

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT CLEMENT AND ALL SAINTS HASTINGS.

England & Wales · Charity number 1139491

Details

Other names THE OLD TOWN PARISH, HASTINGS.

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-12-23

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Activities

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

Activities: The primary objective of St Clement's with All Saints' PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£144,178	£139,674	-	-
2023-12-31	£105,054	£119,195	-	-
2022-12-31	£246,814	£274,454	-	-
2021-12-31	£240,203	£278,194	-	-
2020-12-31	£142,305	£90,946	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mathew Jamie David Phipps	Chair	2023-09-11
ANN WING		2013-04-01
Carol Ridge		2020-10-26
IAN SCOTT GALLAGHER		2022-04-27
JUDITH ANN ROGERS		2022-04-27
Judith Cubison		2020-10-26
Keith Ronald Leech MBE		2013-11-14
Kenneth Richard Bentall		2020-10-26
Laurence Homewood		2019-04-24
MRS PAT LOCK		
Rosemary Pronger		2021-05-12
Sandra Joan Bentall		2018-04-24
Simon Scott		2019-09-17

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2024

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The primary aim of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints Hastings is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent or Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two parish church buildings, St Clement's and All Saints', as well as All Saints' Church Hall.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining a faithful, worshiping community at the heart of Hastings' Old Town, particularly by:

- Nourishing the faith of Christians in prayer, in the sacraments and in the preaching of the Gospel, so that



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they are better equipped to live lives of transformative witness;

- Warmly welcoming all to a wide range of services and events, and supporting those who want to grow in faith, especially those seeking baptism and confirmation;
- Providing pastoral care to people in our community, including taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend church, and ministering to the dying and the bereaved;
- Supporting All Saints Church of England Junior Academy, and continuing to build links with other schools in the parish;
- Celebrating significant events in our local community, sharing our Christian faith and promoting the church community as a place of welcome for all;
- Encouraging visitors to enjoy the spiritual and architectural heritage of our churches, and providing for their ongoing use by maintaining them as places of worship.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

The Parish of St Clement and All Saints Hastings is an ecclesiastical parish in the Deanery of Hastings, in the Archdeaconry of Hastings, in the Diocese of Chichester.



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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and 4 members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

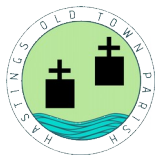
The PCC began 2024 with a new Chair, the Revd Mathew Phipps, who was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the parish on 11 September 2023 after a vacancy of roughly 12 months.

Those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are warmly encouraged to prayerfully consider standing for election to the PCC, and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. The full PCC met 9 times in 2024, holding ordinary meetings in February, April, May, July, September and November, and special meetings in January, August and December.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our Parish Context

Together, All Saints' and St Clement's are the two churches of the Old Town Parish. The historic centre of Hastings is a lively and quirky place which is home to the UK's largest land-launched fishing fleet, arcades and a funfair, the East Hill Cliff Lift (the UK's steepest funicular railway), the Hastings Contemporary gallery, and a wide variety of unusual shops, pubs, bars and restaurants. There are a little over 3,500



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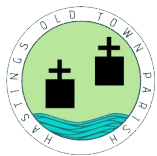


people resident in the parish, most in the Clive Vale area which sits in the valley between East Hill and West Hill. During the summer, the area attracts tens of thousands from inland to its beaches and other tourist attractions, and there is an exciting annual calendar of community events with wide appeal, including: Hastings Jack-in-the-Green Festival, Old Town Week, Pirate Day, Hastings Week and the Hastings Bonfire.

Though colourful, and popular with visitors, Hastings suffers from high levels of deprivation. The ecclesiastical parish is the 1,951st most-deprived ecclesiastical parish out of 12,239 in England (top 15%). The area served by the church includes LSOAs in the top 10% of those most deprived by crime and living environment, and in the top 20% for income deprivation affecting children. The risk of social exclusion is most evident in the incidence of high levels of unemployment, mental health issues and homelessness.

Worship and Mission

There are two regular Sunday morning services of Holy Communion (a traditional Book of Common Prayer service at 8am, and a sung Eucharist using Common Worship at 10am). There is also a monthly "1stSunday@6" evening service, which varies from reflective Taize prayer and worship, to Songs of Praise or Choral Evensong. Attendance at these services has continued throughout the year, with around 60 people attending one of the two morning services each week, while the monthly 1stSunday@6 service has drawn regular worshippers as well as others who do not attend morning services. Major Christian festivals and special services attract significant numbers, with around 145 (mostly families with



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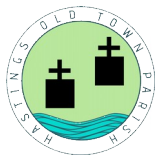


young children) at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, and 120 at Midnight Mass. Celebrating these events with the participation of so many members of our wider community is a significant factor in the achievement of our objectives.

Having a half-time parish priest has provided continuity for the community's worship, with greater opportunities to make changes and trial new ideas. The PCC recruited a new Director of Music, Dr Matthew Geer, who joined the parish in June 2024. His arrival has allowed the choir to develop its repertoire after a 12 month vacancy, with an increased variety of choral pieces enriching worship. New services for 2024 included "Desert Island Hymns" service as part of the 1st Sunday @ 6 programme, and the introduction of a service of Choral Evensong to celebrate All Saints' Day.

The church plays a significant part in the celebration of special occasions and events in the Old Town, including the annual Good Friday Procession of Witness, the Morris Dancers' Festival Eucharist, Blessing of Pets, and the Community Service attended by representatives of local charities and services. The Blessing of the Sea commemorated the 200th anniversary of the RNLI, and was held on the harbour arm, with refreshments served afterwards in the lifeboat house, thanks to RNLI volunteers. These special services illustrate the achievement of our objective to place the church's worshiping life at the heart of our community and provide wide public benefit.

One of the church's most visible ministries is the provision of refreshments and light lunches on Saturdays throughout the year, with hot soup in the colder months, and cream teas and cakes in the summer. Combined with visitors and older



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people who appreciate a place to meet others, and cream teas for tourists exploring the area. This hospitality has worked together with the already valuable ministry of making St Clement's open almost every Saturday through the year, with visitors drawn especially to craft fairs and the "Rossetti in Love" exhibition which, opened in March 2022, is based on the Pre-Raphaelite artist and poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The church tower bells and handbells groups usually practice on Saturday mornings and lunchtimes, providing an additional attraction and new experience for visitors. Although there is a lot to see and enjoy when the churches are open, it is the constant experience of our volunteers that many people come to pray, to light a candle, or simply to imbibe the spiritual atmosphere of a place that has been prayed in for centuries. Late night opening in the original "Night Church" format continues on special occasions, including for the Hastings Bonfire and Pram Race (during Carnival Week).

Both St Clement's and All Saints' are sought after as places to get married or for the baptism of infants, often because of the longstanding family connection that many Hastings residents have with the Old Town. 3 weddings and one Thanksgiving for Marriage were held.

There is a Food Bank collection point at St Clement's and the second half of 2024 saw an increase in donations, especially for Harvest Festival.

Children, young people and adult discipleship

The Junior Choir, which has been running for nearly 4 years, admits children from 8 to 16 years of age and, through a mid-week rehearsal and Sunday morning service, enables them to



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work through the Royal School of Church Music's "Voice for Life" programme. This is supported by the Batley-Hibbert Music Fund, administered by the Magdalen and Lasher Charity. There are currently 5-6 young people between the ages of 10 and 15 in the Junior Choir, and a new grant from the Battley Hibbert Fund (in October 2024) will provide for the continuation and expansion of the programme over the next 3 years.

The junior serving team has increased to 4. Through the Junior Choir and serving team, children and young people are able to learn and take a full part in the church's worship. The whole worshipping community is enriched by serving God together across generations.

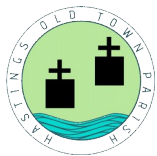
3 young people from the parish were confirmed at the Bexhill Deanery confirmation service in June, and one young person and one adult were baptised and confirmed in October. There were 5 infant baptisms in 2024.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church community enjoys a warm relationship with our near neighbour's, the (Roman Catholic) Parish of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea. Our Taize worship services have appealed to Christians of other traditions, and the Good Friday Procession of Witness is organised with wide Christian participation, especially from member of St Mary's.

Communication and administration

Parish News is a key point of contact between the church and the wider community. There are 10 issues a year (double issues over Christmas and in the summer), and these are



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delivered to every home and business in the parish by a team of volunteers. A pastoral letter, service and event times, articles of local and educational interest, and advertisements from local businesses all feature. Income from advertising defrays the costs of printing, with the balance being provided by the PCC with support from the Magdalen and Lasher Charity.

The parish website has cemented its place as a source of information for visitors, as well as an up-to-date online calendar which is accessible to all. The website still contains convenient links to the parish Facebook page and to an online donation portal.

The online mailing tool continues to attract new subscribers at a gradual rate, with numbers around 100. Pews News, Parish News and the weekly Sunday sermon are all made available to subscribers. The Facebook page has around 50 subscribers, and publishes sermons, notices about services and events, and seasonal online campaigns like the Church of England's Lent and Advent reflections.

The parish office is staffed on Wednesday mornings, dealing with enquiries and correspondence, and producing Pews News and other printed material for services.

Schools

Links with All Saints' CE Junior Academy have developed gradually through the year, with regular meetings between the parish priest and headteacher. A "link worker" from the church visits as often as weekly and supports those involved in leading school worship, as well as with English and



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mathematics. The school also has a foundation governor nominated with the support of the PCC. The church prays for staff and pupils, prompted by a weekly note in Pew News. In 2024, the school's annual leavers' service was held in All Saints' Church, and its Christmas Carol Concert was hosted in St Clement's Church, with link worker, governors and parish priest attending.

Pastoral Care for people living in the Parish

Pastoral visits, which may include Holy Communion, are made to sick parishioners. A weekly prayer list is maintained and included in Sunday services in Church and on the Pew Sheet.

Pastoral visits are offered to residents of both residential care homes in the parish. Regular visits to The Laurels were discontinued in summer 2024, although the aim of establishing a more sustainable commitment to pastoral visitation has not yet been realised. Fortnightly visits are made to Old Hastings House and Holy Communion is distributed by lay ministers authorised to do so. The Honorary Assistant Priest in the parish, Brother Aelred Partridge, is also Honorary Chaplain to Old Hastings House.

In Autumn 2024, a monthly evening service of sung worship was reintroduced at Old Hastings House for the first time since the pandemic of 2020. A 3-month trial was well received and, with the support of the Ministry Team, is expected to continue.

St. Clement and All Saints Church Buildings

We have charge of two beautiful medieval churches and a church hall. The PCC is committed to the faithful stewardship



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of this heritage, and to keeping these buildings well-used and well-maintained.

Some outstanding stonework at St Clement's Church was completed in 2024, but the more significant building project for the year was the repair of the south porch at All Saints which had become urgent in September 2023. Already the subject of local fundraising in the previous year, 2024 saw the grant of a confirmatory faculty and a number of successful grant applications. During the course of the year, over £25,000 in grants made or pledged. The conditions attached to one grant prompted a useful PCC discussion which arrived at a decision to make All Saints Church more readily available to visitors from 2025 onwards.

Unfortunately, inclement weather caused delays for contractors and the work anticipated for summer 2024 had still not begun by the end of the year.

We remain indebted to the Two Towers Trust for its fundraising activities, and to the local community for continuing to contribute with a generosity that reflects the iconic significance of these historic buildings for the local area.

All Saints' Church Hall is usually rented out to various local groups. The Lower Hall is let as studio accommodation, with the adjacent garage also let to raise income.

THANKS

The PCC extends its thanks to all who bear responsibility for the Church's work in this Parish, both employed and volunteer, too numerous to mention by name in this report.



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However, special thanks are due to the churchwardens for their weekly commitment to the practicalities of church community life. During the vacancy, the church's life was nurtured by a constant flow of visiting clergy, to whom we are also immensely grateful.

Thank you also to all who have worked so tirelessly for the church, serving on committees, leading our house-groups, children's work, running and taking part in services, social events, fundraising, flower arranging, brass cleaning, making marmalade and ensuring that the life of the church and its service to the community has continued throughout the year.

Statement of Responsibilities of the PCC

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, which is also applicable to Parochial Church Councils, requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;



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- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

This report was approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf.

Chair to the PCC

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see separate document

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MUSIC REPORT

It has been a great joy and privilege to begin my ministry as Director of Music at the Old Town Parish in June 2024. I am deeply grateful to the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, clergy, laity, and congregation for their unfailing kindness and support in helping me settle into the role and feel a true part of the community.

Since starting, the musical life of the parish has continued to grow. As of June 2024, we had 5 committed Junior Choristers and up to 8 Senior Choir members across the vocal range. We were delighted to welcome a new Junior Choir member this spring, recruited through the strengthening of links with All Saints Junior Academy, where I serve as a school governor. I am very thankful to the Head Teacher, Ms Hurd, for her support in this endeavour.



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The Junior Choir continues to make excellent progress with the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life training scheme. Most members have completed Module E of their next level, and I have been working individually with them to guide their development through Modules A–D. Their dedication has been impressive.

Musically, we have celebrated several special occasions, notably a successful Harvest Festival at which the Junior and Senior Choirs joined together to sing a new choral anthem. The Junior Choir has also had three opportunities to sing independently, including a beautiful performance of A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester by L.J. White during Communion.

One particular development this year has been the integration of choral anthems into the 2nd Communion hymn slot at the Sunday 10am Eucharist. This has generally been well received by the congregation and has allowed us to introduce a wider range of liturgical music. Selecting appropriate repertoire that is accessible to both Junior Choir members (particularly at White Level) and Senior Choir members with varied ranges has been a positive and an ongoing learning curve.

The congregation's response to the music has been welcoming and encouraging, with particular appreciation expressed for the addition of different anthems and new liturgical music.

I would like to record my sincere thanks to the clergy, the Senior and Junior Choir members, their parents, our volunteers who assist with safeguarding at rehearsals, and the



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whole congregation for their steadfast support and welcome over these first six months.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have made a strong start with two choral evensongs, supported by an augmented choir from within and outside the parish. There has been interest from new singers to join on an occasional basis. Most Junior Choristers are on track to complete their next Voice for Life level by August 2025. We are also currently exploring the possibility of appointing an Organ Scholar, who would receive tuition and participate in some liturgical playing. I have reviewed the choir library to plan new, accessible anthems, and we are making steady progress with a new Communion setting for congregational and choral use.

I am excited to continue building on these foundations in the year ahead and give thanks to God for all that has been achieved so far.

Dr Matthew Geer

Director of Music

BUILDINGS REPORT

South Porch - All Saints

Following timing issues with our initial chosen contractor, additional estimates were sought for the renovation works to the South Porch. We have appointed a new contractor, Richard Soan Roofing services of Lewes and we are confident in their abilities and their aim to commence works in April 25.

Heating



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The central heating at All Saints and St Clements churches have not been working well, or at all, at various times. Investigation work to find the underlying problems continues, as well as improving the controllability of both systems.

General

One of the large downpipes serving the South elevation knave roof became detached and slipped to the gulley below. This was successfully repaired and replaced and appears to be functioning correctly.

Winter readiness works have been completed to both churches and the church hall, ensuring all gulleys, downpipes and drains are clear and working properly. A large amount of vegetation and overgrowth was removed, with particular attention given to St Clements churchyard adjoining Church Passage. The final inspection of the works by Sussex Stone carried out to St Clements has been inspected and signed off.

Sincere thanks to David Cheale (Builder), John Martin (Heating Engineer) and Hannington & Gilbert (Electrical) for their attention, advice and care over the last year.

