cautious around Covid but also to allow for reduced volunteer numbers, particularly around transport. As we sold our minibus at the start of the year we now hire a bus from Rutland Community Transport. We were delighted that all members have returned and we have added new ones to the group at the beginning of 2022. We couldn't have operated the group without the volunteers, in the kitchen, serving and on transport and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them. We would love to build up a team of volunteer car drivers which would enable us to offer more flexible transport to the group and perhaps allow us to increase frequency in the future.

We continued to make up food hampers for Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland, we work in partnership with the schools. They identify the families most in need and deliver the hampers to them. This year we have distributed over 200 hampers.

In September when the Pop Up Cafe stopped we began Community Chatter on a Thursday afternoon. This offered a safe social space for drinks, chat and crafting. Initially well attended with many knitters and crafters numbers have dropped slightly this year but are stable and the group is much appreciated by all who attend. We will review Community Chatter as we head into the warmer months and consider opportunities in the new garden space.

As you know Geraldine has had to take some time off due to ill health from the beginning of 2022. We thank her for her contribution last year and continue to pray for her full recovery and swift return. We have been able to continue Day Centre and the hampers with the support of Rhea Rayside on a temporary contract. Other activities have continued with the support of the staff team and the volunteers.

Lisa Garwood

SAFEGUARDING

At last years' APCM our safeguarding officer, James Mitchell stood down from the role and was thanked for all his hard work during his term of office. The position remained vacant, covered by Anthony and the wardens, until September when Carol MacBeath stepped into the role. We also appointed Jacqui Wells as an Assistant Safeguarding Officer. The DBS checks and safeguarding training of our volunteer teams are up to date and regularly monitored by the church office.

Since I became Safeguarding Officer. I have had one disclosure of concern which was followed up by Diocese. One concern with information shared from St George's Church. There have been discussions around our ongoing engagement with the youths that gather round the building at different and advice was sought from the Diocese. We are also looking at the ongoing development of the Pastoral Care Unit of the Church. Ideas for the above mentioned areas are highly welcome and if any one would like to join The Pastoral Team, please see Carol or Dawn.

Carol Macbeath
Safeguarding Officer

VICAR'S REPORT



As at this time last year, 2021, COVID restrictions had been slightly revised, allowing us to have a few more people gathering in the church building. Holy Week was eventful as the yearly Walk of Witness organized by Churches Together in Stamford went virtual, allowing for creativity and adaptability. As the newest clergy on the block, I had the great privilege of preaching last year which for obvious reasons was pre-recorded. A virtual trail of the churches also took place on the day, Good Friday. We had an in-house reflection service later that afternoon. The Saturday after was the Easter Experience for the children primarily accompanied by parents or other members of their families. It was a morning filled with games, craft, songs and most importantly, the Easter story over four different time slots. Easter Sunday service was full and well attended as much we could accommodate. We also resumed communion at this service. The APCM last year afforded us time to reflect on the previous year, celebrate what was good and improve on what was yet to be. It was also a time to formally recognise, before the congregation, the new additions to the PCC namely Tina Bland, Jacqui Wells, Rachael McCarter and Barbara Morley. Dawn Fields also returned to the PCC as Church Warden after Jay Nicholls stepped down. Later in the year, Carol McBeath was appointed as the Parish Safeguarding Officer with Jacqui Wells coming alongside as Deputy. James Mitchell had also stepped down from this role after faithfully serving his tenure.

Summer in 2021 was a time for us to step out of the building (into the car park / garden) to engage with the wider community on the Estate. Pop up café led by Laura Mitchell and her team of volunteers set up the car park café style with lots of hot beverage and sumptuous cakes for those who came and when the weather was great. Thankfully we did have many of those days and people did come to the café with a few helping out with the garden as well. As part of our community engagement, we had three monthly car boot sales over the summer months which fared fairly well. One of the highlights last summer was the 60th anniversary celebration of the founding of Christ Church. We had a lovely service which was well attended and many who hadn't been to the church since COVID came as well. We had food afterwards and the cake was remarkable. We probably could have made much out of it but grateful we did do something albeit simple. Another highlight was the Church BBQ we had following the first service, since I and my family arrived in Stamford, without COVID restrictions. It was a fun atmosphere and great to meet with lots of church folks that attended prior to lockdown.

