

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

England & Wales · Charity number 1141128

Details

Other names	ST EDYTH'S CHURCH, ST EDYTH'S CHURCH CHARITY NAME
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-04-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular Church Services are held; two on a Sunday and one on a Tuesday morning. Outreach is important to St Edyth's and free events are randomly held for the community of Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle to show God's love. We also regularly support charities both in the UK and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRISTOL CITY
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£146,404	£166,860	-	-
2024-12-31	£146,505	£147,255	-	-
2023-12-31	£155,850	£138,292	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,864	£142,591	-	-
2021-12-31	£136,696	£122,013	-	-
2020-12-31	£145,734	£132,559	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Woodhouse		2024-04-21
Christopher Wright		2023-05-14
Elizabeth Fry		2022-05-08
Heather Daw		2026-05-10
Rev Sally Thomas		2023-09-27
Susan Cockram		2026-05-10
Susan Dow		2026-05-10
Teresa Goodall		2021-05-23

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known as

St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2025

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Objectives, Values and Activities

Objectives

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Safeguarding

We have been encouraged by the work of our Parish Administrator in, not only providing the general administrative support that is necessary for a reasonably busy and active church community, but also the safeguarding administration that is essential in our context. The regular requirement to review and update our practices is aided by her, as she ensures that DBS checks and safeguarding training are undertaken by all who are required to do this. We were sad to lose our Parish Safeguarding Officer earlier on in 2025 and we are praying for a suitable replacement. In the mean-time the Vicar and others are available to approach and deal with safeguarding concerns if and when they arrive. We have had no incidents to report in 2025 but are thoroughly supported by the Diocese of Bristol should that change in 2026. The PCC has approved the Safeguarding Policy for the coming year.

Staff Team (paid)

Our paid staff consists of our Parish Administrator (Katharine Wiltshire) and our Children and Families Minister (Jemima Downing) who was appointed in July 2024 (as well as a cleaner for a few hours a week). Jemima is developing our ministry to children and their families in exciting new ways. Our Sunday provision for children is called The Lighthouse Club and has on average 7 children and a number more on our register. Our toddlers group, Seedlings, is thriving with a dedicated team of helpers and an average attendance of 19 children (accompanied by one or more carers/parents per child). Jemima has taken various initiatives to help children feel welcomed and accepted at St Edyth's, as well as engaging with them beyond our walls.

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As ever, we are helped enormously by the time and effort of Barrie Haven in numerous practical ways.

We are grateful for our Hospitality Team, led by Barbara Hewer and then Ellen Grist assisted by Sara Spottiswoode and a number of others, and acknowledge what a strength this brings to our community. It is through them that we are able to help people feel truly welcomed.

Two ordinands have been on placement with us from Trinity College – Archie Torbett and Steffany Nantes. We have enjoyed the different contributions they bring to our community, and particularly help on our Believe and Become teams.

Implementation of Objectives

Belong

Good work has been done on growing an enlarged Welcome Team, with different responsibilities to enable newcomers to be made as welcome as they would like to be. We are reviewing new ways to help people have a real sense of belonging and of entering a place that is safe and a real sanctuary for those who need that. The Welcome Pack has been given out to around 30 people since we began last year. Some of those given packs have joined ChurchSuite, our data base, and some have become more regular in attendance.

Believe

There has been progress in putting into action the recommendations of the Believe Team, including running an Alpha course (Spring 2025) and following up with a pre-Alpha course (Spring 2026). In November 2025, a workshop on Telling Our Story was run with about 40% of our Sunday attenders joining in to learn how to express their own story of faith. Our sermon series in Autumn 2025 covered what do we believe and how do we pass it on? This was very much in response to the suggestions of the team.

In addition, our outreach to those beyond our own doors – the newly formed External Mission Team, led by Rebecca Cross – has been very instrumental in helping us to regularly support (through prayer and giving) three specific charities – in Bristol, in the UK and in Uganda. We have begun to welcome guest speakers to a Sunday service to give us information and prayer requests from these charities. A new prayer

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letter has been produced and made available to encourage our church members to keep these outreach projects in their prayers.

Become

Although the group has not been able to meet as often this year as they would have liked, there has still been progress in deepening our discipleship at St Edyth's. The Life Groups have grown a little and are generally flourishing. A good number of people are now in prayer triplets and there is further work to come on arranging one-to-one discipling where needed and appropriate.

The prayer ministry team has continued to offer support each Sunday to those seeking prayer or healing, and we have been very encouraged by answered prayer. Our weekly Tuesday early morning prayer gatherings are flourishing and vibrant times of calling on the name of the Lord. Monthly Saturday prayer breakfasts also draw people to bring their requests to God, and we would like these to grow more in the year ahead. Other ways of receiving prayer for urgent needs are available, and we continue to feature the Engine Room prayer activities in our regular communications.

Partnerships

ASMA

We continue to enjoy the fellowship and support of the other Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) churches, including a Lent course and gathered celebrations. We said farewell to the two ASMA curates and have enjoyed the ministry of the ASMA Ministry Experience Scheme student. We all appreciate the connection we have across these five churches and there is support for incumbents, other ministry staff and administrators, as well as the opportunity to offer safeguarding training via our Parish Administrator.

SMCI

SMCI (Sea Mills Community Initiative) activities (including the Café on the Square, whose bakers use our kitchen on a regular basis), Kintsugi Hope, Dancercise, and Transforming Lives for Good which offers a free breakfast once a week during school holidays on the premises at Sea Mills Primary School, have all been thriving as extensions of our mission to our community in Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle. Our partnership with Transforming Lives for Good has led on to a new commitment to their other initiative, Early Intervention, which trains up members of local churches to offer one-to-one support for children in school. We are expecting to see this training come to fruition in 2026.

Kintsugi Hope

This carefully structured course, and a follow-up course have been successfully run over a number of years to help those dealing with challenges to their well-being. A decision has recently been made to pause this for the time being, whilst a team of leaders and helpers is built up.

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Highgrove

Our relationship with Highgrove Church continues to be a blessing in both directions as we work together in various ways, including leading assemblies and lessons at Sea Mills Primary School, our Glow in the Dark Party and a joint service at dawn on Easter Day. The vicar of St Edyth's and the leaders of Highgrove meet regularly to pray with one another.

Diocese of Bristol

We have a helpful partnership with the Diocese of Bristol, and appreciate the support of our Archdeacon (Rev Becky Waring). Two members of our PCC are on Deanery Synod. The vicar and another member of the PCC (Elizabeth Marks) are members of the Diocesan Synod. The Diocese also provides regular coaching as well as for a year or so, a learning community of clergy in posts of first responsibility, and regular opportunities such as Quiet Days and other input to both clergy and church life. In May 2026, St Edyth's will host a 'leg' of a Pilgrimage across the Diocese of Bristol.

Community outreach

We regularly look for opportunities to support the local community in whatever way we can. During 2025 we hosted part of a Showcase of community groups in the Sea Mills area, as well as later on in the year the regular Flower and Craft Show.

We continue to receive regular bookings to hire our halls, this year from Pilates, Slimming World, Zumba, Dance Inspirations, Taekwondo, Calligraphy groups. These provide helpful income as do parties and other occasional events.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for 2025 have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income for the year was £146,404 (2024: £146,505) and the total expenses amounted to £166,860 (2024: £147,255), resulting in a deficit of income over expenditure of £20,456 (2024: £750).

Our Parish Share Contribution for 2025 amounted to £54,287 (2024: £53,148) and, together with staff costs, represents our major expense commitment. This contribution funds the salaries and other employment costs of clergy, payable by the Church of England.

The other Designated & Restricted Fund balances have also continued to be tracked, as expected, in line with planned activities and expected charges/liabilities during 2025.

The Closing Balances for the various Main Funds were as follows:

General Fund	£45,107 (2024: £47,100)
Fabric Fund	£33,619 (2024: £36,793)
CYFM Fund	£25,130 (2024: £40,204)

The total Fund position as at 31st December = £109,308 (2024: £129,764).

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Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to retain sufficient cash reserves in the General Fund equivalent to a minimum of 6 months projected General Expenses. For 2026, this will be maintained at £45,000. The PCC had agreed to transfer £15,000 (2024: £15,000) from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to pay for planned (such as repointing) or unforeseen expenditure on the fabric of the Church.

The trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

Administrative Information

St Edyth's Church is situated in Sea Mills, part of the Diocese of Bristol within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission No: 1141128 as "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edyth's"

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity.

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PCC members' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parish and of the income and expenditure of the parish for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2nd March 2026.