Ian Gallagher

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

Fr Mat our Priest in Charge has been with us for over a year now and this has made a huge difference to our Parish life, Church Worship and well being of the congregation, for which we are truly grateful. We also give many thanks to



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Brother Aelred who continues to serve the parish and conducts one service a month regularly.

We were very pleased to welcome Dr Matt Geer as the brilliant new Organist in May 2024. Together with Fr Mat, they are both introducing us to new music and choral settings.

We continue to alternately worship 4 monthly between each church. Church attendance is increasing which is encouraging. As a parish we continue to work together with St Marys Star of the Sea for certain services.

Ian Gallagher continues to do a great job as Buildings Officer to both churches. Now focusing on repairs to All Saints south porch.

Both churches continue to be used for concerts and talks, which helps with parish income.

There have been several Baptisms in both churches and Fisherman's Museum, also weddings in both churches.

All Saints Hall continues to be used by the community to facilitate various groups.

Ann Wing

PARISH LIBRARY

The Parish Library is located mainly in All Saints Church with a few books located in St Clements. It contains a large number of items related to many relevant themes such as: Church



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History, Ethics and Mysticism. Some of the largest sections are devoted to Theology, books examining the person and nature of Jesus and a number of biographies devoted to prominent religious figures.

Although largely consisting of works exploring Anglican and Catholic ideas, other Christian denominations are also included. There is also a small section devoted to other world faiths, including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. Historically the library has been used as a basis for study by interested members of the congregation and, occasionally, reviews have been printed in the Parish News. Books associated with past Lent and Advent House Groups are also available to peruse. These include the two most recent A Place For Us and The Long Road To Heaven, both of which are based on popular films (West Side Story and The Way respectively). As there is no longer a fund available to purchase new material many items have been kindly donated and some are on long term loan.

As regards the future of the library: at present it remains as a substantial but underused resource. It is our hope that all those who wish to investigate this rich and varied collection will continue to utilise it.

Laurence Homewood

HOUSE GROUPS

House groups continued to flourish during 2024, with 28 members meeting in four groups during Lent and Advent. Meetings were hosted in homes in the parish and in “The Stag”, All Saints Street. Courses use bible readings, thoughts



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from a variety of writings, poetry, music and art and wide ranging discussion to explore our faith. The five week Lent Course followed the theme of “Thin Places”, looking at the role of pilgrimage and sacred places as part of a life long journey. This course was written by members of the Wednesday evening group. The four week Advent course was also written by group members, and used the hymn “I cannot tell” as a framework. This considered how we can work towards a future where Jesus is known by all as Saviour and God’s love fills the world.. All are welcome; we have members from other churches and with experience of all Christian denominations. Thanks to all our hosts and leaders.

Sue Phillips

SATURDAYS AT ST CLEMENT’S

St. Clement’s church was open on Saturdays, 11.30am to 2.30pm, March to December. Refreshments are offered on a “Pay as you can” basis, soup in the colder months and ploughman’s platters in the warmer months, with cream teas and longer opening in August. Funds raised for the church general fund are shown in the annual accounts, while the first Saturday in the month raises funds for the “Two Towers Trust”, supporting the repair of the two medieval churches. These Saturdays are a successful fund raising opportunity, but the main purpose for the doors of the church to be open .A warm welcome is assured to visitors and our regular customers, whether seeking a spiritual space to pray and perhaps light a candle, or visiting the medieval church



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buildings while exploring Hastings Old Town. The cafe area in the church is a great place to meet friends and share tea or coffee and cake. Handbell practice is often followed by the “Big Bells” on these Saturdays, giving all a unique experience.

Thanks to our helpers in the kitchen, church sitters and, of course, our customers.

Sue Phillips

HOME COMMUNION SERVICES REPORT

Holy Communion via The Reserved Sacrament is taken into OHH fortnightly. The Book of Common Prayer Communion Service is used. Attendance ranges between 6-8 residents regularly taking part.

Attendance at The Laurels Nursing Home has been sadly dropping. This service unfortunately ceased during 2024, following discussions between Fr Mat and Nursing Home Manager.

Individual Home Communion Services are taken when requested, with a shortened Order of Service used.

Ann Wing

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Our parish's representatives, Judy Cubison and Sandra Bentall, attended the three Hastings Deanery Synod meetings in 2024, held on 22nd January at St Ethelburga's Church, on



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29th June at Holy Trinity Hastings, and on 14th October at St Matthew's Church. Revd Matthew Foy is the Rural Dean of Hastings and currently is also Acting Assistant Archdeacon of Hastings.

There was in 2024 lots of planning for 'Celebrating Faith', the 950th Anniversary of the Diocese of Chichester and the Nicene Creed for 1700 years, and Hastings & Rye Deaneries' service with Bishops Martin and Will at St Peter & St Paul on 15th January was a joyous celebration.

Sandra Bentall

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair was held on Saturday 23rd November at St. Clement's Church, 10.00am to 2.00pm. Stalls included Cakes, Sweets, Biscuits and Preserves, Handicrafts, Christmas decorations and wrappings, Books, Toys, Christmas Tombola and Prize every time, raffle and refreshments. Flagging spirits were raised at noon by a wonderful performance from The Cocktail Choir.

Thanks to all, we raised over £1,360.00.

Sue Phillips



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PCC Membership 2024-2025

Name	Role
<i>Incumbent/PiC (a):</i>	
Mathew Phipps	Chair
<i>Churchwardens (e):</i>	
Ian Gallagher	
Pat Lock	Vice-Chair
Judy Rogers	Secretary
Ann Wing	
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives (i):</i>	
Sandra Bentall	
Judith Cubison	
[Vacancy]	
[Vacancy]	
<i>Elected Lay-Representatives (j):</i>	
Laurence Homewood	
[vacancy]	
[vacancy]	
[vacancy]	
Ken Bentall	Electoral Roll Officer (TBC)
Keith Leech	Health & Safety (TBC)



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Heather Summers	Parish Safeguarding Officer (TBC)
[vacancy]	
Rosemary Pronger	
Simon Graves	
Carol Ridge	
[vacancy]	
<i>Co-Opted / Invited (k)</i>	
Ian Gallagher	Buildings Officer (co-opted)
Simon Scott	Treasurer (co-opted)

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Clements with All Saints Hastings

St Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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PARISH OF ST CLEMENT AND ALL SAINTS HASTINGS
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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>			<u>All Funds</u>	<u>All Funds</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	50,485	468	9,718	-	60,671	54,941
Charitable activities	4,149	-	-	-	4,149	18,522
Trading activities	31,522	5,580	-	-	37,102	21,946
Investments	9,969	-	-	-	9,969	9,601
Other receipts	537	-	26,750	-	27,287	44
	96,662	6,048	36,468	-	139,178	105,054
Receipts from Sale of Investments	5,000				5,000	10,000
Total received	101,662	6,048	36,468	-	144,178	115,054
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	1,673	6,455	-	-	8,128	9,303
Charitable costs	87,058	1,158	2,149	-	90,365	94,090
Trading costs	11,845	516	-	-	12,361	10,441
Major repairs	11,115	-	9,705	-	20,820	5,361
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
	111,691	8,129	11,854	-	131,674	119,195
Payments for purchases of investments	8,000	-	-		8,000	1,166
Total paid	119,691	8,129	11,854	-	139,674	120,361
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net income or (net expenditure)	(18,029)	(2,081)	24,614	-	4,504	(5,307)
Transfers between funds	22,533	2,081	(24,614)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,504	-	-	-	4,504	(5,307)
Bank accounts at 1 January	5,018	-		-	5,018	10,325
Bank accounts at 31 December	9,522	-	-	-	9,522	5,018

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Signed:



Rev Mat Phipps, Chair

PARISH OF ST CLEMENT AND ALL SAINTS HASTINGS
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	General Fund	Designated Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	All Funds 2024	All Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assets:						
Cash at bank and in hand	9,522				9,522	5,018
					-	
PCC-owned bank balance	9,522	-	-	-	9,522	5,018
		-	-	-	-	-
Total bank and deposit accounts	9,522	-	-	-	9,522	5,018
Prepayments and accrued income						-
Gift Aid recoverable					-	-
Other debtors					-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
CCLA investment fund	268,311	14,353	35,570	-	318,234	308,258
All Saints organ fund		13,544	-	-	13,544	12,886
Diocese-held fund		-	-	47,927	47,927	46,848
Investment assets at market value	268,311	27,897	35,570	47,927	379,705	367,992
	-	-	-		-	
Investment assets at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets for Church use	300,403	-	-		300,403	300,403
Total assets	578,236	27,897	35,570	47,927	689,630	673,413
Liabilities:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					-	-
Total Liabilities					-	-

Note: No account taken of increase/decrease value of Fixed Assets

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Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		<i>Restricted</i> <u>Fund/s</u>	Total All Funds 2024	<i>Total</i> <i>All Funds</i> <i>2023</i>	Notes
	General Fund	Designated Funds				
	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	20,124	-	-	20,124	19,193	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	1,360	-	-	1,360	876	
One-off and adhoc donations	7,572	-	-	7,572	7,455	
Special appeals	2,805	-	7,350	10,155	14,650	1
Gift Aid recovered	9,813	-	1,328	11,141	7,467	
Legacies	0	-	-	-	-	
Misc donations	8,811	468	1,040	10,319	5,300	2
Donations and legacies	50,485	468	9,718	60,671	54,941	
Fees for weddings & funerals	4,149	-	-	4,149	5,937	
Charitable activities	4,149	-	-	4,149	5,937	
Proceeds of events with trading/sales	1,396	-	-	1,396	1,525	
Concert income	-	5,575	-	5,575	5,764	
Night church	-	5	-	5	213	
Hire of churches	1,110	-	-	1,110	990	
Other fundraising	5,114	-	-	5,114	4,093	
Total trading activities	7,620	5,580	-	13,200	12,585	
Income from church hall	17,242	-	-	17,242	18,317	
Income from Parish News	6,660	-	-	6,660	3,629	
Total other trading activities	23,902	-	-	23,902	21,946	
Bank & CBF interest	146	-	-	146	46	
CBF investment fund dividend	9,823	-	-	9,823	9,555	
Investments	9,969	-	-	9,969	9,601	
VAT refunds	537	-	-	537	-	
Grants	-	-	25,750	25,750	-	3
Insurance claims	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	44	
Total received on all funds	96,662	6,048	36,468	139,178	105,054	

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	General	Designated				
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Weddings & funerals	1,553	-	-	-	1,553	3,644
Fundraising expenses	120	-	-	-	120	-
Concerts & AS organ maintenance	-	6,455	-	-	6,455	5,659
Cost of raising funds	1,673	6,455	-	-	8,128	9,303
Charitable grants and donations	-	371	-	-	371	814
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	31,000	-	-	-	31,000	30,000
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	12,238	-	-	-	12,238	9,830
Clergy and other people's expenses	690	-	-	-	690	196
Insurance	9,869	-	-	-	9,869	9,647
Utilities	19,200	-	-	-	19,200	26,262
Administration	2,035	-	-	-	2,035	1,661
Children's choir	-	-	2,149	-	2,149	1,864
Night church	-	787	-	-	787	-
Bells fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other regular church running costs	6,653	-	-	-	6,653	3,495
Accounting and examiner's fees	300	-	-	-	300	1,800
Rosetti exhibition	24	-	-	-	24	-
Church maintenance	5,049	-	-	-	5,049	8,521
Charitable costs	87,058	1,158	2,149	-	90,365	94,090
Hall insurance	1,155	-	-	-	1,155	1,124
Hall maintenance	-	516	-	-	516	839
Hall utilities	2,363	-	-	-	2,363	1,951
Parish News costs	8,327	-	-	-	8,327	6,527
Other trading costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trading costs	11,845	516	-	-	12,361	10,441
Major repairs	11,115	-	9,705	-	20,820	5,361
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	£	£	£	£	£
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St Clements churchyard	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Diocese-held funds	45,196	-	-	1,079	46,275
Total of all endowed funds	46,848	-	-	1,079	47,927
Insurance claims	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Grants - All Saints Porch Roof	-	20,750	(7,665)	-	13,085
Grant - Children's choir	2,033	5,000	(2,149)	-	4,884
Two Towers Trust	-	1,040	(1,040)	-	-
All Saints Porch Roof Appeal	8,923	8,678	-	-	17,601
Total of all restricted funds	10,956	36,468	(11,854)	-	35,570
All Saints organ inv. fund	12,886	-	-	658	13,544
All Saints organ	843	5,575	(6,455)	-	(37)
All Saints Hall	13,317	-	(516)	-	12,801
St Clements bells	784	-	-	-	784
Night church	1,422	5	(787)	-	640
Jenga	68	-	(120)	-	(52)
Designated collections	-	468	(251)	-	217
Total of all designated funds	29,320	6,048	(8,129)	658	27,897
General fund (bank & investments)	285,886	96,662	(111,691)	6,976	277,833
Assets held	300,403	-	-	-	300,403
Total of all unrestricted funds	615,609	102,710	(119,820)	7,634	606,133
Total funds	673,413	139,178	(131,674)	8,713	689,630

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITAL

MR KEITH MILLER

Date

15th April 2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body
if any

Examiner's address

Hastings Voluntary Action, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Clements with All Saints Hastings

St Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>			<u>All Funds</u>	<u>All Funds</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>Fund/s</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	50,485	468	9,718	-	60,671	54,941
Charitable activities	4,149	-	-	-	4,149	18,522
Trading activities	31,522	5,580	-	-	37,102	21,946
Investments	9,969	-	-	-	9,969	9,601
Other receipts	537	-	26,750	-	27,287	44
	96,662	6,048	36,468	-	139,178	105,054
Receipts from Sale of Investments	5,000				5,000	10,000
Total received	101,662	6,048	36,468	-	144,178	115,054
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	1,673	6,455	-	-	8,128	9,303
Charitable costs	87,058	1,158	2,149	-	90,365	94,090
Trading costs	11,845	516	-	-	12,361	10,441
Major repairs	11,115	-	9,705	-	20,820	5,361
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
	111,691	8,129	11,854	-	131,674	119,195
Payments for purchases of investments	8,000	-	-		8,000	1,166
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Net income or (net expenditure)	(18,029)	(2,081)	24,614	-	4,504	(5,307)
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>			<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assets:						
Cash at bank and in hand	9,522				9,522	5,018
					-	
PCC-owned bank balance	9,522	-	-	-	9,522	5,018
		-	-	-	-	-
Total bank and deposit accounts	9,522	-	-	-	9,522	5,018
Prepayments and accrued income						-
Gift Aid recoverable					-	-
Other debtors					-	-
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Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		<i>Restricted</i>	Total All Funds	<i>Total All Funds</i>	Notes
	General	Designated				
	Fund	Funds	Fund/s	2024	2023	
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- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITAL

MR KEITH MILLER

Date

15th April 2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body
if any

Examiner's address

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Accounts



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TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The primary aim of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints Hastings is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent or Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the two parish church buildings, St Clement's and All Saints', as well as All Saints' Church Hall.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to maintaining a faithful, worshipping community at the heart of Hastings' Old Town, particularly by:



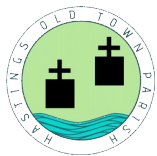
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- Nourishing the faith of Christians in prayer, in the sacraments and in the preaching of the Gospel, so that they are better equipped to live lives of transformative witness;
- Warmly welcoming all to a wide range of services and events, and supporting those who want to grow in faith, especially those seeking baptism and confirmation;
- Providing pastoral care to people in our community, including taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend church, and ministering to the dying and the bereaved;
- Supporting All Saints Church of England Junior Academy, and continuing to build links with other schools in the parish;
- Celebrating significant events in our local community, sharing our Christian faith and promoting the church community as a place of welcome for all;
- Encouraging visitors to enjoy the spiritual and architectural heritage of our churches, and providing for their ongoing use by maintaining them as places of worship.