Our outreach initiatives carried on even through the colder months. Even though, the Pop-up café stopped due to season change, we adapted our outreach to match the short days and long dark nights. The Light Party, organised by Lel and the team, had perhaps its biggest number of children, 30, even pre-COVID. It was an opportunity for the children to see and hear about Jesus as the Light of the world and that there was a better alternative to Halloween. Later that November, we braved the cold to have our monthly evening Immerse service as 'songs around the firepit', where we worshipped outside around our makeshift firepit followed by toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. December kicked off with the Christmas Fair which, considering all that had transpired the year and even last year, was a huge success. All hands were on deck as the entire church space was transformed to a winter wonderland. It was super busy from start to finish, and the Lord blessed all the efforts of everyone involved with the handsome funds that were raised. The following Saturday, the 11th, witnessed another crowd in the building, this time, the International Community from within Stamford, Peterborough, and environs. It was an incredible atmosphere with a rich array of food and culture. We were richly blessed to have hosted it. We ploughed through the winter blues thereafter with omicron but still managed to pull off the carols in the carpark. Again, it was well attended even when the weather went awry. Folks came into the building to finish singing their Christmas carols.

VICAR'S REPORT



The entire year, we focused on the CATALYST values in our services exploring and establishing eight primary values we subscribe to in order for us to live our vision and fulfil our mission. We also reviewed our services to reflect various ways we can worship God collectively. The first Sunday is our monthly Communion service, the second is the Family / All-age, the third is the Encounter service and the fourth is the Connect service which is quite interactive and engaging for people of faith or no faith. If there's a fifth Sunday, it would be another Encounter service. As a PCC, we started exploring, in line with both the National and Diocesan vision of Resourcing Sustainable Church, what type of Church we've been called to be especially for these times we live in. We had a Vision Day in October, which I led, where we established that we were a Community Church type with huge potential for a Local Mission Church type. We agreed to a five-year transitional trajectory to be where we strongly felt God was taking us. We felt we needed another Vision Day to conclude on finer details with which to implement the vision. We agreed to meeting on 15th January 2022.

It has been an eventful year, nonetheless, and I am really thankful to God for his mercies towards us as a church. It's been a blessing for I and my family to be part of this tribe and to journey together in faith, hope and love. Also thankful for the Staff Team for sticking together and pulling through tough times. It's amazing how we have grown together relationally, professionally, and spiritually. The PCC and the Ministry Team I am immensely grateful to for their right hand of fellowship and unfeigned support. God has indeed blessed us with health, strength, and provision even adding to our number last year with new people like Carly, Neels and their kids, Albert and Maria and Sandra.

As 2022 continues to unfold, I am excited and hopeful of greater testimonies and successes for the next APCM

Revd Anthony Laotan

FINANCES

Our annual accounts have been independently examined, by Michelle Feasey, and formally adopted by the PCC as a true record of our finances. The full annual accounts are available in a separate document. The nature of the way the accounts are set up, with particular regard to funds, can make it difficult to understand a true picture of what is going on. We have a number of funds so this report concentrates on the General Fund, Children & Youth and Anchored. The General Fund is where all the main church income and expenditure goes, each programme has a separate restricted and designated fund and there are a number of small church related funds such as hardship, fabric and mission.

This year's accounts have to be viewed in the context of recovering from a global pandemic where we have slowly returned to something resembling "normality". The total income for Christ Church was £58,082 a small increase of 1%. Expenditure also increased about 0.5%. With attendance remaining low for much of the year, following Covid, this was to be expected and our figures were in line with our budget forecast.

Our regular giving and open plate giving showed a very small increase. There are encouraging signs as we neared the year-end that this will go in an upwards direction as more people join us or return post-Covid. At the end of 2020 we closed our transport scheme and sold the minibus. This was sold at a loss and the only fixed asset on the balance sheet now is the wheelchair car. The PCC agreed to the disbursement of the sale proceeds. We were able to pay an additional £5,860 to our parish share, transfer £4,800 to our Children and Youth Minister fund, £3,000 to Fabric fund and left the remaining £6340 in General Fund.

Last year we were able to pay £10,000 to our Parish Share. This is now called the Covenant Pledge and we are working on a five year plan through the Resourcing Sustainable Church initiative. We have committed to paying £10,000 again this year, £11,500 in 2023, £12,500 in 2024 and £15,000 in 2025. These figures will be kept under regular review and are a pledge rather than anything legally binding.