Rev Sally Thomas

Signed on their behalf by: _____

Rev Sally Thomas, Vicar

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edyth's known as <i>St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills</i>
Charity registration number	1141128
Principal office	Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU
Registered office	Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU
Trustees	Officers Rev Sally Thomas (Vicar) David Spottiswoode (Churchwarden) Ex Officio Elizabeth Marks, Diocesan & Deanery Synod rep. Christopher Wright, Deanery Synod rep Elected members Teresa Goodall Zachariah Abraham (Treasurer) Peter Marks Emma Speakman (Resigned 7 th July 2025) Christine Woodhouse Archie Torbett (Appointed 11 th May 2025) Co-opted members Elizabeth Fry (Licensed Lay Minister)
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston, BSc FCA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

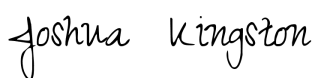
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Charity 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.



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Date: 2nd March 2026
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	-	964	964	7,520
Donations	76,347	14,550	90,897	86,769
Gift Aid received	15,136	2,904	18,040	19,764
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	738	-	738	908
Church activities	139	1,164	1,303	2,868
Hall rental	15,667	-	15,667	13,581
Investment income	4,441	-	4,441	5,180
Other income - from transmitter and solar panels	14,354	-	14,354	9,915
TOTAL RECEIPTS	126,822	19,582	146,404	146,505
PAYMENTS				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Grants made</i>				
Parish Share	54,287	-	54,287	53,148
Other giving	4,000	515	4,515	3,920
Ministry expenses	1,071	2,770	3,841	4,106
Capital expenses	73	-	73	1,651
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>				
Wages and other staff costs	21,233	31,497	52,730	40,836
Heat, light & cleaning	11,773	-	11,773	12,260
Repairs & maintenance	21,802	-	21,802	16,602
Insurance	5,097	-	5,097	4,936
Office expenses	3,602	21	3,623	4,418
Governance Costs	6,791	-	6,791	3,880
Bank charges	157	-	157	138
Miscellaneous expenses	2,103	68	2,171	1,360
TOTAL PAYMENTS	131,989	34,871	166,860	147,255
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(5,167)	(15,289)	(20,456)	(750)
Cash funds 1 January	83,893	45,871	129,764	130,514
Cash funds 31 December	78,726	30,582	109,308	129,764

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances	78,726	30,582	109,308	129,764
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,380	-	1,380	1,213
Solar panel income not yet received	418	-	418	-
	1,798	-	1,798	1,213
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Solar panels (cost £20,870)	-	-	-	1,217
Equipment (cost £18,570)	2,556	-	2,556	4,280
	2,556	-	2,556	5,497
Total assets	83,080	30,582	113,662	136,474
Liabilities				
Pension Control	278	-	278	-
Total liabilities	278	-	278	-

Cash fund balances at 31 December 2025

	Balance 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2025
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	47,100	126,822	(113,815)	(15,000)	45,107
Fabric fund - designated	36,793	-	(18,174)	15,000	33,619
	83,893	126,822	(131,989)	-	78,726
Restricted funds					
Mums and tots	915	1,164	(1,165)	-	914
Youthwork	40,204	16,644	(31,718)	-	25,130
Make lunch	4,361	1,774	(1,788)	-	4,347
Vicar's discretionary fund	391	-	(200)	-	191
	45,871	19,582	(34,871)	-	30,582
Total	129,764	146,404	(166,860)	-	109,308

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 2nd March 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

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We have introduced a new Welcome Pack, a term card and other materials, and are growing an enlarged Welcome Team, with different responsibilities to enable newcomers to be made as welcome as they would like to be. We are reviewing new ways to help people have a real sense of belonging and of entering a place that is safe and a real sanctuary for those who need that.

Believe

Alongside the Alpha course which is beginning in the Spring term 2025, we are encouraging prayer for revival, for our community and for our outreach in the broadest sense. We are looking ahead to our centenary in 2028 and praying about ways to celebrate this which will increase our contact with and our mission to our neighbours. A new team is meeting to consider how we support mission beyond our own doors – the External Mission Team, led by Rebecca Cross.

Become

We have taken various steps towards deepening our discipleship at St Edyth's, including helping our Life Groups to find appropriate material to study, encouraging prayer triplets to spring up – there are now several meeting monthly or more frequently - and reviewing our prayer ministry and pastoral care, as well as developing our prayer life further. There are plans for three termly extended prayer times in 2025.

Partnerships

ASMA

We continue to enjoy the fellowship and support of the other Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) churches. We have been able to offer a venue for a Bereavement Course, have appreciated the ministry of the two ASMA curates and the new ASMA Ministry Experience Scheme student, and we have provided, via our Parish Administrator, some joint safeguarding training for others in the Mission Area. Two or three times a year, we have joined in celebrating our partnership and some of us have appreciated taking part in the ASMA Lent course.

SMCI

SMCI (Sea Mills Community Initiative) activities (including the Café on the Square, whose bakers use our kitchen on a regular basis), Kintsugi Hope, Dancercise, and Transforming Lives for Good which offers a free breakfast once a week during school holidays on the premises at Sea Mills Primary School, have all been thriving as extensions of our mission to our community in Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle.

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Highgrove

Our relationship with Highgrove Church is flourishing as we work together in various ways, including leading assemblies and lessons at Sea Mills Primary School, and for a joint service at dawn on Easter Day. The vicar of St Edyth's and the leaders of Highgrove meet regularly to pray with one another.

Diocese of Bristol

We have a helpful partnership with the Diocese of Bristol and appreciate the support of our Archdeacon (Rev Becky Waring) who preached at our 2024 Remembrance Day service. Two members of our PCC are on Deanery Synod. The vicar and another member of the PCC (Elizabeth Marks) became members of the Diocesan Synod in 2024. The Diocese provided a Triennial Inspection by the Archdeacon as well as a Quinquennial Inspection by our newly appointed Church Architect. This raised a number of issues regarding our fabric which are being addressed by the Fabric Team.

Community outreach

Our premises are available to the community and in February 2024 we were able to respond to a tragedy that unfolded in a property within the parish, offering a space for grieving to the whole of the neighbourhood and to the school staff who were dramatically affected by this; we appreciated the support from Bristol City Council.

We have also provided space for the local health centre to help their patients access the new online booking system; a local dementia support group has provided information to the community; various other groups hire our halls for Pilates, Quilting and Slimming activities; we receive a modest but helpful income from the hire of the hall for this and for parties and other occasional events.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for 2024 have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income for the year was £ 146,505 (2023: £155,850) and the total expenses amounted to £147,255 (2023: £138,292), resulting in a net deficit of £750 (2023: surplus of £17,558).

Our Parish Share Contribution for 2024 amounted to £53,148 (2023: £53,148) and represents our major expense commitment. This contribution funds the salaries and other employment costs of clergy, payable by the Church of England.

The other Designated & Restricted Funds' balances have also continued to track their balances, as expected, in line with planned activities and expected charges/liabilities during 2024.

The Closing Balances for the various Main Funds were as follows:

General Fund	£47,100 (2023: £57,925)
Fabric Fund	£36,793 (2023: £29,527)
CYFM Fund	£40,204 (2023: £36,831)

The total Fund position as at 31st December is £129,764 (2023: £130,514).

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to retain sufficient cash reserves in the General Fund equivalent to between 6 and 9 months projected General Expenses. For 2025, this range is estimated to be between £45,000 and £67,500. The PCC had agreed to transfer £15,000 (2023: £8,000) from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to pay for planned (such as repointing) or unforeseen expenditure on the fabric of the Church.

The trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

Administrative Information

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Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity.

PCC members' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The PCC members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3rd March 2025

Signed on their behalf by: Rev Sally Thomas

Rev Sally Thomas, Vicar

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Registered office	Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU		
Trustees	Officers Rev Sally Thomas (Vicar) David Spottiswoode (Churchwarden) Heather Daw (Churchwarden, resigned April 2024) Ex Officio Elizabeth Marks, Deanery Synod rep. Chris Wright, Deanery Synod rep Elected members Teresa Goodall Zac Abraham (Treasurer) Peter Marks Emma Speakman Chris Woodhouse Appointed 21st April 2024 Graham Baker Resigned 21st April 2024 Mark Temple Resigned 21st April 2024 Co-opted members Elizabeth Fry (Licensed Lay Minister)		
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston, BSc ACA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR		

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

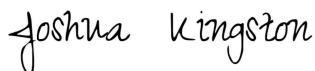
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Charity 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.