In the furtherance of these objectives, the PCC entered 2023 with the objective of appointing a half-time Priest-in-Charge as a successor to the Reverend Paul Hunt, who retired in September 2022. At the beginning of the year, the role had been advertised for a second time as a shared role to include half-time chaplaincy at Ark Alexandra Academy.



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When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

The Parish of St Clement and All Saints Hastings is an ecclesiastical parish in the Deanery of Hastings, in the Archdeaconry of Hastings, in the Diocese of Chichester.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. It includes the following *ex officio* members: the Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge, any reader licensed to officiate in the parish, the churchwardens*, and any members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod on the electoral roll of the parish. In addition, there are 12 elected members of the PCC. (* St Clement's and All Saints' are both designated parish churches. There are 4 churchwardens in the parish).

The role of Priest-in-Charge was vacant until 11 September 2023, when the Reverend Mathew Phipps was licensed by the Rt. Revd. Dr. Martin Warner, Lord Bishop of Chichester, at All Saints' Church.

Those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are warmly encouraged to prayerfully consider standing for election to the PCC, and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. The full PCC met 4 times in 2023.



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our Parish Context

Together, All Saints' and St Clement's are now the two churches of the Old Town Parish. The historic centre of Hastings is a lively and quirky place which is home to the UK's largest land-launched fishing fleet, arcades and a funfair, the East Hill Cliff Lift (the UK's steepest funicular railway), the Hastings Contemporary gallery, and a wide variety of unusual shops, pubs, bars and restaurants. There are a little over 3,500 people resident in the parish, most in the Clive Vale area which sits in the valley between East Hill and West Hill. During the summer, the area attracts tens of thousands from inland to its beaches and other tourist attractions, and there is an exciting annual calendar of community events with wide appeal, including: Hastings Jack-in-the-Green Festival, Old Town Week, Pirate Day, Hastings Week and the Hastings Bonfire.

Though colourful, and popular with visitors, Hastings suffers from high levels of deprivation. The ecclesiastical parish is the 1,951st most-deprived ecclesiastical parish out of 12,239 in England (top 15%). The area served by the church includes LSOAs in the top 10% of those most deprived by crime and living environment, and in the top 20% for income deprivation affecting children. The risk of social exclusion is most evident in the incidence of high levels of unemployment, mental health issues and homelessness.

Worship and Mission



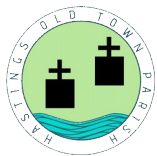
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There are two regular Sunday morning services of Holy Communion (a traditional Book of Common Prayer service at 8am, and a sung Eucharist using Common Worship at 10am). There is also a monthly “1stSunday@6” evening service, which varies from reflective Taize prayer and worship, to Songs of Praise or Choral Evensong. Attendance at these services has continued throughout the year, with around 60 people attending one of the two morning services each week, while the monthly 1stSunday@6 service has drawn regular worshippers as well as others who do not attend morning services. Major Christian festivals and special services attract significant numbers, with around 145 (mostly families with young children) at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, and 120 at Midnight Mass. Celebrating these events with the participation of so many members of our wider community is a significant factor in the achievement of our objectives.

It is a testimony to the commitment of many members of the church community that attendance has remained at this level through a vacancy of 12 months, and that so many of the church’s special services and events were celebrated with enthusiasm. This included not only the major Christian festivals, but especially the annual Good Friday Procession of Witness, the Morris Dancers’ Festival Eucharist, the Community Service attended by representatives of local charities and services, and the Blessing of the Sea held on the Stade with the involvement of the RNLI and fishing community. These special services illustrate the achievement of our objective to place the church’s worshiping life at the heart of our community and provide wide public benefit.



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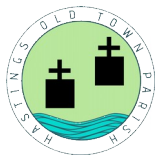


Over the last year, monthly “Night Church” programme the parish offer a warm space and hot food and drink for visitors, including homeless people and those attracted to the Old Town by its nightlife. More recently the move has shifted towards providing lunches for visitors and older people who appreciate a place to meet others, and cream teas for tourists exploring the area. This hospitality has worked together with the already valuable ministry of making St Clement’s open almost every Saturday through the year, with visitors drawn especially to craft fairs and the “Rossettis in Love” exhibition which, opened in March 2022, is based on the Pre-Raphaelite artist and poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The church tower bells and handbells groups usually practice on Saturday mornings and lunchtimes, providing an additional attraction and new experience for visitors. Although there is a lot to see and enjoy when the churches are open, it is the constant experience of our volunteers that many people come to pray, to light a candle, or simply to imbibe the spiritual atmosphere of a place that has been prayed in for centuries. Late night opening in the original “Night Church” format continues on special occasions, including for the Hastings Bonfire.

Both St Clement’s and All Saints’ are sought after as places to get married or for the baptism of infants, often because of the longstanding family connection that many Hastings residents have with the Old Town.

There is a Food Bank collection point at St Clement’s and donations are passed on regularly throughout the year.

Children, young people and adult discipleship



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The Junior Choir, which has been running for nearly 3 years, admits children from 8 to 16 years of age and, through a mid-week rehearsal and Sunday morning service, enables them to work through the Royal School of Church Music's "Voice for Life" programme. This is supported by the Batley-Hibbert Music Fund, administered by the Magdalen and Lasher Charity. There are currently 5-6 young people between the ages of 10 and 15 in the Junior Choir.

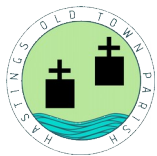
In addition, there are 3 younger members of our serving team. Through the Junior Choir and serving team, children and young people are able to learn and take a full part in the church's worship. The whole worshipping community is enriched by serving God together across generations.

The Hastings Deanery confirmation service was hosted at All Saints' in June 2023, presided at by the Rt. Revd. Will Hazlewood, Bishop of Lewes. 5 young people and 2 adults from the parish were confirmed, an amazing landmark for the parish and an indicator of its achievement in sharing faith and discipling believers.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church community enjoys a warm relationship with our near neighbour's, the (Roman Catholic) Parish of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea. Our Taize worship services have appealed to Christians of other traditions, and the Good Friday Procession of Witness is organised with wide Christian participation, especially from member of St Mary's.

Communication and administration



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Parish News is one of the most visible elements of the church's engagement with the wider community. There are 10 issues a year (double issues over Christmas and in the summer), and these are delivered to every home and business in the parish by a team of volunteers. A pastoral letter, service and event times, articles of local and educational interest, and advertisements from local businesses all feature. Income from advertising defrays the costs of printing, with the balance being provided by the PCC with support from the Magdalen and Lasher Charity.

The parish website has cemented its place as a source of information for visitors, as well as an up-to-date online calendar which is accessible to all. PCC members and others contributed feedback to a minor update in the Autumn of 2023, which saw greater priority given to the much-used calendar, simplified the menus, and introduced updated logo and text. The website still contains convenient links to the parish Facebook page and to an online donation portal.

The online mailing tool continues to attract new subscribers at a gradual rate, with numbers around 100. Pews News, Parish News and the weekly Sunday sermon are all made available to subscribers. The Facebook page has around 50 subscribers, and publishes sermons, notices about services and events, and seasonal online campaigns like the Church of England's Lent and Advent reflections.

The parish office is staffed on Wednesday mornings, dealing with enquiries and correspondence, and producing Pews News and other printed material for services. The office relies upon a mobile internet connection which is not always stable and this is something we want to improve in the future.



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Schools

Although hindered by a 12 month vacancy, links with All Saints' CE Junior Academy have remained strong. A "link worker" from the church visits as often as weekly and supports those involved in leading school worship, as well as with English and mathematics. The school also has a PCC-nominated governor. Since the pandemic in 2020, the school has returned to making increased use of All Saints' Church for nativity/carol services and the school leaver service. The church prays for staff and pupils, prompted by a weekly note in Pew News.

A carol service for Buckswood School was hosted in December. Local schools are welcomed to use the churches as educational resources, and an annual visit was paid by students from Torfield School.

Pastoral Care for people living in the Parish

Pastoral visits, which may include Holy Communion, are made to sick parishioners. A weekly prayer list is maintained and included in Sunday services in Church and on the Pew Sheet. Regular visits are made to the two residential care homes in the parish, Old Hastings House (fortnightly) and The Laurels (monthly), and Holy Communion is distributed by lay ministers authorised to do so. The Honorary Assistant Priest in the parish, Brother Aelred Partridge, is also Honorary Chaplain to Old Hastings House.

St. Clement and All Saints Church Buildings

We have charge of two beautiful medieval churches and a church hall. The PCC is committed to the faithful stewardship



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of this heritage, and to keeping these buildings well-used and well-maintained.

The Quinquennial Inspection of St Clement's Church was undertaken in June 2023. Work to the south porch roof at All Saints (which had been recommended in the QI undertaken in 2022) became urgent in September 2023 when stone tiles began to slide from the roof. Emergency interim repairs were undertaken immediately, and the PCC stepped-up its fundraising for this project in anticipation of being able to progress this work in 2024. By the end of 2023, over £10,000 had been raised, and additional funding pledged by the Two Towers Trust and the Hastings Winkle Club. We remain indebted to the local community for continuing to contribute with a generosity that reflects the iconic significance of these historic buildings for the local area.

Severe storms in the late autumn also caused damage to the tower roof at All Saints, and repairs have been completed with the assistance of our insurers. The weathervane, which was damaged in these storms, has been removed for restoration at a later date.

We are grateful to local builder, David Cheal, for offering his substantial experience and providing prompt assistance when issues arise.

All Saints' Church Hall is usually rented out to various local groups. All Saints' Upper Hall is used for community rental, the Hall is fully accessible for the disabled and has been decorated, insulated and gas heating installed, a commercial dishwasher and a small fridge have also been installed.



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The Lower Hall is let as studio accommodation, with the adjacent garage also let to raise income.

THANKS

The PCC extends its thanks to all who bear responsibility for the Church's work in this Parish, both employed and volunteer, too numerous to mention by name in this report. However, special thanks are due to the churchwardens for their weekly commitment to the practicalities of church community life. During the vacancy, the church's life was nurtured by a constant flow of visiting clergy, to whom we are also immensely grateful.

Thank you also to all who have worked so tirelessly for the church, serving on committees, leading our house-groups, children's work, running and taking part in services, social events, fundraising, flower arranging, brass cleaning, making marmalade and ensuring that the life of the church and its service to the community has continued throughout 2023.

Statement of Responsibilities of the PCC

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and 4 members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The full PCC met 4 times in 2023.



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Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC has adopted a Risk Register and this is reviewed each year.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, which is also applicable to Parochial Church Councils, requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

This report was approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf.

Chair to the PCC



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This will be a verbal report at the meeting with formal figures to follow due to issues with auditing.

SAFEGUARDING

During 2024, three referrals were made.

Our Policies, Protocols and Guidance were increased, with the addition of:

- A Lone Working Policy
- A Safeguarding Protocol for Visiting Groups (e.g. Bell Ringers)
- Guidelines for Reporting Abuse (focused on children and adults)
- A Safeguarding Complaints Protocol
- Guidance on Social Media and Young People (to support the parish's existing E-Safety Policy)
- A Safeguarding Risk Assessment for Confirmation Classes

SAFER RECRUITMENT

A key element in Safer Recruitment is the creation of Job (remunerated posts) and Role (volunteer roles) Descriptions. These establish the purpose, requirements and responsibilities of each role, and serve to indicate and justify the level of Disclosure and Barring Service check needed and the safeguarding and role-related training to be undertaken.

In 2024, a draft Job Description and Person Specification were created for the post of Director of Music in consultation with the outgoing postholder, and a further eighteen draft Role Descriptions.



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In support of the recruitment process, the following were added:

- Employee/Volunteer Induction Checklist
- Interview Assessment Framework
- Personnel File Checklist

JUNIOR CHOIR

On Easter Day, 2023, the five members of the Junior Choir said a sad farewell to Malcolm Lock, the Director of Music who had auditioned them and started them on their RSCM Voice for Life journey. At the beginning of June, along with the members of the Senior Choir, they were able to express their thanks to him with a meal at the Lamb Inn at Hooe.

Although a successor to Malcolm was not found during the remainder of the year, the members of the Junior Choir remained committed and enthusiastic. Towards the end of October they were joined by another chorister, who proved to be equally committed and enthusiastic.

Most of the choristers made steady progress towards their 'Light Blue' level award and, at the beginning of Advent, their ability and growing confidence was demonstrated when two of them sang solos in the Matin Responsary.

The continuation of the Junior Choir would not have been possible without the wonderful support of the parents; and particular thanks are due to Mr Gamble, who has attended most of the rehearsals in this period to be present as a second adult, or has arranged for another member of his family to be there when he was unable to do so himself.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BUILDINGS REPORT

April 2024 St Clements The quinquennial inspection of St Clements was carried out in June last year. The inspecting architect, Mark Anderson, gave the following overall assessment - "The church building is generally well cared for and in good condition following the recent repair and restoration projects. There are, however, some maintenance and repair works that require attention". Some of these works have been carried out, including electrical items and general maintenance of gully and gutters etc. We intend to ask Mark Anderson to prepare an updated schedule of works that are considered essential, and works we can prepare for, for both churches. New smoke and heat detectors have been installed and we have now achieved a "satisfactory" rating on our Electrical Inspection Condition Report, following the planned programme of improvements instigated by Gareth.

All Saints The quinquennial inspection carried out in 2022 highlighted the poor condition of the gutters to both sides of the South Porch. Following closer inspection by Mark Anderson, it became apparent that the timber fixings securing the Horsham stone tiles to the roof beams were failing. Mark recommended complete removal and refixing of the Horsham stone on new timber battens using stainless steel fixings. Shortly afterwards, a small area of stone fell to the ground. Swift action was taken to erect scaffolding to support the remaining roof and protect passers by. To enable continued use of the south porch entrance, a temporary protective structure has been put in place internally. We have appointed Clarke Roofing to carry to this work, as well as the



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replacement lead work required to the knave roof. We hope to commence work in September, however, we are waiting for Clarke Roofing to confirm this. During November's high winds, the weather vane became partially dislodged from its mounting and pierced the bell tower roof, causing damage to the tiles and felt and allowing access to rain. David Cheale carried out speedy repairs to the roof and removed the weather vane for inspection. This was covered by our insurers. Advice is being taken on the condition of the weathervane, prior to repair or replacement. EICR rated "satisfactory" Health and Safety Health and Safety and Fire Risk Assessments of both churches and the church hall have been completed recently by H & S Officer Keith Leech. Areas requiring improvement are being reviewed and any necessary works will be undertaken in due course. Church Hall No major issues to report. Fire Safety Assessment, EICR, Health & Safety inspection and Emergency Plan, all up to date.

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

A busy year as always

We continued to be in the interregnum and not knowing if or when a new priest would arrive. During these months we were very grateful to our retired clergy friends who took all our services and we are very grateful to them. The services were able to continue as usual.

We were happy to welcome Bishop Will of Lewis in June 2023 to Baptise 1 adult and to Confirm 7 adults and children from the congregation, also 3 adults from Christ Church Ore.

In September there was another Episcopal visitation from The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner to License the new Priest in Charge Fr Mat Phipps. Together with his wife Ellie, who is an ordained priest and their two sons. This was a most



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joyous occasion, with many members of the congregation and other friends & clergy.

The church is still without an Organist and Director of Music. We have greatly appreciated the locum organists who have been very willing and happy to accompany the services.