Our biggest challenge remains to increase our income to support the payment of our Parish share and our other commitments. Please do look at the finance board in church which will be regularly updated and communicated. We are running at a deficit budget this year of £8,284. This is higher than we had anticipated due to rising energy costs. We are praying for and focussing on increasing our income this year to significantly reduce this deficit and have seen good progress so far.

We are grateful for the continued support of a number of organisations who have granted funding so that we can continue with the work of our Children and Youth Minister and Anchored. This year we received funding from Stamford Lads Club, Burghley Family Trust, Reiss Trust, The Ark Trust, Cummins, Stamford Kiwani's, Stamford XT and Stamford Rotary. The funds for these roles are a priority as we look with some urgency to secure funding to allow us to continue this vital work.

How can you help? Do consider reviewing whether you are able to increase your giving prayerfully and practically. We are thankful for the generosity of all who give of their time, talent and treasure to the work of Christ Church. We do not take it for granted.

Lisa Garwood
Treasurer

DEANERY & DIOCESAN SYNOD

The main focus for the Deanery and the Diocese was Time to Change Together. This strategy to transform the pattern of ministry in the Diocese was approved by Diocesan Synod in June.

Parishes are being asked to work together in Local Mission Partnerships, each served by a team of ordained and lay people. The present Stamford Deanery, comprising the parishes in Stamford and the Uffington Group of villages, is likely to become one such. In addition Deanery Partnerships are being formed, based on local authority areas: the South Kesteven Partnership, for instance, brings together the present deaneries of Stamford, Grantham, Beltisloe and Lovedon. A Steering Group of representatives from these four is working on the detail of local changes over the next few months.

Parishes have chosen which of four categories they fit into and will be asked for financial contributions accordingly (CC PCC opted for Type 2: Local Mission Church). These contributions will no longer be set by the Diocese, but rather negotiated based on a covenant, reflecting the level of paid ministry provided to the parish but also encouraging generosity. The overall aim of the changes is for parishes to grow in numbers, discipleship and giving.

Diocesan Synod also deliberated on safeguarding, education, engaging with racial issues and social justice, environmental issues, streamlining the parish support office and reducing central costs.

We were consulted about the search for a new Bishop of Lincoln, to replace Bishop Christopher who stood down in December. Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, is Acting Bishop of Lincoln in the interim.

The Deanery re-elected Nigel Garwood to Diocesan Synod. In separate elections, Martyn and Carl Fender from St George's were returned to General Synod.

Nigel Garwood

(with thanks to Phillip Dale for content)

Christ Church

Stamford

Annual Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Stamford
Charitable status	The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number: 1139222
Principal address	Christ Church, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE
Principal contact	Mrs. Lisa Garwood, Administrator and Treasurer
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Independent examiner	Michelle Feasey, Stamford

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Administrative information

Christ Church Stamford is situated on Green Lane Stamford. It is part of the Diocese of Lincoln within the Church of England.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members who have served from during 2021 are:

Ex-Officio	Anthony Laotan	Vicar
	Nigel Garwood	Warden
	Dawn Field	Warden (From May 2021)
	Jay Nicholls	Warden (Until May 2021)
	Paul Darley	Reader
	Laura Mitchell	Deanery Synod
Elected Members		
Until Feb 2021	Jessica Randall-Carrick	
	Peter Christmas	
Until May 2021	James Mitchell	
	Lucy Capstick	
From May 2021	Tina Bland	
	Rachael Carter	
	Barbara Morley	
	Jacqui Wells	
From Sept 2021	Carol MacBeath	
All of 2021	Lesley Foulkes	
	Lisa Garwood	
	Lesley Nicholls	

Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee which has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by Council and to limits of delegated authority.

The Building Committee oversees the stewardship of the Church building and ensures that repairs are dealt with.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met 11 times during the year. Committees have met between meetings and items from these were included in the PCC discussions as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of promoting within the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Christ Church building. The church operates five social outreach projects covering newborn to elderly, vulnerable, disabled, and marginalised individuals.

Church Attendance

The church holds a weekly morning service at 10am. For the first half of the year attendees had to book to attend and numbers were limited to 30. As we reopened without booking from September we see weekly attendance average around 30 – 40 people.

There are 59 members on the Electoral Roll.

Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

The total income for Christ Church was £58,082 a small increase of 1%. Expenditure also increased about 0.5%. With congregant numbers remaining low for much of the year, following Covid, this was to be expected and our figures were in line with our budget forecast.