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Date: 3 March, 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	6,795	725	7,520	2,752
Donations	71,650	15,119	86,769	106,938
Gift Aid received	15,076	4,688	19,764	19,231
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	908	-	908	656
Church activities	575	2,293	2,868	913
Hall rental	13,581	-	13,581	10,405
Investment income	5,180	-	5,180	2,973
Other income- from transmitter and solar panels	9,915	-	9,915	11,982
TOTAL RECEIPTS	123,680	22,825	146,505	155,850
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
<i>Grants made:</i>				
Parish Share	53,148	-	53,148	53,148
Other giving	2,740	1,180	3,920	27,914
Ministry expenses	1,704	2,402	4,106	3,187
Capital expenses	1,651	-	1,651	7,795
Costs of charitable activities				
Wages and other staff costs	25,262	15,574	40,836	17,233
Heat, light & cleaning	11,633	627	12,260	9,486
Repairs & maintenance	16,602	-	16,602	2,952
Insurance	4,936	-	4,936	4,550
Office expenses	4,295	123	4,418	4,355
Governance Costs	3,880	-	3,880	4,074
Bank charges	138	-	138	139
Miscellaneous expenses	1,250	110	1,360	3,459
TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,239	20,016	147,255	138,292
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(3,559)	2,809	(750)	17,558
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds 1 January 2024	87,452	43,062	130,514	112,956
Cash funds 31 December 2024	83,893	45,871	129,764	130,514

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances	83,893	45,871	129,764	130,514
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,213	-	1,213	3,564
	1,213	-	1,213	3,564
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Solar panels (cost £20,870)	1,217	-	1,217	3,304
Equipment (cost £18,570)	4,280	-	4,280	6,004
	5,497	-	5,497	9,308

Cash fund balances at 31 December 2024

	Balance 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2024
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	57,925	116,835	(112,660)	(15,000)	47,100
Fabric fund	29,527	6,845	(14,579)	15,000	36,793
	87,452	123,680	(127,239)	-	83,893
Restricted funds					
Flower fund	158	-	(158)	-	-
Mums and tots	777	1,403	(1,265)	-	915
Solar panels	627	-	(627)	-	-
Youthwork	36,831	18,619	(15,246)	-	40,204
Make Lunch	4,446	1,695	(1,780)	-	4,361
Vicar's discretionary fund	223	208	(40)	-	391
Giving fund	-	900	(900)	-	-
	43,062	22,825	(20,016)	-	45,871
Total	130,514	146,505	(147,255)	-	129,764

These financial statement were approved by the trustees on 3 March, 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Rev Sally Thomas
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Rev Sally Thomas, Vicar

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S**

known as

St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity Number 1141128

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Objectives and activities

St Edyth's Mission Statement is:

As followers of Jesus, we aspire to be a loving, hope-filled community, committed to the spiritual and social transformation of Sea Mills, Coombe Dingle and beyond.

Part of our values are summed up in the phrase 'Gather, Grow, Go', or 'Gathering, Growing, Going in Jesus' name'.

Gathering

We gather to worship regularly as a church family. Traditionally, worship at St Edyth's takes place through regular weekly services; two services on Sundays and a service on Tuesdays, plus other occasional services throughout the year. The 10:30am Sunday service continues to be the "main" one at which there are the most visitors. Services vary from formal liturgical communion services to informal all age services which are led by musicians.

Growing

In September we were delighted to welcome our new Vicar – Sally Thomas – and her husband Neil. Both are contributing greatly to the ministry of St Edyth's, and are already much-loved members of our church family.

Sadly, all attempts to identify and appoint a Children and Families Minister have so far proved unsuccessful, but we continue to search for the appropriate person for this role. A Pledge Day in July 2023 brought promises of over £60,000 for this position, of which approximately a quarter had been received by 31st December 2023.

We are delighted that "Seedlings" (our Toddler group on Wednesday mornings) has continued to thrive in 2023, despite the lack of a children's minister, and we continue to be grateful to ASMA for their support until Sally's arrival, which has enabled the group not only to continue but to flourish.

We have continued engagement with Sea Mills Primary School, welcoming them at different seasons of the year, such as Harvest and Christmas, and since September, providing assembly input, shared with Highgrove. During the vacancy, this was maintained by Highgrove and other ASMA clergy and staff.

Hall bookings rentals decreased slightly in 2023 and therefore have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. We simplified the charging structure for 2023 and are reviewing this further for 2024 with a view to attracting additional bookings.

Our administrator – Katharine Wiltshire - continued in her remunerated role providing much needed support to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and vacancy leadership team.

Throughout the year, we continued to develop our ministries both for current members; and non-members. These included running Mental Health Awareness groups (Kintsugi hope course), small group Bible study groups, free Dancercise classes, and developing Seedlings - the thriving mid-week toddler group. We have also continued to partner with the Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) group of churches as we seek to share resources in North West Bristol.

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We continued to supervise and be supported by two Trinity College ordinands - one of these left during the year, and the other will leave us this Spring. It is part of our calling to continue this engagement with those seeking and receiving training for ministry in the Church of England, or other Christian ministry.

Going

St Edyth's has complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit, especially regarding the advancement of religion, and to this effect St Edyth's endeavours to achieve its aims of encouraging members to worship God, become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ and to work towards spiritual, social and cultural transformation for good in the community.

We have continued to partner with the award-winning charity 'TLG' (Transforming Lives for Good) to provide "Make Lunch" (free cooked breakfast) to school children and families in need once a week during the holidays. In partnership with other local churches (charity umbrella 'SMCI') we have continued to run our local community café ("Café on the Square") and allotments. We have continued to provide pastoral support to people in our community, including ministering to the sick and dying and comforting the bereaved, and presiding at funerals, mainly in Canford Crematorium.

Most of the upkeep, impact and outreach of St Edyth's is through a committed group of volunteers. Our huge thanks to our PCC, our Wardens, to Barrie Havens (maintenance), to our cleaners, Sunday Volunteers, Fabric, Finance, Pastoral, Prayer teams, SMCI, Make Lunch, Dancercise and Deanery Synod volunteers to name a few.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for 2023 have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income for the year was £155,850 (2022: £110,864) and the total expenses amounted to £138,292 (2022: £142,591), resulting in net receipts of £17,558 (2022: net payments of £31,727).

Our Parish Share Contribution for 2023 amounted to £53,148 (2022: £52,524) and represents our major expense commitment. This contribution funds the salaries and other employment costs of clergy, payable by the Church of England.

The other Designated & Restricted Funds' balances have also continued to track their balances, as expected, in line with planned activities and expected charges/liabilities during 2023.

The Closing Balances for the various Main Funds were as follows:

General Fund	£57,925 (2022: £55,857)
Fabric Fund	£29,527 (2022: £10,206)
CYFM Fund	£36,831 (2022: £21,556)
CAP Fund	£ - (2022: £19,890)

Due to the closure of the local CAP branch on 31st December 2021 and the requirement to retain the CAP Fund for a minimum of one year after closure, the Fund was distributed during the year partly to South Bristol CAP Branch and partly to the debt support activities of Bristol North West Foodbank.

The total Fund position as at 31st December = £130,514 (2022: £112,956).

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Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to retain sufficient cash reserves in the General Fund equivalent to a minimum of 6 months projected General Expenses. The Actual Cash reserves held against the General Fund as at the 31st of December, 2023 was £57,921 (reserve required £48,000). For 2024, this level has been increased slightly to £50,000 (2023: £48,000). The PCC had agreed to transfer £8,000 (2022: £4,000) from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to pay for planned (such as repointing) or unforeseen expenditure on the fabric of the Church.

The trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

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Structure, governance and management

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The PCC members are the trustees of the charity.

PCC members' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parish and of the income and expenditure of the parish for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4th March 2024

Signed on their behalf by: *Rev Sally Thomas*

Rev Sally Thomas, Vicar

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Trustees	Officers	
	Rev Sally Thomas	Appointed 27 th September 2023
	Heather Daw, Warden	
	David Spottiswoode, Warden	
	Ex Officio	
	Rebecca Cross, Deanery Synod rep.	Resigned 14 TH May 2023
	Elizabeth Marks, Deanery Synod rep.	
	Chris Wright, Deanery Synod rep	Appointed 14 th May 2023
	Elected members	
	Teresa Goodall	
	Mark Temple (Secretary)	
	Neil Branscombe	Resigned 14 th May 2023
	Zac Abraham (Treasurer)	
	Peter Marks	
	John Hower	Resigned 14 th May 2023
	Geraldine Richardson	Resigned 14 th May 2023
	Emma Speakman	Appointed 14 th May 2023
	Co-opted members	
	Graham Baker	
	Elizabeth Fry (Licensed Lay Minister)	
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