The church buildings particularly All Saints have been a major problem and still are. Much damage being done to the Lady Chapel roof and south porch, including the weather vane being blown down. [I might add that a lot of this happened after Fr Mat's first or second service for us!!!!]

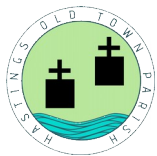
A major fund raising project was commenced to wards the repairs,

Buildings Report ----- Sadly Gareth Bendon the Buildings Officer had to step down due to ill health and we thank him greatly for all his hard work & effort he especially put into the refurbishment of St Clement Church. Ian Gallagher has now taken this office over and is now the Buildings Officer.

PARISH LIBRARY

The main bulk of the books which make up the Parish Library are to be found in All Saints Church whilst a few are located in St Clements. The library itself contains a large number of items related to such relevant themes as: Theology, Church History, Biography, Ethics and Mysticism. There is also a large biography section devoted to a number of prominent religious figures. Although largely Christian in nature there is also a small section devoted to other world faiths, including copies of The Koran, studies of Judaism, works by The Dalai Lama and Hindu texts.

Historically the library has been used as a basis for study by interested members of the congregation and, occasionally,



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reviews have been printed in the Parish News. As there is no longer a fund available to purchase new material many items have been kindly donated and some are on long term loan.

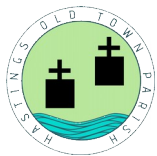
The existence and future of the library has always been hotly debated. At present it remains as a substantial but underused resource. It is our hope that all those who wish to investigate this rich and varied collection will continue to utilise it.

HOUSE GROUPS

House groups were able to meet for Lent and Advent, following the regular pre Covid pattern. The Wednesday morning group met for further days for Bible study.

The Lent course was based on the booklet written by Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride, inspired by the 2021 Steven Spielberg film of West Side Story. This is a love story, an updated version of the Romeo and Juliet story told by Shakespeare. Leonard Bernstein composed the music and Stephen Sondheim wrote the lyrics. First produced on Broadway in 1957, this award winning stage musical became a ground breaking film in 1962. The Spielberg version is yet a further update of this well known story of a divided community, of fear, love, betrayal, violence, death and reconciliation. The course used film clips, discussion points, questions, Bible readings and poetry asking us to explore the place that god has prepared for us and the difference that can make in our lives.

Advent used the Sheffield Diocese course "Travelling Light". What could we learn from the Bible's travellers? Mary and Joseph, an army of angels, a group of shepherds, wise men from the east, even a strange light in the sky. In the gospel accounts, they all converge on Bethlehem. Why this small, nondescript town rather than the great capital city of



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Jerusalem? The God who surprises and subverts our expectations is at work! We found that we had unexpected ideas, thoughts and emotions even in this so well known story, told through the bible readings.

Yes we all enjoy the friendship, the time to talk and really get to know each other but the real strength of a house group is this finding something new and unexpected in well known stories and themes, a new way to think about and share our faith. All are welcome; you do not have to be a regular member of our congregation or commit to every session, come and try a group in 2024.

Thank you to all who host and lead the meetings. We had 26 regular participants in 2023.

SATURDAYS AT ST CLEMENT'S

St. Clement's Church is easily accessible from the High Street and has a flexible space including the coffee area and small kitchen. We try to keep the church open during the late morning and early afternoon on most Saturdays in the year, welcoming all to visit the building, offering space for prayer and contemplation, shelter from the rain and a cool shady seat in the summer! The opening times often coincide with Handbell or "Big Bell" practice.

We use this time to provide refreshments, for donation only, and we encourage all to use this as a regular meeting place. The menu changes with the seasons, soups, ploughman's lunch, strawberry cream teas, always including coffee, tea and cake! In 2023 we raised £2,500 for church funds. The first Saturday in the month, is the Two Towers Trust day, providing the refreshments and a table sale or craft fair on summer Saturdays. The Two Towers Trust raise money for the maintenance of the two church buildings.



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November saw the Christmas Fair which raised just over £1,500. Thank you to all who helped with the Fair, and all who came and supported the event with their purchases!

A very big thank you to the Saturday teams of Church sitters, helpers and of course our customers, but the biggest “Thank You” must go to the Saturday kitchen team, Rosemary Pronger, Sue Phillips and our newest member Ian Gallagher (who has learnt the kitchen choreography!)

BELLRINGERS REPORT

Saturday practices have continued on a regular basis during the year thanks to support from other local ringers. Because of a shortage of our own ringer's, there are only three of us, regular service ringing hasn't happened but we have managed to get ringers for some special services.

Once again, we opened All Saints Tower to visitors during Old Town Week and this event was again very popular with members of the public.

We also rang for the HBBS procession as well as joining in behind our banner and collecting money for the Two Towers Trust.

I have had offers of help with teaching and am looking into the necessary safeguarding measures required as well as the Dioecian courses I have already completed. I have produced a risk assessment for both towers too.

I look forward to 2024 in the hope of recruiting new ringers and getting back to service ringing.

TWO TOWERS HANDBELLS REPORT

We have had a good year and have finally started to perform concerts in local residential care homes again.



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We have continued to practice in St Clements on Saturdays and regularly have an audience.

We were invited to perform at The Reflection and were once again special guests at the Soundwaves Christmas Concert in December at All Saints.

Many thanks to Ken, our musical director, for all his hard work and to the rest of the group for their commitment to practicing on a regular basis. Looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

HOME COMMUNION SERVICES REPORT

Holy Communion via the Reserved Sacrament continues to be taken to OHH fortnightly. The service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Attendances have increased this past year and there are now between 8-10 residents who regularly join us .

The Laurels have a monthly service as above and there are usually about 5-6 who regularly attend.

Both these residences appreciate the services given and look forward to it.

Home Communion services are taken when requested, with a shortened service used.

PARISH-SCHOOL (ALL SAINTS CE JUNIOR ACADEMY) LINK

There are three aspects to this role.

- In-class support
- Collaborating with Mrs Martin in supporting the pupil Worship Group with the planning and delivery of student-led school worship.
- Encouraging the participation of the school in church.

In-class support



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In the period from January to July, the first half of the morning continued to be spent supporting in Mrs Hinxman's Year 4 English lesson and the second half in assisting in Mrs Bolt's Year 3 Maths lesson.

Following the departure of Mrs Hinxman at the end of the summer term, this support has been focused on Mrs Martin's Year 3 class.

Worship Group

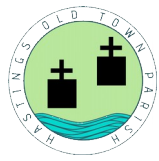
The Worship Group has continued to thrive and, over the course of 2024 numbered between twelve and twenty pupils. In June, they led School Worship on the theme of Resilience and, in October, on Generosity.

Participation of the School in Church

This was not possible this year because, for much of the year, the Church was without a priest-in-charge, and planning for the participation of the school in church during the academic year happens in a meeting at which the Head Teacher, the Incumbent and the Parish-School Link Worker are present.

SERVERS REPORT

The serving team has grown and now includes the welcome addition of Zac, who had experience from his previous parish, so needed little in the way of training. We now have three young people on the team, Clem, Zac and Esmeralda. Jaqui, Paul and Keith also continue to act as servers. The enthusiasm of the team is clear, and often in the vestry there are discussions about who will need to sit out that week and be disappointed. It would be fair to say that all of us feel honoured to be serving at the altar and really enjoy what we do. Rarely do we see less than a full team of four servers, and



HASTINGS OLD TOWN PARISH

One Modern Parish, Two Medieval Churches



on feast days we provide additional people for the thurible and boat. We are expecting to train a new young person in June, bringing us to seven, which is a good position to be in, but will also mean more disappointment for all of us who will have to sit out more often.

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Clements with All Saints Hastings

St Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

The financial effect of our activities during the year can be summarised as follows

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>			<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	40,036	621	14,284	-	54,941	157,084	
Charitable activities	5,937	-	-	-	5,937	20,587	
Trading activities	28,554	5,764	213	-	34,531	22,352	
Investments	9,601	-	-	-	9,601	9,988	
Other receipts	-	-	44	-	44	36,803	
	84,128	6,385	14,541	-	105,054	246,814	
Receipts from Sale of investments	10,000				10,000		
Total received	94,128	6,385	14,541	-	115,054	246,814	
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	3,644	5,659	-	-	9,303	7,724	
Charitable costs	91,412	814	1,864	-	94,090	89,527	
Trading costs	9,602	-	839	-	10,441	9,408	
Major Repairs	-	-	5,361	-	5,361	166,215	
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	104,658	6,473	8,064		119,195	272,874	
Payments for purchase of investments	1,166				1,166	1,580	
Total paid	105,824	6,473	8,064	-	120,361	274,454	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>							
Net income or (net expenditure)	(11,696)	(88)	6,477	-	(5,307)	(27,640)	
Transfers between funds	11,519	(5,042)	(6477)	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	(177)	(5,130)	-	-	(5,307)	(27,640)	
Bank accounts at 1 January	5,195	5,130	-	-	10,325	37,965	
Bank accounts at 31 December	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	10,325	

St Clements with All Saints, Hastings registered charity number 1139491

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our financial position at the year-end was

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>					
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>Notes</i>
					2023	2022	
Assets:							
Bank Current & Deposit Account	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	10,325	
Total Bank and Deposit Accounts	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	10,325	
Prepayments & Accrued Income							
Gift Aid recoverable	-	-	-	-	-	3,030	
Other Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	1,469	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	4,499	
CCLA investment fund	280,868	14,944	12,446	-	308,258	291,508	
All Saints organ fund	-	12,886	-	-	12,886	10,322	
Diocese-held fund	-	-	-	46,848	46,848	42,849	
Investment assets at market value 31/12/23	280,868	27,830	12,446	46,848	357,992	344,679	
Investment assets at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fixed Assets for Church use	300,403	-	-	-	300,403	300,403	6
Total assets	586,289	27,830	12,446	46,848	673,413	659,906	
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					-	(6,444)	
Total liabilities					-	(6,444)	

Notes

6. No Account taken of Increase/decrease value of fixed Assets

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2023, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd. Mat Phipps, PCC Chairman:

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Date

St Clements with All Saints, Hastings registered charity number 1139491

Notes to the Financial Report

Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total All Funds 2023	Total All Funds 2022	Notes
	General Fund	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	19,193	-	-	-	19,193	18,844	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	876	-	-	-	876	1,141	
One-off and adhoc donations	7,387	68	-	-	7,455	8,417	
Special appeals	3,093	553	11,004	-	14,650	6,536	1
Gift Aid recovered	7,467	-	-	-	7,467	11,527	
Legacies	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Misc donations	2,020	-	3,280	-	5,300	110,619	2
Donations and legacies	40,036	621	14,284	-	54,941	157,084	
Fees for weddings & funerals	5,937	-	-	-	5,937	5,116	
Total charitable activities	5,937	-	-	-	5,937	5,116	
Proceeds of events with trading/sales	1,525	-	-	-	1,525	2,479	
Concert income		5,764	-	-	5,764	5,843	
Night church			213	-	213	957	
Hire of churches	990	-	-	-	990	1,754	
Other Fundraising	4,093	-	-	-	4,093	4,438	
Total trading activities	6,608	5,764	213	-	12,585	15,471	
Income from church hall	18,317	-	-	-	18,317	16,854	
Income from Parish News	3,629	-	-	-	3,629	5,498	
Total other trading activities	21,946	-	-	-	21,946	22,352	
Bank interest	46	-	-	-	46	69	
CBF investment fund dividends	9,555	-	-	-	9,555	9,919	
Total investments	9,601	-	-	-	9,601	9,988	
VAT Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	35,245	
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	1,025	
Other Receipts	-	-	44	-	44	533	
Total received on all funds	84,128	6,385	14,541	-	105,054	246,814	

Notes:

1. The restricted figure was funds donated for the appeal for the repair of damage to the All Saints porch roof.
2. We are grateful for the Two Towers Trust donations of £3,280 towards the All Saints porch temporary repairs.

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Notes to the Financial Report

Analysis of total paid

	Unrestricted		Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total	Total	Notes
	General	Designated			All Funds	All Funds	
	Fund	Funds			2023	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Weddings & funerals	3,644	-	-	-	3,644	2,253	
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-	135	
Concerts & AS organ maintenance	-	5,659	-	-	5,659	5,336	
Cost of raising funds	3,644	5,659	-	-	9,303	7,724	
Charitable grants and donations	-	814	-	-	814	577	
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	9,830	-	-	-	9,830	16,875	
Clergy and other people’s expenses	196	-	-	-	196	497	
Insurance	9,647	-	-	-	9,647	8,209	
Utilities	26,262	-	-	-	26,262	9,623	3
Administration	1,661	-	-	-	1,661	3,734	
Children’s Choir	-	-	1,864	-	1,864	2,674	
Night church	-	-	-	-	-	97	
Bells Fund	-	-	-	-	-	150	
Other regular church running costs	3,495	-	-	-	3,495	2,522	
Accounting and Examiner’s fees	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	1,800	
Rossetti Exhibition	-	-	-	-	-	266	
Church maintenance	8,521	-	-	-	8,521	12,503	
Charitable costs	91,412	814	1,864	-	94,090	89,527	
Hall – insurance	1,124	-	-	-	1,124	993	
Hall maintenance	-	-	839	-	839	870	
Hall – utilities	1,951	-	-	-	1,951	1,156	
Parish News costs	6,527	-	-	-	6,527	6,389	
Trading costs	9,602	-	839	-	10,441	9,408	
Major repairs	-	-	5,361	-	5,361	166,215	4
Total paid on all funds	104,658	6,473	8,064	-	119,195	272,874	

Notes

3. The PCC arranged a change of provider for gas and electricity from October 2023 in order to try to mitigate the massive increase in costs.

4. All Saints porch roof costs to end 2023.

St Clements with All Saints, Hastings *registered charity number 1139491*

Notes to the Financial Report

Payments to PCC employees:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages, salaries and honoraria	9,830	16,875
Employer National Insurance	-	-
Employer pension contributions	-	-
	9,830	16,875

Our organist and choirmaster, Malcolm Lock, resigned after Easter.

We continue to pay a cleaner for churches and hall, and for a parish administrator.