Our regular giving and open plate giving showed a very small increase. There are encouraging signs as we neared the year-end that this will go in an upwards direction as more people join us or return post-Covid. At the end of 2020 we closed our transport scheme and sold the minibus. This was sold at a loss and the only fixed asset on the balance sheet now is the wheelchair car. The PCC agreed to the disbursement of the sale proceeds. We were able to pay an additional £5,860 to our parish share, transfer £4,800 to our Children and Youth Minister fund, £3,000 to Fabric fund and left the remaining £6340 in General Fund.

Our biggest challenge remains to increase our income to support the payment of our Parish share and our other commitments. We communicate finances more regularly with the wider congregation and plan more fundraising efforts next year. We intend to make a covenant pledge (parish share) of £10,000 next year.

Christ Church Ministry

This year has seen the first full year of Rev Anthony Laotan leading the church. Due to Covid numbers remained low for the first half of the year but we continued with weekly services. We were able to re-start Sunday Zone (children's church) in September. Our income has remained stable, and we have seen encouraging signs of growth in the last few months of the year. During the summer months as things began to re-open, we ran a weekly outdoor Pop-Up café. As we connected with our community, we noticed a couple of exciting opportunities which have led to a project to develop the gardens at church and a new and thriving International Community Group. We have received a generous donation from Stamford XT of £1,500 to develop the gardens with a further £1,500 promised from The Ark Trust.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programs a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring the Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and ultimately a relationship with Christ. Under the leadership of the Rev Anthony Laotan it has been a year of adapting to the new post Covid environment which has meant some changes in what we have been able to do but also led to new opportunities.

Anchored

As part of our restructure following Covid-19 we started a new program under the leadership of one member of staff. The remaining funds from the Transport Designated fund were moved to this new project which seeks to provide support and intergenerational activities that build resilience, improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness, foster community integration, and enable spiritual transformation within our Parish in particular and Stamford in general. We have received £3,000 from Stamford XT, £3000 from Stamford Kiwani's and £1,500 from Burghley Family Trust for this important work. This program incorporates our existing StartaFresh and Day Centre

Day Centre

Day Centre remained closed until July 2021. We had kept in touch with all our regular members by telephone and welcomed them back for a summer party. We then restarted a fortnightly lunch from September. The number of members remained stable and we were able to continue to provide a two course hot lunch, entertainment and transport. We are grateful for continued financial support from the Reiss Trust. Next year we will need to consider replacing some kitchen equipment and how best to offer transport for the group.

StartaFresh

This group continued during 2021, with limited numbers at the start of the year. It now runs two sessions per week on a Monday and Friday, offering vital confidence building and social support for the members. We have started a monthly art therapy session and continue to provide educational opportunities with Rutland Adult Learning and the Pelican Trust.

Community Chatter

Runs weekly as an afternoon drop-in session where anyone from the community can come along for friendship and support. Many members knit or craft and there is a chance to play games. This group developed following the success of the Pop-Up Café but may be developed further next year.

Hamper Project

We receive regular donations from customers at our local Sainsburys which we distribute to people in need. We have established partnerships with Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland

Academy and regularly deliver hampers to them to distribute to their families. We keep a few hampers each time at church to meet any urgent needs.

Children and Youth

Much of our Children and Youth work remained online during the first half of the year with our Children and Youth Minister maintaining a regular connection with our children, young people, and their families. For the first half of 2021 we ran a new group for Mum's and babies, Lil' Cherubs, which is now part of our Tots and Toast group. We were able to restart Tots n Toast and The Den in July. We also ran a weekly Holiday Club for primary aged children in the Summer Holidays. We received funding in July from the Stamford Lads Club enabling our Children and Youth Minister to have one day a week split between Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy. Currently she provides reading and pastoral support, and we are developing these links with the schools. We have been able to continue all this important work thanks to funding from The Ark Trust, Burghley Family Trust, Stamford Lads Club and Stamford Rotary.

This year our Children and Youth Minister was able to purchase an AED machine that is fixed outside our church thanks to a very generous donation from Cummins.