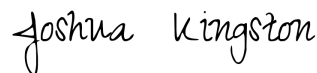
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Date: 04 March 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	-	2,752	2,752	5,954
Donations	89,596	17,342	106,938	64,745
Gift Aid received	19,006	225	19,231	12,731
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	656	-	656	1,400
Church activities	-	913	913	61
Hall rental	10,405	-	10,405	11,785
Investment income	2,973	-	2,973	1,507
Other income- from transmitter and solar panels	11,982	-	11,982	12,681
TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,618	21,232	155,850	110,864
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
<i>Grants made:</i>				
Parish Share	53,148	-	53,148	52,524
Other giving	4,800	23,114	27,914	4,662
Ministry expenses	1,348	1,839	3,187	3,047
Capital expenses	7,795	-	7,795	-
Costs of charitable activities				
Wages and other staff costs	17,233	-	17,233	19,835
Heat, light & cleaning	9,486	-	9,486	10,469
Repairs & maintenance	2,952	-	2,952	38,925
Insurance	4,550	-	4,550	4,206
Office expenses	4,355	-	4,355	5,727
Governance Costs	4,074	-	4,074	972
Bank charges	139	-	139	123
Miscellaneous expenses	3,349	110	3,459	2,101
TOTAL PAYMENTS	113,229	25,063	138,292	142,591
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	21,389	(3,831)	17,558	(31,727)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds 1 January 2023	66,063	46,893	112,956	144,683
Cash funds 31 December 2023	87,452	43,062	130,514	112,956

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances	87,452	43,062	130,514	112,956
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid not yet claimed	3,564	-	3,564	1,222
	3,564	-	3,564	1,222
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Solar panels (cost £20,870)	3,304	-	3,304	5,391
Equipment (cost £18,570)	6,004	-	6,004	-
	9,308	-	9,308	5,391

Cash fund balances at 31 December 2023

	Balance 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2023
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	55,857	115,868	(105,800)	(8,000)	57,925
Fabric fund	10,206	18,750	(7,429)	8,000	29,527
	66,063	134,618	(113,229)	-	87,452
Restricted funds					
Christians against Poverty	19,890	-	(19,890)	-	-
Flower fund	240	-	(82)	-	158
Mums and tots	510	913	(646)	-	777
Solar panels	627	-	-	-	627
Youthwork	21,556	15,385	(110)	-	36,831
Make Lunch	3,195	3,102	(1,851)	-	4,446
Vicar's discretionary fund	875	1,832	(2,484)	-	223
	46,893	21,232	(25,063)	-	43,062
Total	112,956	155,850	(138,292)	-	130,514

04 March 2024

These financial statement were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

Rev Sally Thomas

Rev Sally Thomas, Vicar

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Annual Reports & Accounts 2022/23



*To be discussed at the Meeting of Parishioners
& Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

Sunday 14th May 2023, 12 Noon

1. AGM 2023 Agenda

Annual Parishioners Meeting

The meeting of Parishioners will be held in St Edyth's Church on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 12.00 pm.

AGENDA:

1. Opening thought and prayer - Heather Daw
2. Appointment of a clerk for the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 8th May 2022
5. Election of Churchwardens (notification that Heather Daw and David Spottiswoode are willing to continue to serve as Churchwardens)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held in St Edyth's Church on 14th May 2023 following the Annual Parishioners' Meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Appointment of a clerk to the meeting
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 8th May 2022
4. Elections:
 - (a) to the Deanery Synod
 - (b) to the Parochial Church Council
5. The Church Electoral Roll
6. PCC Report
7. Churchwardens' Report and thoughts on vacancy.
8. Fabric report
9. Finance (Audited Accounts and Treasurer's report)
10. Other Ministry reports:
11. (See Annual Reports and Accounts document)
12. Closing Prayer

PCC for 2022/23

Ex-officio members

Revd. John Monaghan

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

Deanery Synod

Rebecca Cross

Gloria Wright

Elected PCC

With 3 years to serve

Geraldine Richardson

John Hewer

Zac Abraham (Treasurer) (2nd term)

Peter Marks (2nd term)

With 2 years to serve

Teresa Goodall

Mark Temple (Secretary)

With 1 year to serve

Neil Branscombe

Co-opted Members

Graham Baker

Elizabeth Fry

PCC for 2023/24

Ex-officio members

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

David Spottiswoode

Deanery Synod

Rebecca Cross

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With 3 years to serve

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Co-opted Members

Graham Baker

Elizabeth Fry

3. Minutes of St Edyth's Annual Meetings in 2022

Meeting of Parishioners (APM)

Meeting held at 12 pm following morning worship on Sunday 8th May

Present: Eileen Jarrett, Eileen Knight, Geraldine Richardson, Zac Abraham, Anna Abraham*, Joshua Abraham*, Christine Woodhouse, Teresa Goodall, Ann Green, Memory Basvi, Elizabeth Fry, Margaret Scott, Wendy Maddocks, Karlynn Evans, Gloria Wright, Heather Daw, Paul Cockram, Sue Cockram, Helen Robbins, Rebecca Cross, Pam Jenkins, Chris Wright, Erica Wright, Elizabeth Marks, Peter Marks, Tilly Alison Dodd, Barbara Hower, John Hower, Sheila Roberts, Alice Monaghan, Graham Baker, Sarah Baker, Afia Danquah*, Wiseborn Danquah*, Wiseborn Danquah, Dorothy Danquah, David Spotiswoode, Sara Spotiswoode, Richard Widger, Hartmut Kopsch, Jane Kopsch, Anna Arnold. (*not on electoral roll.)

1. Opening thought and prayer

The Revd. John Monaghan welcomed all to the meeting and opened in prayer and led some thoughts around the theme that in the early church 'all these with one accord were constantly at prayer'(Acts Ch 1 verse 14).

He advised that the administrator Katharine Wiltshire had emailed the APCM report with financial accounts out to those on the mailing list and that hard copies were available on request.

2. Appointment of Clerk for the Meeting

Mark Temple was appointed as clerk of the meeting - nem. con.

3. Apologies for Absence

Susan Dow, Gish Hobbs, Neil Branscombe & Pam Dawson.

4. Minutes of the meeting on Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Approved as a true record and signed - nem. con.

5. Election of Church Wardens

Heather Daw was thanked for her service and agreed to continue for a 3rd year in 2022/3.

David Spotiswoode was proposed by Chris Wright and seconded by Di Goodison. He was elected unopposed.

John closed the meeting with a brief prayer of blessing.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Present: Eileen Jarrett, Eileen Knight, Geraldine Richardson, Zac Abraham, Anna Abraham*, Joshua Abraham*, Christine Woodhouse, Teresa Goodall, Ann Green, Memory Basvi, Elizabeth Fry, Margaret Scott, Wendy Maddocks, Karlynn Evans, Gloria Wright, Heather Daw, Paul Cockram, Sue Cockram, Helen Robbins, Rebecca Cross, Pam Jenkins, Chris Wright, Erica Wright, Elizabeth Marks, Peter Marks, Tilly Alison Dodd, Barbara Hower, John Hower, Sheila Roberts, Alice Monaghan, Graham Baker, Sarah Baker, Afia Danquah*, Wiseborn Danquah*, Wiseborn Danquah, Dorothy Danquah, David Spottiswoode, Sara Spottiswoode, Richard Widger, Hartmut Kopsch, Jane Kopsch, Anna Arnold. (*not on electoral roll.)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Susan Dow, Gish Hobbs, Neil Branscombe, Pam Dawson.

2. Appointment of a clerk to the meeting:

Mark Temple was appointed as clerk of the meeting - nem. con.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 23rd May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2021 were approved - nem. con.

4. Elections

a) Deanery Synod

Rebecca Cross had agreed to continue in this roll. Gloria Wright had also agreed to continue if there was no other volunteer. Both were elected unopposed.

b) Parochial Church Council

The rules allow up to nine elected and two co-opted members. The following new PCC members have been nominated:

Geraldine Richardson nominated by Di Goodison and seconded by Margaret Symonds.

John Hower nominated by Peter Marks and seconded by Teresa Goodall. Both were elected unopposed.

PCC for 2022/3 now comprises:

Ex-Officio

Vicar - vacancy from 17th May

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

David Spottiswoode

Deanery Synod

Rebecca Cross

Gloria Wright

Elected PCC

With 3 years to serve -

Zac Abraham (Treasurer) (2nd term)

Peter Marks (2nd term)

Geraldine Richardson

John Hower

With 2 years to serve -
Mark Temple (Secretary)
Teresa Goodall

With 1 year to serve -
Neil Branscombe

Co-opted Member
Graham Baker

5. Electoral Roll

Paul Cockram summarised the changes over the last year. At the start of the year there were 71 on the roll. During the year 2 died, 2 moved away and there was one new member. At the close of the year there were 68 on the roll.

6. PCC Report

Mark Temple summarised the activities of the PCC and Standing Committee. The main issues were response to the covid pandemic, repair to the nave roof, the winding down of the CAP Centre, recruitment of a children's and youth minister and finance matters.

7. Church Warden's Report

There would be an opportunity to say goodbye to the Monaghan family on 15th May. A small team is working on arrangements for the transition. At the July PCC we will hear more from the diocese about the process for appointing a new vicar. 11th July there will be a prayer day to pray for the process of finding a new vicar.

8. Vicar's Report

John Monaghan briefly summarised some of the themes in his printed report.