Amounts paid and employees' circumstances mean that no NI payments are required, or pension contributions

Notes to the Financial Report

Statement of Funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
All Saints churchyard	265	-	-	-	265
St Clements churchyard	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Diocese-held funds	41,197	-	-	3,999	45,196
Total of all endowed funds	42,849	-	-	3,999	46,848
Night church	1,209	213	-	-	1,422
Jenga	24	44	-	-	68
All Saints Porch Roof	-	11,004	(2,081)	-	8,923
Children's choir	3,897	-	(1,864)	-	2,033
Donations Two Towers Trust	-	3,280	(3,280)	-	-
Total of all Restricted Funds	5,130	14,541	(7,225)	-	12,446
All Saints organ inv. fund	10,322	-	-	2,564	12,886
All Saints organ	1,904	5,764	(5,659)	(1,166)	843
All Saints Hall	14,156	-	(839)	-	13,317
St Clements bells	716	68	-	-	784
Designated collections	(68)	553	(814)	329	-
Total of all designated funds	27,030	6,385	(7,312)	1,727	27,830
General fund (bank & investments)	278,050	84,128	(104,658)	28,366	285,886
Assets held	300,403	-	-	-	300,403
Total of all unrestricted funds	605,483	90,513	(111,970)	30,093	614,119
Total funds	653,462	105,054	(119,195)	34,092	673,413

5. We remain grateful for the Battley Hibbert Trust funding provided for the junior choir: £2,033 remains.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Examiner's signature

Examiner's name *CAPITAL*

Date

Mrs LAURA DAWSON

17th May 2024

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

if any

Examiner's address

Hastings Voluntary Action, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

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of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Clements with All Saints Hastings

St Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

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Charitable activities	5,937	-	-	-	5,937	20,587	
Trading activities	28,554	5,764	213	-	34,531	22,352	
Investments	9,601	-	-	-	9,601	9,988	
Other receipts	-	-	44	-	44	36,803	
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Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Our financial position at the year-end was

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	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>					
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>Notes</i>
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Assets:							
Bank Current & Deposit Account	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	10,325	
Total Bank and Deposit Accounts	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	10,325	
Prepayments & Accrued Income							
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Other Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	1,469	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	4,499	
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All Saints organ fund	-	12,886	-	-	12,886	10,322	
Diocese-held fund	-	-	-	46,848	46,848	42,849	
Investment assets at market value 31/12/23	280,868	27,830	12,446	46,848	357,992	344,679	
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Date

St Clements with All Saints, Hastings registered charity number 1139491

Notes to the Financial Report

Analysis of total received

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Proceeds of events with trading/sales	1,525	-	-	-	1,525	2,479	
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Hire of churches	990	-	-	-	990	1,754	
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Notes to the Financial Report

Analysis of total paid

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	Fund	Funds					
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Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-	135	
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Night church	-	-	-	-	-	97	
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Notes to the Financial Report

Payments to PCC employees:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages, salaries and honoraria	9,830	16,875
Employer National Insurance	-	-
Employer pension contributions	-	-
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Donations Two Towers Trust	-	3,280	(3,280)	-	-
Total of all Restricted Funds	5,130	14,541	(7,225)	-	12,446
All Saints organ inv. fund	10,322	-	-	2,564	12,886
All Saints organ	1,904	5,764	(5,659)	(1,166)	843
All Saints Hall	14,156	-	(839)	-	13,317
St Clements bells	716	68	-	-	784
Designated collections	(68)	553	(814)	329	-
Total of all designated funds	27,030	6,385	(7,312)	1,727	27,830
General fund (bank & investments)	278,050	84,128	(104,658)	28,366	285,886
Assets held	300,403	-	-	-	300,403
Total of all unrestricted funds	605,483	90,513	(111,970)	30,093	614,119
Total funds	653,462	105,054	(119,195)	34,092	673,413

5. We remain grateful for the Battley Hibbert Trust funding provided for the junior choir: £2,033 remains.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints with St Clement, Hastings, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Examiner's signature

Examiner's name *CAPITAL*

Date

Mrs LAURA DAWSON

17th May 2024

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

if any

Examiner's address

Hastings Voluntary Action, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council

of the

Ecclesiastical Parish

of

St. Clement and All Saints

The Parish Office, St. Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings,
TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Priest - in - Charge: The Reverend Paul Hunt, until September 2022, Parish
then in interregnum

Independent examiner: Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited, 20 Havelock Road,
Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1BP

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, West Malling, Kent

Administrative Information

St. Clement's Church is situated off the High Street, Old Town, Hastings and All Saints' Church is at the top of All Saints' Street, Old Town, Hastings, East Sussex.

Correspondence on administrative issues should be addressed to The Parish Administrator, The Parish Office, St. Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 3HT email: office@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk.

The Parish is currently a charity and registered in 2010 with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993, Charity number 1139491. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year ended 31st December 2022, the following served as members of the PCC.

Priest-in-Charge:	The Reverend Paul Hunt, until September 2022. Parish then in interregnum.
Vice-Chair:	Judith Cubison
Hon. Treasurer:	Simon Scott
Hon Secretary:	Sue Phillips
Church Wardens:	Gareth Bendon (All Saints, until APCM 2022), Judy Rogers (All Saints, from APCM 2022,) Judith Cubison (St. Clement), Pat Lock (St. Clement, until APCM 2022) Ian Gallagher (from APCM 2022, St. Clement), Ann Wing (All Saints).
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Ken Bentall, Sandra Bentall, Sue Phillips (all elected APCM Oct 2020 for 3 years)
Elected Members:	Eunice Britten (<i>from APCM April 2019 until APCM 2022, re-elected APCM 2022 until 2025</i>) Evelyn Harding (<i>from APCM May 2021 until APCM 2024</i>) Laurence Homewood (<i>from April 2019 until APCM 2022, re-elected APCM 2022 until 2025</i>) Fiona McKenzie Johnson (<i>from APCM 2022 until 2025</i>) Rosemary Pronger (<i>from APCM May 2021 until APCM 2024</i>) Carol Ridge (<i>from October 2020 until APCM 2023</i>) Simon Scott (<i>from October 2020 until APCM 2023</i>)
Co-opted member:	Jean Donaldson. Parish Administrator and Electoral Roll Officer until APCM 2022
Safeguarding Representative:	Heather Summers from July 2021
Co-opted Health and Safety representative:	Keith Leech

The Parish of St. Clement and All Saints, Hastings

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS A CHARITY

The Primary Objective of St. Clement and All Saints Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. Developing links in the wider community, growing the membership of the church in faith and fellowship and maintaining our two medieval Churches and All Saints' Church Hall, whilst working towards their financial viability, their availability and suitability for use by the whole community. We aim to provide support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of the level of need, ability to pay, including those of any religion or none.

As a charity, we are a not-for-profit organisation.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on "charities for the advancement of religion".

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The following continued as the objectives and activities to fulfil our aims in 2022:

- 1) Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community and to worship at our churches.
- 2) Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers. Offering worship and prayer, through scripture, music and sacrament. Strengthening links with our local schools.
- 3) Putting faith into practice. Reaching out to residents and visitors, welcoming and giving service to the community.
- 4) Provision of pastoral care for people living within the parish and those outside the parish associated with the church. Overseas mission.
- 5) Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres and focus of life in the Old Town and ensuring the long term viability of the parish.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

The Parish of St. Clement and All Saints has two medieval churches. It is in the heart of Hastings Old Town, with its active fishing community, tourist attractions, artists and local businesses. Both churches are used for regular worship, on a four monthly rotation. In addition to Baptisms taking place in our Parish Churches, they are also held in the Fisherman's Museum, (St. Nicholas Church) and an annual Carol service usually takes place there and at the Lifeboat Station.

St. Clement and All Saints' churches both have modern facilities and are used for alternative community meetings, events, concerts, etc as required. St. Clement is near the sea front, shops and car parks and has disabled access via the west door and internal ramps. All Saints has disabled access via a slope. A well regarded "Father Willis" organ is maintained at All Saints and used for regular services and concerts. There is a "Doom" wall painting which attracts visitors.

This report reflects how the PCC has worked throughout 2022, continuing with innovative ways of reaching out to the parish, and the wider community, offering comfort and support, both physically and with regard to mental health.

In 2020, we were blessed to welcome the Reverend Paul Hunt as our part time Priest-in-Charge, for a planned period of up to three years. Following the Reverend Paul Hunt's retirement at the end of September 2022, we are again in interregnum. This has had an effect on the achievement of all our aims and objectives. Paul is an enthusiastic preacher, strong teacher and inspiring leader, he had a great vision for the future of our parish and the drive and organisational skills to achieve much.

Attendance at worship

The church family usually welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary, at regular services, special services and celebrations. Visitors are also welcomed to concerts, community, social and cultural events, attending by personal choice. It is our pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We consider this to be a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

We are pleased to report that our goal to increase the Electoral Roll has been achieved, with 105 members now on the roll. Weekly attendance (as per October) was 50.

We continue to hold the regular Sunday services, 8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10am Sunday Eucharist. Numbers continued to fluctuate throughout the year. In Old Town Week we were able to hold a special Sunday morning Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the communal Life of Hastings Old Town and the always popular Blessing of Pets. St. Clement's Church was open daily for visitors and for private prayer during Old Town Week, and every Saturday during the year.

The Annual Magdalen and Lasher Thanksgiving service was held July in All Saints' Church, the PCC provided refreshments for all. Other occasional services included a Morris Service, Hastings Week, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Service, an Advent Taize service, and Christmas services, included Carol services and a Family Nativity Service on Christmas Eve. There was an Act of Remembrance at Swan Terrace, remembering those who lost their lives when the Swan Inn was bombed May 23rd 1943. These services were well attended and a welcome return to normality following the Covid 19 restrictions.

The special services attract community figures, including the MP, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Mayor and Mayoress of Hastings, local councillors and those who do not usually attend, together with regular worshippers. The Annual Good Friday Procession of Witness was held as an on line event in 2021, watched by over 2,000 people, and was able to be held as the more usual procession between the Old Town churches in 2022. Congregation members, other denominations and non church going members of the community take part in this act of faith.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

The Reverend Paul Hunt has led the team of retired priests, Reader, and authorised lay ministers, developing a collaborative ministry. Four House Groups have continued to provide fellowship and space for discussion and sharing of our Christian faith, both face-to-face and by Zoom as appropriate.

Sunday School teachers have maintained contact with the families who used to attend. Although new members have not yet been attracted to Sunday School, those who have outgrown Sunday School have become part of the team that serve and are crucifers at our Sunday Eucharist. We have also encouraged children to join our junior choir and they and their families have become a very valuable part of our church. Teachers planned the Christmas Eve Family Nativity Service this year, in which the children and families were able to take an active part. This was well attended. They also made the Easter Garden and Mothering Sunday posies, in which the children took an active part.

Choral singing has gone from strength to strength, with the Junior Choir firmly establishing itself in the life of the Old Town Parish. This is supported by the Batley-Hibbert Music Fund, administered by the Magdalen and Lasher Charity. The children attend one weekly practice and sing at the 10am Sunday service, receiving a musical education (shown to help with other school subjects, such as maths and foreign languages) and £10 week. It was good to see six of our choristers awarded their surplices and medallions together with certificates in recognition of completing their white "Voice for Life" modules under the scheme operated by the Royal School of Church Music.

Recent comments

"I really enjoy the choir as I get to do my hobby, singing."

"I really enjoy being in the choir because I love music and I am learning so much, which is incredible. I love singing with other people and I love the music that we're singing and the hymns that we're learning. It makes me feel closer to God"

"I love the choir singing during Communion, I don't have to join in, I can sit and think about my week, and what will happen next week"

"I listen to the choir, I enjoy the children's voices"

We have continued to work to keep the church community active and available to all.

The parish website, oldtownparishhastings.org.uk continues to be updated with pages of information on the churches, services and parish activities. The Sunday sermon is available for all to read on the website. A "Giving" page was included for those wishing to support the work of the parish financially. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Old-Town-Parish-Hastings-1422296627985553> has proven to be particularly popular. It continues to be updated with church notices, photographs, sermons, thoughts and reflections. It has an average of 350 visits a month and during Holy Week had over 500 hits. The email has just under 100 subscribers, the numbers are beyond our Sunday average. The Reverend Paul Hunt was instrumental in continuing to raise the profile of the parish with articles in the local press and press releases.

"Rossettis in Love", was successfully opened in March at St. Clement. This exhibition is based on the Pre-Raphaelite artist and poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Elisabeth Siddal's time in the Old Town and the relationship between Christina Rossetti and Charles Cayley. This brought visitors into St. Clement and further interest in the history of the parish.

Reaching out to the wider community

We have opened St. Clement every Saturday, 11.30am to 2.00pm, for private prayer. A regular number of parishioners enjoy the peace and calm of the church to pray and perhaps light a candle. The number of visitors increased through 2022 as people became able to make day trips and seaside holidays were popular. The town was very busy throughout a very hot summer, when the church provided a cooler place to rest. Refreshments have been available as seasonal, sometimes hot soup and rolls, filled rolls or cream teas, always with a choice of cake, tea and coffee. A Book of Remembrance was available at St. Clement's, which had extended opening for visitors to record their condolences during the period of mourning after the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Many visited to mark this end of an era and exchange memories of the Coronation and meetings with the Queen Elizabeth II during her long reign.

The Church Tower Bells usually practice Saturdays, in alternate churches. The practice brings interested visitors into St. Clement, many of whom have never seen or heard "Big Bells" being rung and they are able to watch from the gallery. We only have three of our own ringers but we are supported by other local ringers and although regular service ringing has not been possible, we have managed to get ringers for special services. The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated by taking part in a tour of local towers ringing in St. Clement's both before and after lunch. Sadly, so soon after the Jubilee celebrations the bells were rung fully muffled, respectfully marking the death of Her Majesty the Queen. We hope to be able to recruit more ringers in 2023.

Handbells also practice on Saturday lunchtimes at St. Clement and attracts visitors. After a quiet start to 2022, due to the usual visits to care and nursing homes not being possible due to Covid restrictions, we were able to ring at a wedding (our first), were special guests at Sound Waves Concert in All Saints' Church and performed a number of times during the Christmas season and at the Laurels Nursing Home.

We were able to reopen our successful Night Church in 2022 but numbers have not recovered. There seem to be less homeless and vulnerable people attracted to the Old Town and fewer visitors in the

evenings, other than when special events are taking place. The end of Hastings Week saw the traditional Bonfire Night when some 300 people visited the church. We plan to trial a longer lunchtime opening in 2023, and may pause Night Church in its present form, concentrating on fewer late nights, but linking them to Old Town events, to maximise the impact.

The usual programme of planned concerts, fund raising events, special services and social events has been slow to pick up following the pandemic, but a successful Jubilee Flower Festival raised £1,067.00 and a Christmas Fair raised £1,615.00. The Two Towers Trust was also able to organise a well attended Christmas Tree Festival in St. Clement's Church. These events were financially successful and many visitors enjoyed the opportunities for social interaction. There was an enthusiastic queue waiting for the doors to open at the Christmas Fair, and there were many comments on how lovely it was to be at a normal event and meet old friends in beautiful surroundings, with smiling stall holders and the chance of a bargain. The Annual Parish Gift Day raised a record £6,536, thanks to a publicity campaign inspired and orchestrated by the Reverend Paul Hunt, a target we shall hope to equal in 2023.

The Organ Concert Series in 2022 went extremely well with attendance numbers averaging at 70. The series will open in 2023 with a concert given by Ben Morris from York Minster on 10th July.

The Food Bank collections have continued at St. Clement's Church.

The Parish News continues to be printed 10 times a year and is distributed to all households in the parish. This includes articles of local community interest, giving a voice to non- church based community groups as well as details of church services and activities. This is largely self- funding from local advertisers and donations, with financial support available from the PCC as necessary as it is seen as a valuable outreach.

The planned move of the Parish Office into St. Clement's Church was accomplished in 2021 and it is now fully operational. We now have Wi-Fi in the church, to facilitate the Office and the use of Contactless donation facilities.

The PCC continues to seek further community use for both churches and the Hall, considering possible partnerships and exhibitions to make full use of our assets and to serve our community. We are increasingly open and accessible to all in person, whilst keeping our new technology in place.

Some comments received during Saturday, Open Church, St. Clement.

"We are staying in Eastbourne, but came to visit the Old Town today. There is so much to see and do but the highlight has been discovering the peace of this beautiful old church and the cream tea. We shall come again next year".

"You can feel the years of prayer in the walls".

"It is good to see the whole building being so well used. Our church has added modern facilities but this just looks so right".

"Thank you for being here".

This demonstrates how we have been working to offer an alternative to our traditional church-based services throughout the year, engaging with different groups of people and going out into

the community using on line technology. This has enabled us to continue working towards fulfilling our objective of promoting the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Schools

We have two schools within the parish, one of which is a Church School. All Saints' CE Junior Academy has a "link worker" from the church, currently Heather Summers. Pupils are encouraged to take part in Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and the Parish Carol Services. Both schools usually have End of Term services, Carol Concerts and Nativity Plays in the church and are welcomed to use the churches as educational resources.