Christ Church Grantors

Christ Church gives a huge thank you to the many people who so kindly donate to support the outreach programs. We have also received generous donations from a range of organisations in 2021, including:

- Burghley Family Trust
- Reiss Family Trust
- The Ark Trust
- Cummins Inc
- Stamford Kiwanis
- Stamford XT
- Stamford Lad's Club
- Stamford Rotary

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC

Charity Law requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial transactions during the Charity year and of the disposition of the Charity's assets and liabilities at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- i. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- ii. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii. state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE) subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to prepare financial statements which comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	13,854	—	—	13,854	13,663
Collections and other giving	2,511	—	—	2,511	2,274
Other voluntary receipts	6,436	25,777	—	32,213	24,889
Gift Aid recovered	3,657	—	—	3,657	3,301
Other receipts	599	—	—	599	48
Activities for generating funds	1,411	—	—	1,411	110
Investment Income	—	—	—	—	—
Receipts from church activities	3,834	—	—	3,834	13,059
Total income	32,304	25,777	—	58,082	57,348
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	1,455	9,473	—	10,928	14,469
Missionary and Charitable Giving	320	30	—	350	75
Parish Share	10,000	—	—	10,000	3,700
Clergy and Staffing costs	11,306	20,528	—	31,835	42,111
Church Running Expenses	12,924	5,978	—	18,902	14,951
Church Repairs & Maintenance	3,725	786	—	4,511	762
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—
Governance Costs	672	—	—	672	672
Total expenditure	40,404	36,796	—	77,201	76,742
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(8,099)	(11,019)	—	(19,119)	(19,394)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	29,798	4,810	—	34,608	6,317
Gross transfers between funds - out	(14,571)	(20,037)	—	(34,608)	(6,317)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	7,127	(26,246)	—	(19,119)	(19,394)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	33,350	47,834	—	81,185	100,579
Total funds carried forward	40,477	21,588	—	62,066	81,185

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Balance Sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	209	29,735
	<u>209</u>	<u>29,735</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	62,090	51,598
	<u>62,090</u>	<u>51,598</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	234	148
	<u>234</u>	<u>148</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	61,856	51,449
	<u>61,856</u>	<u>51,449</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	62,066	81,185
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>81,185</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	62,066	81,185
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>81,185</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	17,465	11,237
Designated		
Designated - Anchored Designated	9,901	—
Designated - StartAFresh	1,315	1,354
Designated - Transport Scheme	202	13,050
Designated - Toddlers Tots n Toast	620	642
Designated - Fabric Fund	2,372	—
Designated - Hardship Fund	2,255	2,425
Designated - Audio Visual	981	4,187
Designated - Children and Youth Minister	511	—
Designated - Crunch and Mission refreshments	581	452
Designated - Garden Project Designated	100	—
Designated - Outreach Activities	3,000	—
Designated - Day Centre	1,171	—
Restricted		
Restricted - AED	13	—
Restricted - Day Centre (R)	6,169	6,448
Restricted - StartAFresh (R)	20	3,388
Restricted - Transport - Mini Bus (R)	2,919	32,452
Restricted - Mission Fund	718	748
Restricted - Agency collection	28	28
Restricted - Anchored Restricted	1,000	—
Restricted - CYM Projects	—	555
Restricted - Childrens and Youth Minister	7,782	2,969
Restricted - Celebrate Holiday Weekend Restricted	26	58
Restricted - Childrens Church	722	495
Restricted - Enable	687	687
Restricted - Garden Project	1,500	—
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>81,185</u>
Funds of the church	62,066	81,185