9. Fabric Report

In the absence of Neil Branscombe John Monaghan reported briefly on the work of Fabric Committee. The main new work was finalising of the tenders for the nave roof retiling which is now close to the point of signing the contract.

10. Finance

Zac Abraham Thanked the congregation for their generous giving. In 2021 our balance of funds rose from £130,000 to £144,683. The PCC has prayerfully taken decisions including in January to pay 100% of our parish share in 2022. Anna Arnold asked about the use of the balance of restricted funds donated for the CAP Centre. Zac explained that if a new CAP Centre is established in the area then the balance of funds will be transferred to the new centre. If that does not happen the funds will be donated to CAP centrally.

11. Other Ministry Reports

See the Annual Reports and Accounts document.

Hartmut Kopsch closed the meeting with prayer at 12.56 pm.

4. Elections

- (a) Deanery Synod
- (b) Parochial Church Council – 4 vacancies currently

5. The Church Electoral Roll

Paul Cockram - Electoral Roll Officer

As of the 2022 APCM, there were 68 people on the electoral roll, which was last fully revised in 2019. Since then, one member has moved away and another has died, leaving the roll at 65.

At the time of writing and since the 2022 APCM I have received no new requests for inclusion on the roll, but it remains open for these until 22 April. Any further changes to overall membership will be notified at the meeting on 14 May.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege to serve as Electoral Roll Officer since 2010 but I have decided to step down just after this year's APCM. I wish my successor well!

6. PCC Report

Mark Temple - PCC Secretary

St Edyth's PCC has the responsibility of working with the Incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church. The PCC is responsible for sharing the leadership, management, and administration of a parish with the incumbent. Since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) there has been no incumbent since John Monaghan left us and his duties devolved to the Church Wardens and a Transition Team. Members of the PCC are elected by the APCM and serve for three years. Its function can be summarised as follows:

- It exists to enable the church to play its part in God's mission to his world
- It exists to co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership
- It exists to ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments
- It exists to care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church's ministry and mission
- It exists to be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally

During the year, the following have served as members of the PCC

Heather Daw	Church Warden
David Spottiswoode	Church Warden
Rebecca Cross	Deanery Synod; also Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)
Gloria Wright	Deanery Synod until Autumn 2023 then Elizabeth Marks (co-opted)

Voted on members:

Zac Abraham (Treasurer), Mark Temple (PCC secretary), Neil Branscombe, Teresa Goodall, Peter Marks, Geraldine Richardson, and John Hewer,

Co-opted members:

Graham Baker and Elizabeth Fry.

The PCC met 6 times during the year for its regular meetings every two months and on two additional occasions to deal with matters relating to the vacancy.

Our Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, Church Warden(s) and Treasurer. It meets every two months and has the power to transact PCC business between meetings, subject to directions given by the PCC. Where necessary the PCC can now conduct business by email correspondence where the chair decides that it can be properly conducted that way. During this year of vacancy the three members of Standing Committee have chaired the PCC in turn. Minutes of the PCC meetings are available in the Church Office for anyone who wishes to read them. Any member of the church who has an issue they wish to be raised in the PCC is invited to bring this to the attention of a PCC member.

We thank Gloria Wright who represented St Edyth's on Deanery Synod for a long spell. In the autumn she stood down and the PCC co-opted Elizabeth Marks to represent us.

Issues with which the PCC has dealt during 2022 include matters relating to the vacancy, repair of the nave roof (which was completed in the autumn), other property subjects, recruitment of a children's and youth minister, planning events throughout the year and finance matters.

7. Church Wardens Report

Heather Daw & David Spottiswoode – Church Warden

If last year felt like a year of 'goodbyes', the year since our AGM in 2022 has been a year of 'hellos'!

Heather Daw has been delighted to welcome David Spottiswoode to work alongside her as Church Warden as we continue to navigate the vacancy. Since Rev. John Monaghan left in May last year, the church has been led by a transition leadership team, comprising Heather and David, Hartmut and Jane Kopsch, Elizabeth Fry, Zac Abraham and Reuben Coulter. It has been such a privilege serving together in seeking to discern God's will in leading the church and sharing the good news of Jesus with our community. The team would like to thank the church family for all your prayerful support and encouragement, and everyone who has taken on a new role during this time.

After much prayer, we were very pleased to appoint Gabi Groenewald as our part time Children and Families Worker at the beginning of the year. Sadly, due to backlogs at the Home Office, Gabi's visa has yet to be approved, meaning she has been unable to start work. However, we are very grateful to her for stepping in to lead Seedlings, our Wednesday toddler group, as a volunteer, enabling Rachel Powlesland from St Marys Stoke Bishop to withdraw. Please pray that Gabi's visa will soon be granted, so that she can fully take up her role. In the meantime, we are so blessed to have our dedicated and creative volunteers running the Sunday morning children's group, which is steadily growing.

We have been much encouraged that average weekly attendance at services overall continues to grow, and love the vibrancy that new faces, both young and more mature, bring to our church family.

We are delighted that our 8.45 Sunday gathering is also still meeting, thanks to the dedicated commitment of its worshippers, several of whom organise the service and provide a Bible talk.

We greatly value our collaboration with other local churches, and have enjoyed considerable support from all ASMA clergy, whom we thank most warmly for their contribution to St Edyth's ministry. Additional ASMA activities have included 'Harp and Bowl' – the monthly informal evening service - which has continued at St Edyth's on alternate months, and the Lent course.

Whilst resource constraints sadly meant we were unable to schedule a Christingle service in 2022, St Edyth's again joined forces with Highgrove Church to stage the ever-popular Carols on the Square.

We are grateful to Katharine Wiltshire, our unflappable Parish Administrator and Hall Manager, who has been a huge support and kept us on task!

Of course, just as 2022 saw our biggest 'goodbye' in saying farewell to the Monaghan family, we hope that 2023 will see our biggest 'hello' to our new vicar. As this report goes to print, we are shortlisting for interviews in early May, and if an appointment can be made, we anticipate the new incumbent's licensing will be in the autumn.

"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end."
Hebrews 12:2.

8. Fabric Report

Neil Branscombe – Chair

The major achievement since the 2022 report is the successful completion of the re-tiling of the South elevation of the main roof. Thank you to all involved in what proved to be a protracted project.

There is a significant amount of work which will be necessary into the next period. Most urgently the repair of the church hall floor. However also pressing is the upgrading of the toilets to enable proper access to those with reduced mobility. The main entrance to the church premises is also in need of works for similar reasons.

A lighting upgrade should commence shortly and a review of the heating system is also being undertaken, both with a view to addressing the current high cost of energy. The main church building is now nearly 100 years old and will need additional general maintenance, the most urgent likely to be re-pointing of the exterior, some parts of which are in a poor state of repair.

Many thanks to all those who give of their time but especially to the ever-stalwart Barrie Havens.

9. Finance Report – 31st December 2021

Please see full Finance Report and Statements in a separate document (if electronic) or on the back of this document (hard copy).

10. Other Ministry Reports

Mission Focus Spend – Heather Daw, Church Warden

St Edyths' allocate a certain budget (typically £500 per organisation) to support selected ministries, both home and abroad.

In 2022, we supported Tearfund, Christian Aid, Open Doors and our missionary partners Tom and Sarah Haig, running discipleship programmes in Malawi. Each of these ministries have had a bearing in some way on our church discipleship - either by sharing/hearing God stories' or being directly involved. For instance, a sponsored hymn sing was organised in the church to raise funds for Christian Aid.

In 2023, our giving looks slightly different. Tom and Sarah have moved back to the UK, and we will therefore be supporting Bristol North West Foodbank, Tearfund, Open Doors and Christian Aid. In addition, following a generous donation by a church member, £2,000 will be donated to the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal.

The Avonside Mission Area in 2022 – Rev. Simon Potter & Rev. Jema Ball

The Avonside Mission Area (the Church of England parishes of Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills & Coombe Dingle, Shirehampton, and Stoke Bishop) is a key partnership for St Edyth's – the communities of NW Bristol and the local parish of Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle are all stronger as a result of it.