Since September 2022 the Heather has been an additional in-class support in a Year 4 class (English) and a Year 3 class (Maths). She was also invited to participate in a day of offsite activities with Year 4. Since the pandemic, oversight of the Worship Group's activities has been a collaboration between the Link Worker and member of staff responsible for RE and aspects of the SIAMS framework.

Historic links through the William Parker Foundation with Ark Alexandra are also being renewed. The William Parker Foundation was merged with the Magdalen & Lasher Education Foundation on 30 June 2020, and now stands as a ring-fenced fund within the larger Charity, both having strong historic links to the Old Town Churches. The foundation has provided funding to enable the school's CCF contingent to be re-established. It has been agreed that an even closer link may be formed by the creation of a part time post of Chaplain to Ark Alexandra combined with part time resident parish priest to the Old Town parish. The process of a possible appointment was started in the Autumn 2022.

Provision of Pastoral Care for people living in the Parish

Pastoral visits, which may include Holy Communion, are made to sick parishioners. A weekly prayer list is maintained and included in Sunday services in Church and on the Pew Sheet. During the pandemic, when visits to private homes and particularly Residential Homes were limited for the protection of residents the links were maintained with all via the Pew Sheet being posted on line.

This illustrates how the Parish is responding to the challenge of nurturing and teaching our new and existing believers, putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

The Magdalen and Lasher Charities, whose origins go back to the thirteenth century, are local charities governed by a board of trustees, five whom are ex-officio from the Parish, together with three nominated by the Borough Council. These co-opt seven other trustees. The composition of the Board means that the charities are greatly influenced by the Christian principles espoused by the Parish. The objects of the charities are relief of poverty, support of the elderly and local education. Grants in aid are made to individuals and to local organisations. Educational grants to local pupils and schools are also made. The PCC is able to refer identified needs to both this and other local charities working for the relief of poverty in the wider area of the Borough of Hastings and St. Leonards-on-sea.

Old Hastings House is a 60-bedroom residential care home owned and managed by the charity on a not-for-profit basis. It is across the road from All Saints' Church and the pastoral outreach extends

into the Home. This includes the provision of a Chaplain and regular services are usually held in the Home. Lay members and the Chaplain visit Old Hastings House regularly. If residents are unable to attend, then Holy Communion is taken to them in their bedrooms. A weekly Evensong is also held, provided by the parish and volunteers from other denominations. The church hosts an annual service of thanksgiving for the Charity which draws beneficiaries from all over the town. This service is followed by refreshments provided by the PCC.

The Laurels Nursing Home within the Parish also has regular pastoral visits and a monthly service of Holy Communion, taken by a Lay Administrator of Communion.

This is an important part of our Outreach Mission to all.

Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres and focus of life in the Old Town and making the best use of our assets

The relationship with the Magdalen and Lasher Charity and the use of the churches for community and civic purposes engenders a great sense of pride and ownership of the old town people for their parish heritage.

St. Clement and All Saints Church Buildings

We have charge of two beautiful medieval churches and a church hall. The PCC is charged with utilising the assets in a financially responsible way. The parish had raised over £300,000 to enable the generation-long work of restoring the 600 year old St. Clement's Church to be completed and to refurbish the 1878 Father Willis organ in All Saints', an instrument of national significance. The St. Clement's project was completed in Spring 2022 with the planned major refurbishment of the porch. Although All Saints' church building is in a better condition, work is needed. Recently a leak to the roof of the Lady Chapel at All Saints' has arisen. During repair a more serious problem has been exposed needing extensive and expensive treatment. Minor repairs have been dealt with quickly and efficiently by using a local builder, David Cheal under the direction of Gareth Bendon.

The PCC seeks grants and raises funds for this maintenance and necessary improvement. We are fortunate to receive occasional legacies and donations, often for specific work. The Two Towers Trust is an independent charity working to raise funds for the maintenance of the two medieval church buildings, but this constant drain on our resources is a financial problem. We have looked at making the best use of our assets.

All Saints' Church Hall is usually rented out to various local groups. All Saints' Upper Hall is used for community rental, the Hall is fully accessible for the disabled and has now been decorated, insulated and gas heating installed, a commercial dishwasher and a small fridge have also been installed. We look forward to resuming an upward trend in bookings in 2023.

The Lower Hall, used as the Parish Office until mid 2021, it is now let as studio accommodation, with the adjacent garage also let to raise income.

The following gives a flavour of the constant work and expense of maintaining our property.

Work is constantly needed on both medieval church buildings; stonework erodes in the salt air, and the large area of roof and damp walls are a threat to the buildings' integrity. Both churches also

need regular and expensive maintenance to the boilers and sound systems. Storm damage needs to be repaired, as necessary, and roof gullies and gutters cleared.

Overseas Mission

Jenga. Our Sunday School, JAMS (Jesus and Me Sessions) continues to lead our overseas mission, through JENGA, by sponsoring Grace, a junior school girl from Uganda. This helps us to teach our members about the Christian message of love thy neighbour and helping those less fortunate. The congregation usually help with fundraising events, and we hope that in helping Grace, both the Sunday School and congregation alike benefit from this joint exercise in helping others.

The church also collects for the USPG and Sussex Historic Churches Trust.

The PCC voted to support charitable giving by selecting certain charities or events as possible. Many individual members of the parish support charities on a regular basis but the PCC would like to encourage a collective Old Town Parish initiative in 2023. The response to the collections within the church to aid Turkish/Syrian earthquake refugees in the beginning of 2023 has been encouraging.

The PCC aims to increase the parish's charitable giving in 2023.

Financial Review

The full financial report is attached.

Truly a church for the community and for the 21st century.

Thanks

The PCC extends its thanks to all who bear responsibility for the Church's work in this Parish, both employed and volunteer, too numerous to mention by name in this report. However, special thanks are due to the Reverend Paul Hunt who worked far beyond his contracted hours and Churchwardens, Gareth Bendon, Judith Cubison, Ian Gallagher, Pat Lock, Judy Rogers and Ann Wing, who have worked so hard to support the Reverend Paul Hunt and the PCC to achieve so much in his time with us. Thank you also to all who have worked so tirelessly for the church, serving on committees, leading our house-groups, children's work, running and taking part in services, social events, fundraising, flower arranging, brass cleaning, making marmalade and ensuring that the life of the church and its service to the community has continued throughout 2022.

Statement of Responsibilities of the PCC

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, Readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and 3 members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 9 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The full PCC met 10 times in 2022, the Standing Committee conducted business between meetings.

Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC has adopted a Risk Register and this is reviewed each year.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, which is also applicable to Parochial Church Councils, requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

This report was approved by the members of the PCC on 15 June 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Chair to the PCC

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

Registered Charity No.: 1139491

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>General</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	50,476	106,608	-	157,084	137,197	
Charitable activities	19,630	957	-	20,587	22,271	
Other trading activities	22,352	-	-	22,352	10,283	
Investments	9,988	-	-	9,988	9,623	
Other receipts	35,754	1,049	-	36,803	46,501	
	138,200	108,614	-	246,814	225,875	
Receipts from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	61,586	
Total received	138,200	108,614	-	246,814	287,461	
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	7,724	-	-	7,724	73,528	
Charitable costs	86,756	2,771	-	89,527	76,463	
Trading costs	9,408	-	-	9,408	15,359	
Other payments	47,962	118,253	-	166,215	110,914	
	151,850	121,024	-	272,874	276,264	
Payments for purchase of investments	1,580	-	-	1,580	-	
Total paid	153,430	121,024	-	274,454	276,264	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net income or (net expenditure)	(15,230)	(12,410)	-	(27,640)	11,197	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	(15,230)	(12,410)	-	(27,640)	11,197	
Bank accounts at 1 January	20,425	17,540	-	37,965	26,768	
Bank accounts at 31 December	5,195	5,130	-	10,325	37,965	

NB Comparative figures for 2021 have been adjusted to reflect the switch from accruals to R&Ps

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

Registered Charity No.: 1139491

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>General</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>	
	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>Fund/s</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:						
Cash at bank and in hand	5,195	5,130	-	10,325	37,965	
PCC-owned bank balance	5,195	5,130	-	10,325	37,965	
		-	-	-	-	
Total bank and deposit accounts	5,195	5,130	-	10,325	37,965	
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	85	
Gift Aid recoverable	3,030	-	-	3,030	5,164	
Other debtors	1,469	-	-	1,469	9,164	
Debtors	4,499	-	-	4,499	14,413	
CCLA investment fund	291,508	-	-	291,508	330,401	
AS organ fund	10,322	-	-	10,322	9,693	
Diocesan-held fund	-	-	42,849	42,849	48,584	
Investment assets at market value	301,830	-	42,849	344,679	388,678	
Investment assets at cost						
Fixed assets for church use	300,403	-	-	300,403	300,403	1
Total assets	611,927	5,130	42,849	659,906	741,459	
Liabilities:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(6,444)	-	-	(6,444)	(3,595)	
					-	
Total liabilities	(6,444)	-	-	(6,444)	(3,595)	

Note 1 No account taken of incr/decr value of fixed assets

This financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by Simon Scott - Trustee.

Date: 15 June 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints
Registered Charity No.: 1139491
Year Ended 31 December 2022
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Analysis of total received

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowed	Total	Total	Notes
	General	Designated			All Funds	All Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	2022	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	18,844	-	-	-	18,844	16,722	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	-	-	-	-	-	600	
Loose cash collections & online giving	9,558	-	-	-	9,558	8,368	
Special appeals	6,536	-	-	-	6,536	3,329	
Gift Aid recovered	11,527	-	-	-	11,527	8,392	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Misc donations	4,011	-	106,608	-	110,619	99,786	1
Donations and legacies	50,476	-	106,608	-	157,084	137,197	
Fees for weddings & funerals	5,116	-	-	-	5,116	2,418	
Fairs	2,479	-	-	-	2,479	2,809	
AS organ works and concerts	-	5,843	-	-	5,843	6,722	
Night church	-	-	957	-	957	349	
Hire of churches	1,754	-	-	-	1,754	1,022	
Children's choir	-	-	-	-	-	7,890	
Other fundraising	3,755	683	-	-	4,438	1,061	
Total charitable activities	13,104	6,526	957	-	20,587	22,271	
Income from church hall	16,854	-	-	-	16,854	9,550	
Income from Parish News	5,498	-	-	-	5,498	733	
Total other trading activities	22,352	-	-	-	22,352	10,283	
Bank interest	69	-	-	-	69	30	
CBF investment fund dividend	9,919	-	-	-	9,919	9,593	
Letting of investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total investments	9,988	-	-	-	9,988	9,623	
VAT refunds	35,245	-	-	-	35,245	25,981	
Furlough scheme claims	-	-	-	-	-	4,502	
Insurance claims	-	-	1,025	-	1,025	15,952	
Other receipts	-	509	24	-	533	66	
Total other income	35,245	509	1,049	-	36,803	46,501	
Total received on all funds	131,165	7,035	108,614	-	246,814	225,875	

Note 1 We are grateful to the Two Towers Trust for their donation of £53,408 towards the major works
NB Comparative figures for 2021 have been adjusted to reflect the switch from accruals to R&Ps

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Analysis of total paid:

	Unrestricted			Total	Total	
	General	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds	
	Fund	Fund/s	Fund/s	2022	2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Weddings & funerals	2,253	-	-	2,253	876	
Fundraising expenses	135	-	-	135	-	
Concerts & AS organ maintenance	5,336	-	-	5,336	72,380	
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	272	
Cost of raising funds	7,724	-	-	7,724	73,528	
Charitable grants and donations	577	-	-	577	366	
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000	-	-	30,000	28,632	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	16,875	-	-	16,875	12,448	
Clergy and other people's expenses	497	-	-	497	681	
Insurance	8,209	-	-	8,209	7,867	
Utilities	9,623	-	-	9,623	8,520	
Administration	3,734	-	-	3,734	4,181	
Children's choir	-	2,674	-	2,674	1,319	
Night church	-	97	-	97	-	
Bells fund	150	-	-	150	-	
Other regular church running costs	2,522	-	-	2,522	1,891	
Accounting and Examiner's fees	1,800	-	-	1,800	2,100	
Rossetti exhibition	266	-	-	266	60	
Church maintenance	12,503	-	-	12,503	8,398	
Charitable costs	86,756	2,771	-	89,527	76,463	
Hall - insurance	993	-	-	993	951	
Hall - maintenance	870	-	-	870	10,407	
Hall - utilities	1,156	-	-	1,156	1,287	
Parish News costs	6,389	-	-	6,389	2,714	1
Other trading costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Trading costs	9,408	-	-	9,408	15,359	
Major repairs - churches, less VAT refunds	47,962	118,253	-	166,215	110,914	2
Gifts to clergy & volunteers	-	-	-	-	-	
Costs of other expenditure	47,962	118,253	-	166,215	110,914	
Total paid on all funds	151,850	121,024	-	272,874	276,264	

NB Comparative figures for 2021 have been adjusted to reflect the switch from accruals to R&Ps

Note 1: Printing and distribution resumed following a break during Covid restrictions

Note 2: Works on St Clement's was completed during this year

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Staff costs

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Wages, salaries and honoraria	16,875	12,448
Employer National Insurance		
Employer pension contributions		-
	16,875	12,448

Staff employed are a parish administrator, cleaner, hall supervisor and organist
Rebate for National insurance exceeds what would be due
No employee is eligible, or has opted into, a pension scheme

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Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
All Saints churchyard	265	-	-	-	265
St Clements churchyard	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Diocese-held funds	46,932	-	-	(5,735)	41,197
Total of all endowed funds	48,584	-	-	(5,735)	42,849
Major works	10,620	107,633	(118,253)	-	-
Night church	349	957	(97)	-	1,209
Children's choir	6,571	-	(2,674)	-	3,897
Jenga	-	24	-	-	24
Total of all restricted funds	17,540	108,614	(121,024)	-	5,130
General fund	650,067	131,165	(151,123)	(51,656)	578,453
Designated: All Saints Organ Inv. Fund	9,693	-	-	629	10,322
Designated: All Saints Organ	(2,359)	5,843	(1,580)	-	1,904
Designated: All Saints Hall	14,156	-	-	-	14,156
Designated: St Clement's Bells	183	683	(150)	-	716
Designated: Collections	-	509	(577)	-	(68)
Total of all unrestricted funds	671,740	138,200	(153,430)	(51,027)	605,483
Total funds	£737,864	£246,814	£(274,454)	£(56,762)	£653,462

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
Statutory Auditors
20 Havelock Road
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 1BP

Date: 20 June 2023

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council

of the

Ecclesiastical Parish

of

St. Clement and All Saints

The Parish Office, St. Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3HT

Registered Charity no. 1139491

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Priest - in - Charge: The Reverend Paul Hunt

Independent examiner: Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited, 20 Havelock Road, Hastings,

East Sussex, TN34 1BP

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, West Malling, Kent

Administrative Information

St. Clement's Church is situated off the High Street, Old Town, Hastings and All Saints' Church is at the top of All Saints' Street, Old Town, Hastings, East Sussex.

Correspondence on administrative issues should be addressed to The Parish Administrator, The Parish Office, St. Clement's Church, Swan Terrace, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 3HT email: office@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk.

The Parish is currently a charity and registered in 2010 with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993, Charity number 1139491. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year ended 31st December 2021, the following served as members of the PCC.