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Christ Church - 1139222
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	11,237	27,314	30,252	9,167	—	—	17,465
Sub-totals	11,237	27,314	30,252	9,167	—	—	17,465
Designated							
ANCHORDES - Anchored	—	350	1,870	11,421	—	—	9,901
AUDIOVIS – Audio Visual	4,187	952	4,158	—	—	—	981
CYMDESTIN – C&Y Minister	—	706	194	—	—	—	511
CRUNCH -Mission Refreshments	452	620	491	—	—	—	581
GARDENDES – Garden Project	—	—	—	100	—	—	100
OUTREACH - Outreach	—	—	—	3,000	—	—	3,000
DAY - Day Centre	—	1,219	48	—	—	—	1,171
START - StartAFresh	1,354	—	39	—	—	—	1,315
TRANSPORT Scheme	13,050	1,141	2,568	(11,421)	—	—	202
TODDLERS – Tots n Toast	642	—	22	—	—	—	620
FABRIC- Fabric Fund	—	—	627	3,000	—	—	2,372
HARDSHIP - Hardship	2,425	—	130	(40)	—	—	2,255
Sub-totals	22,113	4,990	10,151	6,060	—	—	23,011
Restricted							
AED	—	1,908	1,894	—	—	—	13
ANCHORRES - Anchored	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
CYMPROJ – CYM Projects	555	500	1,055	—	—	—	—
CYMREST – C&Y Minister	2,969	10,394	10,381	4,800	—	—	7,782
CelebrateR – Holiday Weekend	58	—	32	—	—	—	26
Child - Childrens	495	2,141	1,887	(27)	—	—	722
ENABLE - Enable	687	—	—	—	—	—	687
GARDENRES - Garden	—	1,500	—	—	—	—	1,500
DayR - Day Centre	6,448	2,000	2,279	—	—	—	6,169
StartR - StartAFresh	3,388	6,333	9,701	—	—	—	20
Mini-BusR – Transport Bus	32,452	—	9,533	(20,000)	—	—	2,919
Mission - Mission Fund	748	—	30	—	—	—	718
Agency – Agency Collection	28	—	—	—	—	—	28
Sub-totals	47,834	25,777	36,796	(15,227)	—	—	21,588
Totals	81,185	58,082	77,201	—	—	—	62,066

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Stamford

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ChristChurch

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Stamford
Charitable status	The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number: 1139222
Principal address	Christ Church, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE
Principal contact	Mrs Lisa Garwood, Administrator and Treasurer
Telephone no.	01780 766446
Email	admin@christchurchstamford.com
Website	www.christchurchstamford.com
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc, Broad St, Stamford
Independent examiner	Michelle Feasey, Stamford

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Administrative information

Christ Church Stamford is situated on Green Lane Stamford. It is part of the Diocese of Lincoln within the Church of England.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2019 until the date of this report are:

<i>Ex</i>	Anthony Laotan	- Vicar (from Aug 2020)
<i>Officio</i>	Nigel Garwood	– Warden
	Jason Nicholls	– Warden
	Paul Darley	- Reader

All 2020	Lesley Foulkes
	Lesley Nicholls
	Lisa Garwood
	Jessica Randall Carrick
	James Mitchell
	Brian Ogden (until Sept 2020)
	Peter Christmas
	Dawn Field

Co-opted	Lucy Capstick
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Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee which has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by Council and to limits of delegated authority.

The Building Committee oversees the stewardship of the Church building and ensures that repairs are dealt with.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met 11 times during the year. Committees have met between meetings and items from these were included in the PCC discussions as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of promoting within the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Christ Church building. The church operates five social outreach projects covering new born to elderly, vulnerable, disabled and marginalised individuals, including the operation of a community transport scheme.

Church Attendance

The church holds a weekly morning service at 10am. This year has been exceptional due to the pandemic. As soon as we went into lockdown we began livestreaming services. Attendance at these is hard to quantify but an average of 20 devices were watching during the live stream with at least 15 more watching during the week following the service. Since we have been able to re-open we have around 30 people in attendance and around 15 devices watching the livestream.

There are 58 members on the Electoral Roll.

Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

The total income for Christ Church was £57,299 a decrease of 35%. However, expenditure also decreased to £76,742, a decrease of 31%.

Our regular giving increased this year by £1704. We have seen a reduction in Open Plate giving of £3000 which is to be expected as the church has been closed for much of the year. A large part of the reduction in giving, and indeed expenditure, is the suspension of most of our activities due to Covid-19 restrictions. Most significantly we shut the Transport Scheme in March in line with government restrictions. This gave us an opportunity to review our outreach activities. The decision was taken to close the Transport Scheme permanently and sell the minibus (sold in 2021). We began a new project, Anchored, to reach out into our community. With full PCC agreement funds from the transport scheme will be reallocated to this project which will be reflected in next year's accounts. Day Centre and StartaFresh now fall under the umbrella of Anchored.

Our biggest challenge remains to increase our income to support the payment of our Parish share and our other commitments. Our new vicar, Rev Anthony Laotan, joined us in September 2020 and as we emerge out of the current restrictions we are confident we will be able to make significant strides towards this. We intend to increase our giving to Parish Share from £3700 this year to at least £10,000 next year.