- The past year has been a good demonstration of the ways in which God has used St Edyth's to inspire and equip the Mission Area and the support that the Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) has offered to ongoing parish ministry in Sea Mills:
- During the vacancy, ASMA clergy have helped to support Sunday services - in particular our ASMA curates, Rev Sonia Home and Rev Julie Summers, who have been involved with the worship life and weekday ministry of St Edyth's as part of their training and ministry in the Mission Area.
- Over the past year, there have been shared services in the Mission Area after major festivals to allow St Edyth's clergy and leaders a well-deserved break.
- There has been support for the Seedlings parents and toddler group from staff team members at St Mary's, Stoke Bishop working alongside others to help ensure its ongoing viability.
- Clergy and staff from St Mary's, Stoke Bishop have also covered weekly assembly slots in Sea Mills Primary School during the vacancy to ensure a continuity of Christian presence in the life of the school.
- St Edyth's has continued to open its doors to ASMA in our shared Harp and Bowl prayer and praise celebrations, which it established with St Andrew's Avonmouth and which continues to grow and encourage those who attend.
- St Edyth's members have taken a significant lead in pioneering the ASMA link with Kintsugi Hope and the mental health awareness materials and groups that it offers. These groups now operate in three of our local ASMA parishes and have been of enormous support to those who attend.
- St Edyth's members have enjoyed sharing in the regular ASMA Lent Course which moves around our churches. ASMA church members have very much enjoyed being hosted by St Edyth's as a way of strengthening the ties in Christian faith which encourage us so much.
- St Edyth's PCC members shared in a ASMA PCCs Together morning in September with CPAS facilitator and Acting Director Rev Graham Archer as a way of sharing encouraging news, good practice, and praying together.
- The St Edyth's churchwardens and Leadership Team have received support from the leaders of St Mary's Stoke Bishop in relation to the preparation of the parish profile and the forthcoming interview process.

The churches of ASMA have been pleased to support the amazing congregation and efforts of the parish leadership team during the vacancy. As ever, it is true to say that ASMA is much the stronger for St Edyth's involvement, and church ministry at St Edyth's is stronger as a result of ASMA too.

Children's Ministry Report – Reuben & Grace Coulter

The children's work is going well and they are growing in their faith.

For the past 9 months there has been a vacancy of Children & Families leader, but amazing volunteers have stepped in to fill the gaps. We are delighted to have identified a suitable candidate for the position but are awaiting her visa approval from the Home Office.

Saplings, our Sunday children's group is going well with 6-10 children attending weekly. The mid-week Carer & Toddlers group Seedlings is also well attended with between 15 - 22 children. The carers appreciate the space to build community and the children are flourishing.

St Edyth's APCM Safeguarding Report - Rebecca Cross, Parish Safeguarding Officer

The parish of St Edyth's is committed to safeguarding children, young people, and adults at risk. The Safeguarding policy was reviewed on 9th October 2022.

Safer Recruitment & DBS

The PCC oversees the following activities and is responsible for safe recruitment of people wanting to work with vulnerable groups.

- Make Lunch 15 helpers, (2 new helpers recruited this year)
- Saplings/Creche 7/5 helpers, (4/3 new this year)
- Pastoral Care 8 helpers
- Seedlings 4 helpers, (1 new this year)

DBS Checks

As part of the safer recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been DBS checked at the level appropriate to the role. There are 27 volunteers / PCC members who require a DBS check for their role and 25 of them have a current check.

Training

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles, the current situation in terms of meeting the requirements in the parish is as follows:

Basic Awareness

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
22	26	11 from Make Lunch (reminded), 1 other

Foundation Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
24	20	4

Leadership Safeguarding

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
5	4	1

Domestic Abuse

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
12	10	2

Reporting to the PCC

The PCC was updated about Safeguarding matters at every meeting. During the year there was 1 safeguarding matter.

Action Plan

The PCC has an action plan created by the Parish Dashboard. Progress is reported to the PCC meetings and current progress on our Parish Dashboard is 66% at level 3.

Women's Fellowship – Gloria Wright

Once again, I have looked back over the year and so many changes have occurred. We continue to meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm for 3 meetings each month, where we share our highs and lows as a Christian group. We enjoy singing to the Lord, hearing His word, and thanking Him in the prayers we offer for our church family, members of our group and the World.

We are diminished in number to about 10, having lost dear Nancie who has gone to be with the Lord and Doreen who is now unable to join us due to ill health. On the third Tuesday of each month we join with the Methodist Church. We always have a blessed afternoon and look forward to tea and cake!

I couldn't manage without Ann who is our very competent treasurer and has sent several donations to various needy causes on our behalf, approximately £370.00. We may be reduced in numbers but we are still the same loving group. Please pray for more people to join us and our continued meeting together.

Pastoral Care – Karlynn Evans, Coordinator

The Pastoral team are still going strong, there are seven volunteers and they are a great team. They are very good at looking out for those who need help one way or another, often providing lifts for those who are unable to come to church on their own and visiting those who are unwell. We try to meet up every so often to chat and pray about those who may need help.

ASMA Mental Health Groups – Rebecca Cross

Since the last APCM a Kintsugi Hope Group was run in Shire and another at Sea Mills School. A group recently started in Stoke Bishop too. So far, across ASMA, we have run 9 groups with 49 different people completing. Whilst many seem to grow in their faith journey we are now seeing a few non-church goers joining churches too. Praise the Lord.

We continue to run a small zoom and a small face to face follow on groups as missional communities following the mission area 4 Ws of welcome, word, worship, and witness. They are safe spaces to share and pray. Leaders are mental health first aid trained. Reps from most of the ASMA churches are on a steering group and KH leaders also meet occasionally to plan and pray. The aim is to make sure our churches are safe supporting spaces for everybody and that we talk about mental health and reduce stigma.

Please consider who outside of church you might invite to join you at the next group. Going with a buddy for the taster session is really supportive.

Parish Centre Bookings – Katharine Wiltshire, Hall Booking Manager

It was great to have a steady stream of hall bookings during 2022 and we are glad to have new regular bookings using the hall.

We continue to advertise where we can in the Community Voice and on several venue websites including 'A Church Near You'.

Along with regular bookings, we are still getting interest for children's parties and one-off groups, which certainly helps to boost our overall income. In 2022 our total income was £11,785, which compares with £10,048 in 2021, so we are gradually recovering the income lost in 2020 due to Covid. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and please spread the word about our amazing spaces available for hire.

Prayer Ministry Report –Richard Widger, Teresa Goodall, Karlynn Evans

Praise be to God for an amazing year in the Prayer Ministry Team. There has definitely been an increase in the activity of the Holy Spirit this year. We have had some wonderful services where many have received prayer, anointing and healings, physical, emotional, and spiritual healings.

Already we have had many words and pictures that have meant something to members of the congregation, and people are so willing to respond and come for prayer.

Like last year the team has lost a few members, and some are taking a break, so we are looking, hoping, and praying for new members to become involved. If anyone feels called to a ministry of praying for others after the morning service, please do get in touch. We have already had a few people who have come forward but could still do with some more prayers.

We hold monthly training evenings on the first Thursday of the month, either at Karlynn's home or in the church hall at 7.30pm. With a new vicar coming this year let's hope he/she is a keen advocate for the Healing Ministry. Blessings to you all.

Bristol West Deanery Synod Report 2021–2022 – Rebecca Cross

There were 3 Deanery Synod meetings in the last year and covered the following topics:

1. New diocesan strategy 'Transforming Church. Together'

Key parts of the strategy include: • Investing in people • Investing in people's wellbeing. • Investing in volunteers. The church is not representative: we need more under-18s and minorities. People are critical of the church's treatment of women, the Windrush generation and LGBTQI+ people.

Key is sustainability, supporting the local church, making sure there are churches where they are needed, developing fresh expressions and activities that may be attractive to outsiders. Also 'Growing Faith', a national church programme helping church members to share faith with children.

2. Uganda update

13 people visited Uganda. £6,000 has been sent to support girl children who have become pregnant during the coronavirus pandemic. A co-ordinator in Nebbi is supporting about 300 children providing vocational education. New project is to support essential needs in a remote hospital.

3. The Cost of Living and Energy Crisis

Discussed issues around the Cost of Living and Energy crisis and how we can show the love of God through providing Welcome Hubs across the city to provide warm places.

4. TC.T Missional Communities and Missional Engagement

Missional opportunities discussed.

Home Groups / Small Groups – Liz Fry, Small Groups Coordinator

We have 5 small groups, meeting in the afternoon or evening, either weekly or fortnightly to cater for differing needs. Most groups meet in person after Covid, while some have continued over Zoom either for all members or for some members only, in order to meet the needs of those who come to the group. Groups have tailored studies to their own group's needs.

We had a small group leaders' meeting in March 2023, when we were able to pray for each other and our groups. We are looking to increase the number of the groups and to raise the profile of small groups over the next year.

We thank God for our leaders who give up their time to prepare and lead their groups in Bible study, prayer, and support of each other and in encouraging discipleship and witness.

We thank God for all who attend a small group and for how their commitment contributes to the church's walk with God, discipleship, fellowship with each other, deepening commitment to St Edyth's and our witness in Sea Mills, Coombe Dingle and beyond.

Kitchen Hospitality– Barbara Hewer, Church Hospitality Coordinator

Praise the Lord a continuous year of being able to have a 'cuppa' and fellowship after the 10.30 service. It's a valued time to catch up with old friends and make new ones as we welcome visitors. A big thank you to John and Gloria for extending this to the 8.45 service.