Priest-in-Charge:	The Reverend Paul Hunt
Vice-Chair:	Dr. Pat Lock until 15 th June 2021, Judy Cubison from 15 th June 2021
Hon. Treasurer:	Simon Scott
Hon Secretary:	Sue Phillips
Church Wardens:	Gareth Bendon (All Saints), Judy Cubison (St. Clement), Pat Lock (St. Clement), Ann Wing (All Saints).
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Ken Bentall, Sandra Bentall, Sue Phillips (all elected APCM Oct 2020 for 3 years)
Elected Members:	Eunice Britten (<i>from APCM April 2019 until APCM 2022</i>) Natalie Broomfield-Hill (<i>from APCM April 2019 until APCM 2022</i>) Evelyn Harding (<i>from APCM May 2021 until APCM 2024</i>) Laurence Homewood (<i>from April 2019 until APCM 2022</i>) Rosemary Pronger (<i>from APCM May 2021 until APCM 2024</i>) Carol Ridge (<i>from October 2020 until APCM2023</i>) Simon Scott (<i>from October 2020 until APCM 2023</i>)
Co-opted member:	Jean Donaldson. Parish Administrator and Electoral Roll Officer
Safeguarding Representative:	Pat Lock until July 2021, Heather Summers from July 2021
Co-opted Health and Safety representative:	Keith Leech

The Parish of St. Clement and All Saints, Hastings

Trustees Annual Report for 2021

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS A CHARITY

The Primary objective of St. Clement and All Saints Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. Developing links in the wider community, growing the membership of the church in faith and fellowship and maintaining our two medieval Churches and All Saints' Church Hall, whilst working towards their financial viability, their availability and suitability for use by the whole community. We aim to provide support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of the level of need, ability to pay, including those of any religion or none.

As a charity, we are a not-for-profit organisation.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on "charities for the advancement of religion".

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The following continued as the objectives and activities to fulfil our aims in 2021:

- 1) Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community and to worship at our churches.
- 2) Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers. Offering worship and prayer, through scripture, music and sacrament. Putting faith into practice, and giving service to the community. Provision of pastoral care for people living within the parish and those outside the parish associated with the church. Overseas mission.
- 3) Reaching out to the wider community. Strengthening links with our local schools.
- 4) Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres and focus of life in the Old Town

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Some comments received whilst Saturday church sitting in St. Clement during the pandemic.

"I am not religious but thank you so much for allowing me to sit in this place of peace. It has really helped".

"My aunt is in the hospice and I came to light a candle and pray. Thank you for being open".

"Please sit with me a while, I have just come from my sister's funeral and I need someone to talk to and to light a candle for her".

"I decided to take a walk to the Old Town as I haven't been out for weeks." "You are a sanctuary for the lonely and afraid".

"Please may I come in? I am not a church goer but I saw your door open and it looked so welcoming".

"I don't know how to pray, please pray with me."

"My husband is suffering from Dementia and is in a Care Home, I find peace here when everything else is closed"

There are also many who just like to sit quietly and pray or just think. A few like to sit and look at the stained glass windows in contemplation. Jewish friends attended Midnight Mass. Both Muslim and Jewish friends love visiting our Churches.

It has been a good experience for us as well when we were so worried about our own family and friends who we were supporting with practical help and prayers. *Carol and Laurence*

"I love this place; you can feel the years of prayer"

"I haven't spoken to anyone all week, I am so pleased you are here"

I haven't been out for weeks, I just had to come down to Hastings from Tunbridge Wells. It took me two buses, I just wanted to be here again".

St. Clement and All Saints Parish has two medieval churches. It is in the heart of Hastings Old Town, with its active fishing community, tourist attractions, artists and local businesses. Both churches are used for regular worship, on a four monthly rotation. In addition to Baptisms taking place in our Parish Churches, they are also held in the Fisherman's Museum, (St. Nicholas Church) and an annual Carol service usually takes place there and at the Lifeboat Station.

St. Clement and All Saints' churches both have modern facilities and are used for alternative community use, concerts, etc as required. St. Clement is near the sea front, shops and car parks and has disabled access via the west door and internal ramps. All Saints has disabled access via a slope. A well regarded "Father Willis" organ is maintained at All Saints and used for regular services and concerts. There is a "Doom" wall painting which attracts visitors.

In 2020, we were blessed to welcome the Reverend Paul Hunt as our part time Priest- in- Charge, licensed on 22nd October. This had ended our interregnum, and as the church year started on 1st January 2021 we were ready to embrace the challenges set by our aims and objectives for 2021. However, the country was in a further "lockdown" due to the coronavirus pandemic, with churches again closed for services for some weeks. Services, meetings and activities continued to be affected by ongoing restrictions throughout the year. Paul is an enthusiastic preacher, strong teacher and inspiring leader. He has a great vision for the future of our parish and the enthusiasm to achieve it, which he has imparted to the members of the PCC.

This report reflects how the PCC has worked throughout 2021, continuing with innovative ways of reaching out to the parish, and the wider community, offering comfort and support, both physically and with regard to mental health, whilst respecting government guidelines and individual's desire for social distancing.

Attendance at worship

The church family usually welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary, at regular services, special services and celebrations. Visitors are also welcomed to concerts, community, social and cultural events, attending by personal choice. It is our pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We consider this to be a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

We are pleased to report that our goal to increase the Electoral Roll has been achieved, with 101 members now on the roll. We resumed Sunday services as regulations changed. Average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 56. At this time we were able to hold an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) and a 10am Sunday Eucharist, with all Covid measures in place. Numbers had continued to fluctuate throughout the year, as even when services were possible, many of our regular congregation were still "shielding" or not confident of any exposure to possible infection. In Old Town Week we were able to hold a special Sunday morning Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the communal Life of Hastings Old Town and the always popular Blessing of Pets. Daily services were held during the week, Morning Prayer in St. Clement and an evening service in All Saints. The Annual Magdalen and Lasher Thanksgiving service was held 25th July in All Saints' Church. On 7th November, twenty months after the first Coronavirus Lockdown, we held an afternoon Service of Reflection, Thanksgiving and Hope. Other occasional services included a Harvest Service, an Advent Taize service. Christmas services, including Carol services and a Family Nativity Service on Christmas Eve were also able to be held this year. There was an Act of Remembrance, Swan terrace, remembering those who lost their lives when the Swan Inn was bombed May 23rd 1943. These were well attended and a welcome return toward normality. All followed the Covid secure guidelines laid down by the government and the diocese at the time. The special services attract community figures, including the MP, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Mayor and Mayoress of Hastings, and local councillors, those who do not usually attend together with regular worshippers. St. Clement's Church was open daily for visitors and for private prayer during Old Town Week, and every Saturday during the year as allowed by regulations.

The Annual Good Friday Procession of Witness was specially adapted for on-line viewing with music and readings by members of the congregation and cast. The consequent YouTube video had thousands of views from around the world.

The Church building may have been closed at times but we worked to keep the church community active and available to all.

During the lockdowns we had found a new way of communication and mission, and we built upon these innovations during 2021. A new website was designed, oldtownparishhastings.org.uk with pages of up to date information on the churches, services and parish activities. The Sunday sermon is available for all to read on the website. A "Giving" page was included for those wishing to support the work of the parish financially. Throughout 2021, our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Old-Town-Parish-Hastings-1422296627985553> continued to be updated with church notices, photographs, sermons and thoughts and reflections. Zoom meetings and social media posts continued to prove valuable ways to keep the business of the parish functioning and to nurture new friendships. The Reverend Paul Hunt was instrumental in continuing to raise the profile of the parish with articles in the local press and press releases. The Parish News was able to resume printing and to be distributed to all households in the parish. This includes articles of local community interest, giving a voice to non- church based community groups as well as details of church services and activities. This is largely self- funding from local advertisers and donations, with financial support available from the PCC as necessary as it is seen as a valuable outreach.

This demonstrates how we have been working to offer an alternative to our traditional church-based services throughout the year, engaging with different groups of people and going out into the community using on line technology. This has enabled us to continue working towards fulfilling our objective of promoting the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

The Reverend Paul Hunt has led the team of retired priests, Reader, and authorised lay ministers, developing a collaborative ministry. Four House groups have continued to provide fellowship and space for discussion and sharing of our Christian faith, both face-to-face and by Zoom as appropriate.

Three baptisms, one wedding and five funerals were held at the Old Town Churches during the year.

Sunday School teachers have maintained contact with the families who usually attend. Teachers planned the Christmas Eve Family Nativity Service this year, in which the children and families were able to take an active part. This was well attended.

Choral singing was slowly introduced, as regulations allowed. A junior choir was recruited, six members, from Years Four, Five and Six. This is supported by the Batley-Hibbert Music Fund, administered by the Magdalen and Lasher Charity. The children attend one weekly practice and sing at the 10am Sunday service, receiving a musical education (shown to help with other school subjects, such as maths and foreign languages) and £10 week. Recent comments

"I like church more now that there are more children because of the choir."

"I really enjoy the choir as I get to do my hobby –singing."

"I really enjoy being in the choir because I love music and I am learning so much, which is incredible. I love singing with other people and I love the music that we're singing and the hymns that we're learning. It makes me feel closer to God"

Reaching out to the wider community

When allowed in 2021, we have opened St. Clement every Saturday, 11.30am to 1.30pm, for private prayer. A regular number of parishioners enjoy the peace and calm of the church to pray and perhaps light a candle. Visitors passing by, or arranging socially distanced meetings on the church steps have also been pleased to find the door open. Refreshments have been available when possible, and we hope to reopen our Open Church Saturdays as the situation allows in 2022. The successful Night Church has also been paused, awaiting a change in infection rates and regulations. Those Saturday nights are much missed by helpers and guests, especially the hot drinks, bacon rolls, sandwiches and cake.

"I get asked every week, by our vulnerable friends, when will you open again?" I. Gallagher.

The usual programme of planned concerts, fund raising events, special services and social events were not all able to take place, but a late summer church fair was held in September and a Christmas Fair 20th November raising £1,006.80 and £1,768.00 (plus additional £235.90 from post fair sales) respectively. Two Towers Trust were also able to organise a successful Christmas Tree Festival in December in St. Clement's Church. These events were financially successful and many visitors enjoyed the opportunities for social interaction. Evelyn noted that there was an enthusiastic queue waiting for the doors to open at the Christmas Fair, and there were many comments on how lovely it was to be at a normal event and meet old friends in beautiful surroundings, with smiling stall holders and the chance of a bargain.

The refurbished 1878 Father Willis Organ sounded spectacular for the 32nd Organ Concert series which started 5th July 2021 at All Saints' Church and raised over £1,600. The first concert being a "Grand Re-Opening Concert" given by renowned organist Gordon Stewart following the renovation and cleaning of the All Saints' organ by B C Shepherd and Sons of London. Gordon Stewart has been a regular and steadfast performer and supporter of the concerts and the remarkable Father Willis organ. He was welcomed by a large enthusiastic audience of old and new friends.

The Church Tower Bells usually practice Saturdays, in alternate churches; Covid restrictions have meant that practices were not possible for much of the year but restarted when 6 people were allowed to meet indoors. It was good to hear bells rung for some of the Christmas Services. Bell ringers, many from outside our parish, had missed meeting in person and were pleased to be able to end the year with the sound of the bells ringing out across the Old Town valley. Practices were able to start as soon as 8 people were able to meet indoors ringers were able to perform on both Saturdays during the Christmas Tree Festival. Sadly, it was not possible to perform our Christmas programme for care/nursing home residents due to continuing Covid restrictions.

The Food Bank collections have continued at St. Clement's Church. Our Parish News magazine is the interface between the church and wider community of the Old Town, encompassing local news, events and articles of general interest as well as publicising the services and activities that take place within the churches. Paid advertisements and donations allow for 2,000 copies to be distributed free of charge to homes and businesses within the parish. A further 400 copies are usually distributed via the churches and other points. Another casualty of the pandemic, the magazine had temporarily become an "on line" publication, with a few printed copies available in the church. It resumed full distribution in 2022.

The planned move of the Parish Office into St. Clement's Church was accomplished in 2021. It is intended that this will help to extend opening from Saturdays throughout the year with Sundays in summer, to include regular weekdays. We now have WiFi in the church, to facilitate the Office and the use of Contactless donation facilities.

We also had plans for a permanent exhibition based on the Pre-Raphaelite artist and poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Elisabeth Siddal's time in the Old Town and the relationship between Christina Rossetti and Charles Cayley. The working title is "Rossettis in Love". This will also increase footfall for the church and hopefully local businesses, creating a "buzz" in High Street. This opened in March 2022. The PCC is seeking further community use for both churches and the Hall, considering possible partnerships and exhibitions to make full use of our assets and to serve our community. We are increasingly open and accessible to all in person, whilst keeping our new technology in place.

Schools

We have two schools within the parish, one of which is a Church School. All Saints' CE Junior Academy has a "link person" from the church, who would normally attend the school weekly. Pupils are encouraged to take part in Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and the Parish Carol Services. Both schools usually have End of Term services, Carol Concerts and Nativity Plays in the church and are welcomed to use the churches as educational resources.

Restrictions imposed in 2020 following the first UK Covid -19 Lockdown have continued to limit what it was possible to achieve during 2021. Up to the first lockdown, the link worker continued to act as an additional Teacher Assistant on class-based activities. While our schools link worker has not been able to enter into the school life of All Saints' School during the pandemic, she has kept in close contact with the school and is looking forward to renewing her work during 2022.

Historic links through the William Parker Foundation with Ark Alexandra are also being renewed. The William Parker Foundation was merged with the Magdalen & Lasher Education Foundation on 30 June 2020, and now stands as a ring-fenced fund within the larger Charity, both having strong historic links to the Old Town Churches. The foundation has provided funding to enable the school's CCF contingent to be re-established.

We were pleased to host an educational visit from Torfield Special School.

We look forward to being able to resume this contact with the students and teachers in 2022.

Truly a church for the community and for the 21st century.

Provision of Pastoral Care for people living in the Parish

The Magdalen and Lasher Charities, whose origins go back to the thirteenth century, are local charities governed by a board of trustees, five whom are ex- officio from the Parish, together with three nominated by the Borough Council. These co-opt seven other trustees. The composition of the Board means that the charities are greatly influenced by the Christian principles espoused by the Parish. The objects of the charities are relief of poverty, support of the elderly and local education. Grants in aid to individuals and to local organisations in 2020/21 totalled some £269,916. Educational grants to local individuals and schools are also made. The PCC is able to refer identified needs to both this and other local charities and all work for the relief of poverty in the wider area of the Borough of Hastings and St. Leonards-on-sea.

Old Hastings House is a 60-bedroom residential care home owned and managed by the charity on a not-for-profit basis. It is across the road from All Saints' Church and the pastoral outreach extends into the Home. This includes the provision of a Chaplain and regular services are usually held in the Home. Lay members and the Chaplain visit Old Hastings House regularly. If residents are unable to attend, then Holy Communion is taken to them in their bedrooms. A weekly Evensong is also held, provided by the parish and volunteers from other denominations. The church hosts an annual service of thanksgiving for the Charity which draws beneficiaries from all over the town. This service is followed by refreshments provided by the PCC. Unfortunately, during the lock-down period it has not been possible for the Parish's pastoral services to operate within the home, except in end-of-life situations. Normal service will resume when the lock-down has ended. It is noteworthy that alone among residential care homes in Hastings, Old Hastings House had no Covid19 infections among residents 2020/21.

The Laurels Nursing Home within the Parish also has regular pastoral visits and a monthly service of Holy Communion, taken by a Lay administrator of Communion.

This is an important part of our Outreach Mission to all.

Pastoral visits, which may include Holy Communion, are made to sick parishioners. A weekly prayer list is maintained and included in Sunday services in Church and on the Pew Sheet. During the pandemic, when visits to private homes and particularly Residential Homes have been limited for the protection of residents the links have been maintained via the Pew Sheet being posted on line. Regular telephone calls have been arranged to those isolating and parishioners missing social contact. Although some regulations and caution have affected in person contact during 2021, it is hoped to fully restore these visits and links during 2022.