Christ Church Ministry

Christ Church was in interregnum until August 2020. We were then delighted to welcome our new vicar, Rev Anthony Laotan and his family. We held online services throughout the lockdown period which were broadcast to YouTube. In October we began to hold weekly socially distanced services in the building, these services were also livestreamed. We have received a generous legacy of £5000 to enable us to upgrade our audio-visual equipment to cope with these new opportunities. These hybrid services are well attended and we have been able to maintain good contact with all our church family. Open plate giving has reduced this year by around £3,000 which is unsurprising given the length of time we were closed. However, regular giving has remained stable and was showing an increase by the year end. As restrictions lift further we will be engaging and employing all means to move forward collectively as a church.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programmes a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring the Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and ultimately a relationship with Christ. Rev. Anthony formed a working committee to begin to review our outreach programmes and some significant changes have been made. The implementation of these changes began in 2020 and will continue into 2021.

Day Centre

Our Day Centre was flourishing under new leadership until we had to close it down completely in March due to Covid-19 restrictions. At that point we furloughed our member of staff as no members meant no income. A team of volunteers continued to contact members by phone to check on their wellbeing and offer practical support. At the end of the furlough scheme with no prospect of being able to re-open we decided not to renew the contract of the temporary staff member. We launched a new programme, Anchored and we see our existing Day Centre membership very much as part of this outreach. The member of staff responsible for StartaFresh is now heading up Anchored and we very much intend to continue to minister to this group of people as part of our new programme. We are grateful for continued financial support from the Reiss Trust.

Children and Youth

We made the decision not to furlough our Children and Youth Minister as there was much work still to be done ensuring a regular connection with our children, young people and their families. Our Tots group and Youth Group, The Den, both moved to an online presence. These have enabled us to continue to engage with our members until we are able to resume. Our Children and Youth Minister has produced weekly videos for Tots to watch and run an online Zoom session with The Den young people. For our children's church we have created weekly craft packs which have been delivered to families. They can then use these whilst watching our online services. In December we ran a taster session for a new face to face support group, Lil' Cherubs, for Mum's and their babies. This proved popular and we will continue this provision next year. We have maintained contact with our local primary and secondary school and look forward to visiting face to face as soon as restrictions allow. We had a commitment of £5,000 of funding from The Ark Trust in December which will be received in the next financial year. We will need funding next year and plan to use some of the proceeds from the sale of the minibus to enable us to commit to this provision for a further 18 months.

StartaFresh

We had to close down StartaFresh in March 2020 and a team of volunteers kept in touch with the members whilst the member of staff was furloughed. In October we brought the staff member back to head up a new project Anchored, and StartaFresh forms part of this new ministry. Zoom calls have now replaced our regular meetings until such a time the group can meet again. We were grateful to receive £3,000 from the Burghley Family Trust and a commitment to £6000 of funding from Kiwani's and Stamford XT. These generous donations allow this important work to continue.

Transport Scheme

In March we had to close down the Transport Scheme due to Covid-19 restrictions. This gave us an opportunity to review and reflect on this area of our operations and ministry. We have seen a steady decline in the number of volunteers, both driving and in the office. We have been blessed with a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers but it was becoming increasingly difficult to offer a good reliable service to our membership base. Almost all of our volunteers were over 70 making it difficult to see how this situation could be turned round, at least in the short term. Whilst the scheme was never intended to be profitable it barely covered its costs for the last two years and with the pandemic that was set to get worse. We furloughed the employed member of staff and in October took the decision to permanently close the scheme and sell the minibus, whilst retaining the wheelchair car. Monies from the scheme, and the bus sale, will be redirected mainly to the Anchored programme and this will be reflected in next year's accounts.

Anchored

Is our new outreach ministry into our community. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have been unable to fully launch but our intention is to minister into our locality and also include our existing Day Centre and StartaFresh ministries under this umbrella. Before Christmas Sainsbury's made us their charity partner and provided us with food to be distributed to local people in need. We have been able to distribute food hampers through partnerships with Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy, we plan to continue with this during 2021. This new ministry is headed up by our StartaFresh Co-ordinator.