It's been a blessing to reinstate the monthly church lunches. Thank you, Lord, for delicious food and willing helpers!

All this can only be done with a wonderful, reliable team of volunteers. Do please join us, we're a friendly bunch and it's not very difficult!

Make Lunch - Sea Mills Breakfast Club - Gill Slee, Coordinator

'Gather the people, tell the stories, break the bread.' I love these words by John Shea, originally about the church, as they sum up much of what's happening at our school Holiday Club. We do gather the people, we do break the bread and sometimes we can tell the stories.

Every school holiday we open the kitchen on a Wednesday morning at Sea Mills Primary School and around 50-60 parents and children walk through the hall door. A free, healthy breakfast is available for parents/grandparents/carers from 10-12 noon. No one is asked to pay and all are generously served as our guests. Many parents are quite young; many have school aged children on free school meals, others are JAM families (just about managing).

Holiday hunger has been around for a long time. However thanks to the generosity of Sea Mills Primary in allowing us to use their amazing kitchen and hall, and wonderful help from our volunteers, we have an amazing story to tell.

Donations come from many organisations and individuals (including TLG, Highgrove and St Nick's) and financial backing from St Edyth's. This year we have had a very generous donation from the craft group at St Monica's and regular financial support from Anna Arnold and Dancercise.

Volunteers mainly work in the kitchen preparing, cooking, and serving the breakfast whilst Nicky (Family support worker from the school) walks around the hall listening and supporting. Children spill out into the playground after breakfast or enjoy the craft activities that are available. Parents chat over a coffee and there are few mobile phones in sight. It's a time for them to relax, knowing that their children have been fed and are safe and happy. It's a time for the volunteers to get to know the local families and join in the Hokey Cokey at the end of the morning!

Thank you Lord for providing this gathering and this bread over the last six years and the opportunity to reach out with love to support our local community. Amen

Dancercise 2021 – Anna Arnold

The class has thrived since COVID and continues to grow. We are now meeting regularly in the church itself and not using the hall at all. This is partly for space but also for the wonderful atmosphere created when we move to worship music in the church itself. Moving the chairs is still a heavy task with many thanks to John Hewer who often helps beforehand.

The mix of attendees is roughly 50/50 Christian to non-Christian with new attendees being introduced by personal recommendation. We continue to offer a time of fellowship after the class with a regular number staying.

Several of the class attendees came to the 2022 St Edyth's Carol service including at least 2 non-Christians. It would be good to have one or two events in the year to invite them to, such as the Women's Christmas Craft evening we used to do.

Financially the class is now supporting Make Lunch with a regular £25 monthly donation. Other donations since March 22 have been given to Make Lunch (£172), BNW Foodbank (£400) and to St Edyth's for heating etc (£700).

I am so grateful that the Lord provides the time and space for these classes. Please pray for all the attendees, that they would experience the love of God through these classes.

Sea Mills Community Initiatives – Rebecca Cross, Chair of Trustees

SMCI is a charity with trustees from St Edyth's Church and Highgrove Church which seeks to show God's love to the local community through the staff and many volunteers working in the café, baking cakes and helping in the community garden.

A new Operations manager oversees these initiatives and the running of the Methodist Church Hall. The café is valued and well used by the locals, the garden has hosted fire pit night, harvest lunch and Christmas pulling the parsnips events and now has a pond. The annual apple day is popular. The Methodist Hall is used by various community groups.

We thank God for the many stories of how God has blessed people through SMCI. A small group meet to pray for the work and finances/resources of SMCI and would welcome more people to do this. New trustees from St Edyth's are also needed. Do prayerfully consider if you are being called to volunteer, pray for, or help run the charity.

Flower Guild 2022 – Di Goodison

Thank you to people who firstly have given money to enable the flowers to be purchased and secondly have commented on and complimented the displays. I have been helped by Gish Hobbs and Hillarie Adams, especially on the festive arrangements. We have challenged ourselves with diverse arrangements and currently face a greater challenge to restrict the use of Oasis blocks, used as foundations for arrangements, due to the environmental damage that occurs on their disposal.

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Church Cleaning – Katharine Wiltshire

Our church cleaning team still remains small since the ‘Gleam Team’ disbanded. John Hower has been incredibly helpful in keeping the church space tidy. We are also thankful to Paul Cockram who keeps our toilets clean, an essential task and we are so grateful to them both for their time and hard work. Thanks also to Di Goodison, Gloria Wright and Barbara Hower who also help out with cleaning from time to time.

Our paid cleaner, Chihenyio has been great at keeping the parish centre clean and tidy on a weekly basis. She has kindly worked around our hall and room bookings and come in at varying times to keep the space fresh.

Finally, we must give huge thanks to Barrie Havens who continues to help keep the church and parish centre ticking over. There is so much he does, a lot you may not even be aware of, and we really don’t know what we would do without him.

The church is enjoyed by everyone, but at the moment it falls to a handful of people to keep the space clean and in good repair. If you can spare an hour or two once in a while to help clean or repair things around the church, please let the office know.

11. Closing Prayer



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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6th March, 2023

Signed on their behalf by: Heather Daw David Spottiswoode

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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:

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	4,904	1,050	5,954	21,319
Donations	61,948	2,797	64,745	76,626
Gift Aid received	11,229	1,502	12,731	13,435
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	1,400	-	1,400	1,218
Church activities	61	-	61	672
Hall rental	11,785	-	11,785	10,048
Investment income	1,507	-	1,507	1,266
Fundraising events	-	-	-	1,795
Other income- from transmitter and solar panels	12,681	-	12,681	10,317
TOTAL RECEIPTS	105,515	5,349	110,864	136,696
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
<i>Grants made:</i>				
Parish Share	52,524	-	52,524	38,250
Other giving	3,062	1,600	4,662	3,942
Ministry expenses	1,642	1,405	3,047	6,372
CAP expenses	-	-	-	4,497
Costs of charitable activities				
Wages and other staff costs	15,514	4,321	19,835	40,167
Heat, light & cleaning	10,469	-	10,469	4,673
Repairs & maintenance	38,925	-	38,925	11,356
Insurance	4,206	-	4,206	3,946
Office expenses	5,727	-	5,727	6,222
Legal & professional costs	972	-	972	1,358
Bank charges	123	-	123	-
Miscellaneous expenses	2,101	-	2,101	1,230
TOTAL PAYMENTS	135,265	7,326	142,591	122,013
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(29,750)	(1,977)	(31,727)	14,683
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds 1 January 2022	95,813	48,870	144,683	130,000
Cash funds 31 December 2022	66,063	46,893	112,956	144,683

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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Bank and cash balances	60,638	52,318	112,956	144,683
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,222	-	1,222	2,429
	1,222	-	1,222	1,222
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Solar panels (cost £20,870)	5,391	-	5,391	7,478
Equipment (cost £11,675)	-	-	-	2,307
	5,391	-	5,391	9,785

Cash fund balances at 31 December 2022

	Balance 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2022
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Restricted funds					
Christians against Poverty	19,248	1,905	(1,263)	-	19,890
Flower fund	374	-	(134)	-	240
Mums and tots	570	-	(60)	-	510
Solar panels	627	-	-	-	627
Youthwork	23,962	1,852	(4,258)	-	21,556
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6 March 2023

Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	4,904	1,050	5,954	21,319
Donations	61,948	2,797	64,745	76,626
Gift Aid received	11,229	1,502	12,731	13,435
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	1,400	-	1,400	1,218
Church activities	61	-	61	672
Hall rental	11,785	-	11,785	10,048
Investment income	1,507	-	1,507	1,266
Fundraising events	-	-	-	1,795
Other income- from transmitter and solar panels	12,681	-	12,681	10,317
TOTAL RECEIPTS	105,515	5,349	110,864	136,696
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
<i>Grants made:</i>				
Parish Share	52,524	-	52,524	38,250
Other giving	3,062	1,600	4,662	3,942
Ministry expenses	1,642	1,405	3,047	6,372
CAP expenses	-	-	-	4,497
Costs of charitable activities				
Wages and other staff costs	15,514	4,321	19,835	40,167
Heat, light & cleaning	10,469	-	10,469	4,673
Repairs & maintenance	38,925	-	38,925	11,356
Insurance	4,206	-	4,206	3,946
Office expenses	5,727	-	5,727	6,222
Legal & professional costs	972	-	972	1,358
Bank charges	123	-	123	-
Miscellaneous expenses	2,101	-	2,101	1,230
TOTAL PAYMENTS	135,265	7,326	142,591	122,013
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(29,750)	(1,977)	(31,727)	14,683
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds 1 January 2022	95,813	48,870	144,683	130,000
Cash funds 31 December 2022	66,063	46,893	112,956	144,683