This illustrates how St. Clement and All Saints Parish is responding to the challenge of nurturing and teaching our new and existing believers, and putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Maintaining the fabric of the church buildings as historic centres and focus of life in the Old Town and making the best use of our assets

The relationship with the Magdalen and Lasher Charity and the use of the churches for community and civic purposes engenders a great sense of pride and ownership of the old town people for their parish heritage.

St. Clement and All Saints Church Buildings

We have charge of two beautiful medieval churches and a church hall. The PCC is charged with utilising the assets in a financially responsible way. The parish has raised over £300,000 to enable the generation-long work of restoring

the 600 year old St. Clement's Church to be completed and to refurbish the 1878 Father Willis organ in All Saints' an instrument of national significance. Once the St. Clement's project has been completed, the PCC will turn its attention to the almost equally ancient All Saints Church which is in better shape than St. Clement's, but still needs some loving attention. We also raised £200,000 to achieve the refurbishment of the parish hall.

The PCC seeks grants and raises funds for this maintenance and necessary improvement. We are fortunate to receive occasional legacies and donations, often for specific work. The Two Towers Trust is an independent charity working to raise funds for the maintenance of the two medieval church buildings, but this constant drain on our resources is a financial problem. We have looked at making the best use of our assets.

All Saints' Church Hall is usually rented out to various groups from the local community. Following extensive renovations in 2019 we look forward to resuming an upward trend in bookings as regulations allow in 2022.

All Saints' Upper Hall is used for community rental, the Hall is fully accessible for the disabled and has now been decorated, insulated and gas heating installed, a commercial dishwasher and a small fridge have also been installed. Many users want to come back and rentals have been increasing since May 2021. The Lower Hall, used as the Parish Office until mid 2021, it is now let as studio accommodation, with the adjacent garage also let to raise income.

The following gives a flavour of the constant work and expense of maintaining our property.

Work is needed on both medieval church buildings; stonework constantly erodes in the salt air, and the large area of roof and damp walls are a threat to the buildings' integrity. It is hoped to implement the remaining recommendations of the Quinquennial Review of St. Clement's Church. Working with the Architect a major programme of work was agreed, finance was arranged and it is hoped that work will be finished by April 2022.

Both churches also need regular and expensive maintenance to the boilers and sound systems. Storm damage needs to be repaired, as necessary, and roof gullies and gutters cleared.

Overseas Mission

Jenga. "SPLASH", our Sunday school, will be relaunched in 2022 under the name JAMS (Jesus and Me Sessions) This continues to lead our overseas mission, through JENGA, by sponsoring Grace, a junior school girl from Uganda. This helps us to teach our members about the Christian message of love thy neighbour and helping those less fortunate. The congregation usually help with fundraising events, and we hope that in helping Grace, both the Sunday School and congregation alike benefit from this joint exercise in helping others. Schools in Uganda have been closed during the coronavirus lockdown, and had not reopened in 2021. Grace will need help to catch up on her education and we hope that our support will make this possible.

The church also collects for the USPG.

The PCC aims to increase the parish's charitable giving in 2022.

Financial Review

The full financial report is attached. Inevitably, the parish's finances were severely affected by the Covid19 lockdown in 2020/21. Fundraising events could not take place, the letting of the hall had to cease, the annual series of organ concerts was suspended in 2020, and weekly collections ended. Restrictions changed during 2021 allowing some financial recovery. We were assisted by kind donations from special appeals, and the continued income of those who gave regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme and standing orders.

We were blessed by a wonderful legacy from the late Elizabeth Stevens, through which our income-generating investment was increased by £10,000 and, in accordance with her stipulation, the All Saints organ fund by £20,000, enabling the overhaul of the organ in 2021 to be accomplished.

Thanks

The PCC extends its thanks to all who bear responsibility for the Church's work in this Parish, both employed and volunteer, too numerous to mention by name in this report. However, special thanks are due to the Reverend Paul Hunt who has worked far beyond his contracted hours and Churchwardens, Gareth Bendon, Judith Cubison, Pat Lock and Ann Wing, who have worked so hard to support the Reverend Paul Hunt and the PCC to achieve so much in 2021. Thank you also to all who have worked so tirelessly for the church, serving on committees, leading our house-groups, children's work, running and taking part in services, social events, fundraising, flower arranging, brass cleaning, making marmalade and ensuring that the life of the church and its service to the community has continued throughout 2021.

Statement of Responsibilities of the PCC

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, Readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and 3 members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 9 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The full PCC met 9 times in 2021, a mixture of face to face and *Zoom* meetings. The Standing Committee conducted business between meetings.

Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC has adopted a Risk Register and this is reviewed each year.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, which is also applicable to Parochial Church Councils, requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

This report was approved by the members of the PCC on 26 July 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Chair to the PCC - Reverend Paul Hunt

Date 26 July 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 11 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
Statutory Auditors
20 Havelock Road
Hastings
East Sussex
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Date: 6 September 2022

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u>	Restricted <u>Fund/s</u>	Endowed <u>Fund/s</u>	Total Funds <u>2021</u>	Total Funds <u>2020</u>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	52,053	90,308	-	142,361	89,592	
Charitable activities	14,301	8,239	-	22,540	4,764	
Other trading activities	10,809	-	-	10,809	4,035	
Investments	10,447	-	-	10,447	9,239	
Other receipts	32,661	21,385	-	54,046	9,575	
Total income	120,271	119,932	-	240,203	117,205	2
Expenditure on:				-		
Raising funds	73,583	-	-	73,583	4,465	
Charitable activities	76,814	1,319	-	78,133	66,665	
Other trading activities	15,564	-	-	15,564	4,477	
Other expenditure	9,841	101,073	-	110,914	15,339	
Total expenditure	175,802	102,392	-	278,194	90,946	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	3,971	-	-	3,971	-	
Net income or (net expenditure)	(51,560)	17,540	-	(34,020)	26,259	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	-	-	-	26,259	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	41,801	-	4,237	46,038	25,100	8
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	(9,759)	17,540	4,237	12,018	51,359	
Total funds brought forward	681,499	-	44,347	725,846	674,487	
Total funds carried forward	671,740	17,540	48,584	737,864	725,846	

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

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Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	300,403	300,403	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Investments	388,678	398,675	
Total fixed assets	689,081	699,078	8
Stocks	-	-	
Debtors	14,413	-	10
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	37,965	26,768	
Total current assets	52,378	26,768	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(3,595)	-	11
Net current assets or (liabilities)	48,783	26,768	
Total assets less current liabilities	737,864	725,846	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	737,864	725,846	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	48,584	44,347	
Restricted income funds	17,540	-	
Unrestricted funds	671,740	615,649	
Revaluation reserve	-	-	
Total unrestricted funds	671,740	615,649	
Total charity funds	737,864	659,996	14

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Clement and All Saints

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Notes to the financial report

Statutory Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Clement and All Saints Hastings is an unincorporated charity, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

Note 1 - Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have prepared a cash flow forecast and budgets for the charity and against a backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic a "reverse stress" test has been applied to the forecasts, seeking to establish the level of liquidity headroom the charity is expected to have during the 12 months from the date of approving the financial statements.

On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable, unless the related expenditure will be incurred in a later period in which case the donations will be carried forward as a creditor.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the financial report (continued)

Note 2 - Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	16,722	-	-	16,722	15,937	
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	600	-	-	600	1,013	
Loose cash collections	8,368	-	-	8,368	4,394	
Other Special appeals	3,329	-	-	3,329	1,777	
Gift Aid recoverable	13,556	-	-	13,556	17,357	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	30,000	
Misc donations	9,478	90,308	-	99,786	19,114	a
Donations and legacies	52,053	90,308	-	142,361	89,592	
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,418	-	-	2,418	1,822	
Fairs	2,830	-	-	2,830	-	
All Saints organ works and concerts	6,722.00	-	-	6,722	1,340	
Catering	-	-	-	-	410	
Night church	-	349	-	349	-	b
Children's choir	-	7,890	-	7,890	-	c
Other fundraising	1,209	-	-	1,209	562	
Hire of churches	1,122	-	-	1,122	630	
Total charitable activities	14,301	8,239	-	22,540	4,764	
Income from church hall	10,076	-	-	10,076	3,542	d
Income from Parish News	733	-	-	733	493	
Total other trading activities	10,809	-	-	10,809	4,035	
Bank interest	32	-	-	32	48	
CBF investment fund dividend	10,415	-	-	10,415	9,191	
Total investments	10,447	-	-	10,447	9,239	
VAT refunds	28,093	5,433	-	33,526	1,813	
Furlough scheme claims	4,502	-	-	4,502	7,262	
Endowment funds drawn down	-	-	-	-	500	
Insurance claims	-	15,952	-	15,952	-	
Other receipts	66	-	-	66	-	
Total other income	32,661	21,385	-	54,046	9,575	
Total income and endowments on all funds	120,271	119,932	-	240,203	117,205	

Note a: We are very grateful to the Two Towers Trust for the donation of £71,092 and to other grant bodies and donors for donations towards the repair work on St Clement's, which commenced this year

Note b: Night church accounts have been incorporated into PCC accounts

Note c: We are grateful to the Battley Hibbert Trust for a donation to start a children's choir, covering an estimated 3 years' costs

Note d: The space previously occupied by the church office has now been rented out, increasing income from the hall

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Note 3 - Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u>	Restricted <u>Fund/s</u>	Endowed <u>Fund/s</u>	Total Funds <u>2021</u>	Total Funds <u>2020</u>	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Weddings & funerals	931	-	-	931	723	
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	43	
Concerts & AS organ maintenance	72,380	-	-	72,380	3,699	
Other fundraising costs	272	-	-	272	-	
Cost of raising funds	73,583	-	-	73,583	4,465	
Charitable grants and donations	366	-	-	366	265	4
Diocesan parish share	28,632	-	-	28,632	30,000	
Clergy and other people's expenses	681	-	-	681	210	
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	12,809	-	-	12,809	12,167	e
Insurance	7,867	-	-	7,867	7,553	
Utilities	8,480	-	-	8,480	8,793	
Administration	4,210	-	-	4,210	1,906	
Children's choir	-	1,319	-	1,319	-	
Night church	-	-	-	-	-	
Other regular church running costs	1,891	-	-	1,891	1,268	
Accounting and Examiner's fees	2,100	-	-	2,100	-	
Rossetti exhibition	60	-	-	60	-	
Church maintenance	9,718	-	-	9,718	4,003	
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	500	
Cost of charitable activities	76,814	1,319	-	78,133	66,665	
Hall - insurance	951	-	-	951	948	
Hall maintenance	10,657	-	-	10,657	441	
Hall - utilities	1,242	-	-	1,242	973	
Parish News costs	2,714	-	-	2,714	2,115	
Other trading costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of other trading activities	15,564	-	-	15,564	4,477	
Major repairs - churches	9,841	101,073	-	110,914	15,297	g
Major repairs - hall	-	-	-	-	-	
Gifts to clergy & volunteers	-	-	-	-	42	
CBF investment fund shares	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of other expenditure	9,841	101,073	-	110,914	15,339	
Total expended on all funds	175,802	102,392	-	278,194	90,946	

Note e: The PCC employs a part-time administrator, a cleaner for the churches and hall, and the organist.

Note f: Extensive work on the stonework of St Clement's was commenced

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Note 4 - Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Overseas:						
<i>Jenga</i>	185	-	-	185	120	
Home:						
<i>Children's Society</i>	-	-	-	-	125	
<i>Seaview Project</i>	-	-	-	-	20	
<i>Bishop's Discretionary Fund</i>	83	-	-	83	-	
<i>Snowflake Trust</i>	98	-	-	98	-	
	366	-	-	366	265	

Note 5 - Staff costs

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration						
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	12,809	-	-	12,809	12,167	
<i>Employer social security costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Employer pension costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-	
	12,809	-	-	12,809	12,167	

Note 6 - Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
<i>Independent examination</i>	2,100	-	-	2,100	-	
<i>Accounts production</i>	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Bookkeeping</i>	-	-	-	-	-	
	2,100	-	-	2,100	-	

Note 7 - Transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	

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Note 8 - Fixed Assets

a Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Market value 1 January 2021	354,328	-	44,347	398,675	
Disposals at carrying value	(57,615)	-	-	(57,615)	
Purchases at cost	1,580	-	-	1,580	
Net gains and revaluation	41,801	-	4,237	46,038	
Market value 31 December 2021	£340,094	-	£48,584	£388,678	

b Tangible fixed assets

	AS Hall and extension	St Clements organ	Hand bells	Total fixed assets	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2021	281,603	17,500	1,300	300,403	
Additions	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2021	281,603	17,500	1,300	300,403	
Charge for impairment					
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-	-	
Net book amounts					
At 31 December 2021	281,603	17,500	1,300	300,403	
<i>At 31 December 2020</i>	<i>281,603</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>300,403</i>	

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Note 9 - Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets for church use	300,403	-	-	300,403	300,403	
Investment fixed assets	340,094	-	48,584	388,678	398,675	
Current assets (except cash)	14,413	-	-	14,413	-	
Cash at bank and on deposit	20,425	17,540	-	37,965	26,768	
Current liabilities	(3,595)	-	-	(3,595)	-	
	£671,740	£17,540	£48,584	£737,864	£725,846	

Note 10 - Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income tax recoverable	5,164	-	-	5,164	-	
Prepayments and accrued income	85	-	-	85	-	
Other debtors	9,164	-	-	9,164	-	
	£14,413	-	-	£14,413	-	

Note 11 - Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	3,595	-	-	3,595	-	
	£3,595	-	-	£3,595	-	

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Note 13 - Prior year Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures for this year

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	58,244	31,348	-	89,592
Charitable activities	3,424	1,340	-	4,764
Other trading activities	4,035	-	-	4,035
Investments	9,239	-	-	9,239
Other receipts	1,813	7,262	500	9,575
Total income	76,755	39,950	500	117,205
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	766	3,699	-	4,465
Charitable activities	58,666	7,499	500	66,665
Other trading activities	4,037	440	-	4,477
Other expenditure	3,991	11,348	-	15,339
Total expenditure	67,460	22,986	500	90,946
Net gains (or losses) on investments				
Net income or (net expenditure)	9,295	16,964	-	26,259
Transfers between funds	31,196	(32,558)	1,362	-
	40,491	(15,594)	1,362	26,259
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	18,683	6,417	-	25,100
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>				
Net movement in funds	59,174	(9,177)	1,362	51,359
Total funds brought forward	622,325	9,177	42,985	674,487
Total funds carried forward	681,499	-	44,347	725,846

Note 14 - Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
All Saints churchyard	265	-	-	-	265
St Clements churchyard	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Diocese-held funds	42,695	-	-	4,237	46,932
Total of all endowed funds	44,347	-	-	4,237	48,584
Major Works	-	111,693	(101,073)	-	10,620
Night church	-	349	-	-	349
Children's choir	-	7,890	(1,319)	-	6,571
Total of all restricted funds	-	119,932	(102,392)	-	17,540
General fund	592,907	113,549	(96,732)	40,343	650,067
Designated: All Saints Organ Fund	65,850	6,722	(68,308)	5,429	9,693
Designated: All Saints Organ	(2,359)	-	-	-	(2,359)
Designated: All Saints Hall	24,563	-	(10,407)	-	14,156
Designated: St Clement's Bells	455	-	(272)	-	183
Designated: Bishop's Discretionary Fund	83	-	(83)	-	-
Total of all unrestricted funds	681,499	120,271	(175,802)	45,772	671,740
Total funds	£725,846	£240,203	£(278,194)	£50,009	£737,864

Note 15 - Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.