Christ Church Grantors

Christ Church gives a huge thank you to the many people who so kindly donate to support the outreach programmes. We have also received generous donations from a range of organisations in 2020, including:

- Burghley Family Trust
- Reiss Family Trust
- The Ark Trust
- Stamford Kiwanis
- Stamford XT
- Sainsbury's

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC

Charity Law requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial transactions during the Charity year and of the disposition of the Charity's assets and liabilities at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- i. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- ii. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii. state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE) subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to prepare financial statements which comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Christ Church – 1139222
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Prior year Total Funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	13,663	—		13,663	11,959
Collections and other giving	2,274	—		2,274	5,287
Other voluntary receipts	12,682	12,207		24,889	18,741
Gift Aid recovered	3,301	—		3,301	3,419
Other receipts	48	—		48	—
Activities for generating funds	—	110		110	1,877
Investment Income	—	—		—	2
Receipts from church activities	10,631	2,428		13,059	48,214
Total receipts	42,601	14,746		57,348	89,501
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	7,101	7,368	—	14,469	31,187
Missionary and Charitable Giving	75	—	—	75	319
Parish Share	3,700	—	—	3,700	6,000
Clergy and Staffing costs	18,677	23,433	—	42,111	38,474
Church Running Expenses	13,072	1,879	—	14,951	33,966
Church Repairs & Maintenance	611	151	—	762	2,028
Governance Costs	672	—	—	672	600
Total expenditure	43,909	32,832		76,742	112,576
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,308)	(18,086)		(19,394)	(23,075)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,540	2,777		6,317	17,085
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,851)	(3,466)		(6,317)	(17,085)
Net income / (expenditure)	(619)	(18,774)		(19,394)	(23,075)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(619)	(18,774)		(19,394)	(23,075)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	33,969	66,609	—	100,579	123,654
Total funds carried forward	33,350	47,834	—	81,185	100,579

Christ Church – 1139222
Balance Sheet
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	29,735	37,169
	29,735	37,169
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	51,598	63,431
	51,598	63,431
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	148	21
Net current assets less current liabilities	51,449	63,410
Total assets less current liabilities	81,185	100,579
Total net assets less liabilities	81,185	100,579
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	11,237	10,025
Designated		
Designated - Audio Visual	4,187	304
Designated - Toddlers Tots n Toast	642	647
Designated - Hardship Fund	2,425	2,481
Designated - Crunch and Mission refreshments	452	683
Designated – StartAFresh	1,354	-
Designated - Transport Scheme	13,050	19,826
Restricted		
Restricted - CYM Projects	555	2,984
Restricted - Transport - Mini Bus (R)	32,452	39,820
Restricted - Mission Fund	748	735
Restricted - Agency collection	28	28
Restricted - Childrens and Youth Minister	2,969	9,916
Restricted - Celebrate Holiday Weekend Restricted	58	58
Restricted - Childrens Church	495	663
Restricted - Enable	687	727
Restricted - Day Centre (R)	6,448	5,535
Restricted - StartAFresh (R)	3,388	6,137
Funds of the church	81,185	100,579

Christ Church – 1139222
Fund Movement by Type
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Unrestricted							
General - General fund	10,025	24,452	23,962	721	—	—	11,237
Sub-totals	10,025	24,452	23,962	721	—	—	11,237
Designated							
AUDIOVIS - Audio Visual	304	5,000	1,117	—	—	—	4,187
Crunch - Crunch and Mission refreshments	683	215	465	20	—	—	452
Teen - Teenzone	—	—	15	15	—	—	—
Start - StartAFresh	—	1,354	—	—	—	—	1,354
Transport - Transport Scheme	19,826	11,530	18,307	—	—	—	13,050
SCCP - Stamford Childrens Christmas Party	—	48	—	(48)	—	—	—
Toddlers - Toddlers	647	—	5	—	—	—	642
Tots n Toast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hardship - Hardship Fund	2,481	—	35	(20)	—	—	2,425
Sub-totals	23,944	18,149	19,947	(33)	—	—	22,113
Restricted							
CYMPROJ - CYM Projects	2,984	—	2,428	—	—	—	555
CYMREST - Childrens and Youth Minister	9,916	200	7,147	—	—	—	2,969
Child - Childrens Church	663	—	216	48	—	—	495
ENABLE - Enable	727	—	40	—	—	—	687
DayR - Day Centre (R)	5,535	6,179	4,516	(750)	—	—	6,448
StartR - StartAFresh (R)	6,137	8,366	11,115	—	—	—	3,388
Mini-BusR - Transport - Mini Bus (R)	39,820	—	7,368	—	—	—	32,452
Mission - Mission Fund	735	—	—	12	—	—	748
Agency - Agency collection	28	—	—	—	—	—	28
Sub-totals	66,550	14,746	32,832	(688)	—	—	47,776
Totals	100,520	57,348	76,742	—	—	—	81,126

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