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances	60,638	52,318	112,956	144,683
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid not yet claimed	1,222	-	1,222	2,429
	1,222	-	1,222	1,222
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Solar panels (cost £20,870)	5,391	-	5,391	7,478
Equipment (cost £11,675)	-	-	-	2,307
	5,391	-	5,391	9,785

Cash fund balances at 31 December 2022

	Balance 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 December 2022
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	53,119	105,515	(98,777)	(4,000.00)	55,857
Fabric fund	42,694	-	(36,488)	4,000.00	10,206
	95,813	105,515	(135,265)	-	66,063
Restricted funds					
Christians against Poverty	19,248	1,905	(1,263)	-	19,890
Flower fund	374	-	(134)	-	240
Mums and tots	570	-	(60)	-	510
Solar panels	627	-	-	-	627
Youthwork	23,962	1,852	(4,258)	-	21,556
Make Lunch	3,214	1,592	(1,611)	-	3,195
Vicar's discretionary fund	875	-	-	-	875
	48,870	5,349	(7,326)	-	46,893
Total	144,683	110,864	(142,591)	-	112,956

6 March 2023

These financial statement were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

David Spottiswoode
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Accounts



Annual Reports & Accounts 2021/22



*To be discussed at the Meeting of Parishioners
& Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

Sunday 8th May 2022, 12Noon

1. AGM 2022 Agenda

Annual Parishioner's Meeting

The meeting of Parishioners will be held in St Edyth's Church on Sunday 8 May 2022 at 12.00 pm.

AGENDA:

1. Opening thought and prayer - Revd John Monaghan
2. Appointment of a clerk for the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 23 May 2021
5. Election of Churchwardens (notification that Heather Daw is willing to continue to serve as Churchwarden)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held in St Edyth's Church on 8 May 2022 following the Annual Parishioners' Meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Appointment of a clerk to the meeting
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 23 May 2021
4. Elections:
 - a. to the Deanery Synod
 - b. to the Parochial Church Council
5. The Church Electoral Roll
6. PCC Report
7. Churchwarden's Report and thoughts on vacancy.
8. Vicar's Report
9. Fabric report
10. Finance (Audited Accounts and Treasurer's report)
11. Other Ministry reports:
12. (See Annual Reports and Accounts document)
13. Closing Prayer

PCC For 2020/22

Ex-officio members

Revd. John Monaghan

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

Vacancy - TBC

Deanery Synod

Gloria Wright

Vacancy - TBC

Elected PCC

With 3 years to serve

Teresa Goodall (if elected)

Mark Temple (if elected) (Secretary)

With 2 years to serve

Neil Branscombe

With 1 year to serve

Zac Abraham (Treasurer)

Reuben Coulter

Peter Marks

Co-opted Members

Ruth Robinson

PCC for 2022/23

Ex-officio members

Revd. John Monaghan

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

Deanery Synod

Rebecca Cross

Gloria Wright

Elected PCC

With 3 years to serve

Zac Abraham (Treasurer) (2nd term)

Peter Marks (2nd term)

With 2 years to serve

Teresa Goodall

Mark Temple (Secretary)

With 1 year to serve

Neil Branscombe

Co-opted Members

3. Minutes of St Edyth's Annual Meetings in 2021

Meeting of Parishioners (APM)

Meeting held at 11.45 am following morning worship on Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Present: Rachel Abraham, Zac Abraham, Anna Arnold, Neil Branscombe, Carlos Colman-Meixner, Paul Cockram, Susan Cockram, Wiseborn Danquah, Heather Daw, Karlynn Evans, Teresa Goodall, Barbara Hewer, John Hewer, Eileen Jarrett, Hartmut Kopsch, Jane Kopsch, Richard Brookes (Trinity Theological College), Wendy Maddocks, Chloe Matthews, Alice Monaghan, John Monaghan, Geraldine Richardson, Sheila Roberts, Mark Robinson, Ruth Robinson, David Spottiswoode, Chris Wright, Erica Wright, Gloria Wright.

1. Opening thought and Prayer

The Revd. John Monaghan welcomed all to the meeting and opened in prayer and led some thoughts around the theme; "Unless the Lord builds the house the labourers labour in vain."

He advised that the administrator Katharine Wiltshire had emailed the APCM report with Financial accounts out to those on the mailing list and that hard copies were available on request. He also advised that the current meetings would be recorded for those that requested it but not made available on "You Tube."

2. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting

Neil Branscombe was appointed as clerk for the meeting - nem. con.

3. Apologies for Absence

Rebecca Cross, June Hewett, Pamela Jenkins, Margaret Scott, Mark Temple, Christine Woodhouse, Gloria Wright.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2020

Approved as a true record and signed - nem. con.

5. Election of Churchwardens

The current tenure of the post of Warden by Heather Daw was confirmed. She is currently in her first year of service.

Di Goodison formally stepped down from her Wardenship. John and the congregation thanked her for her service and support during her 3-year Wardenship.

John advised that no-one has come forward to fill the vacant role but anticipated that this may well happen during the coming year.

John closed the meeting with a brief prayer of blessing.

The meeting closed at 11.56 am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Present: Rachel Abraham, Zac Abraham, Anna Arnold, Neil Branscombe, Carlos Colman-Meixner, Paul Cockram, Susan Cockram, Wiseborn Danquah, Heather Daw, Karlynn Evans, Teresa Goodall, Barbara Hewer, John Hewer, Eileen Jarrett, Hartmut Kopsch, Jane Kopsch, Richard Brookes (Trinity Theological College), Wendy Maddocks, Chloe Matthews, Alice Monaghan, John Monaghan, Geraldine Richardson, Sheila Roberts, Mark Robinson, Ruth Robinson, David Spottiswoode, Chris Wright, Erica Wright, Gloria Wright.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th September 2020 were approved - nem.con.

2. Apologies for Absence

Rebecca Cross, June Hewett, Pamela Jenkins, Margaret Scott, Mark Temple, Christine Woodhouse, Gloria Wright.

3. Elections

a. Deanery Synod

The current delegates to the Deanery Synod (Gloria Wright and Rebecca Cross) were confirmed as continuing in post. John to seek final confirmation of Rebecca Cross' s continuing service in this capacity (added 10/6/21 - after the meeting - RC has confirmed continuation on synod - JM).

b. Parochial Church Council

Mark Temple standing for election to the PCC (also as secretary), proposed by John Monaghan and seconded by Rebecca Cross, was elected unopposed.

Teresa Goodall also standing for election to the PCC, proposed by John Monaghan and seconded by Heather Daw, was elected unopposed.

The PCC for 21/22 now comprises:

Ex-Officio

Rev. John Monaghan

Church Wardens

Heather Daw

Deanery Synod

Gloria Wright, Rebecca Cross

Elected PC

With 3 years to serve -

Teresa Goodall, Mark Temple

With 2 Years to serve -

Neil Branscombe

With 1 year to serve -

Zac Abraham (Treasurer), Reuben Coulter, Peter Marks

Co-opted Members

Ruth Robinson

4. The Church Electoral Roll

Paul Cockram (electoral roll officer) confirmed that the current number on the electoral roll is 71. A total of 11 people had come off the roll since the 2019 APCM (no new requests in 2020).

5. Vicar's Report

John Monaghan confirmed that the current meeting pattern of the PCC and the Standing committee would continue. Both the PCC and the Standing Committee meet six times a year.

Richard Widger expressed the thanks of the congregation to John Monaghan, for the flow of information on-line and the provision of the on-line services. These had proved to be highly successful.

John in turn thanked Mark Robinson for his support in all the technical matters that had facilitated this. He also advised that two specific grants had provided the necessary funds.

Heather Daw also expressed her gratitude for the efforts made to ensure the smooth running of the streamed services. She also thanked Di Goodison for her support while she had taken up her role as Churchwarden.

The Vicar also expressed his gratitude to Katharine Wiltshire for her sterling efforts as administrator during exceptionally difficult times.

6. Fabric Report

Sue Dow has relinquished the chair of the Fabric Committee and John advised that the chair is now Neil Branscombe.

The next major item which is now being progressed is the replacement of roof tiles and associated works.

John Monaghan expressed thanks to Barrie Havens for his hard work and continued support.

7. Finance (Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report)

Peter Marks ceased to be Treasurer in February this year. John thanked him for his dedicated service.

Zac Abraham, the current chair, advised the meeting that the financial position of the church is remarkably good, given the significant loss in income caused by the impact of coronavirus. He thanked the church community for continued faithful giving. He said that he was available to respond to questions regarding the church's finances at any time.

John highlighted the fact that money and its use was a major element in Jesus' teachings and led a short prayer seeking God's continued blessing.

8. Other Ministry Reports

a. Children's Ministry

In response to a question from Barbara Hewer, John Monaghan advised that the current post of full-time children's minister was being made redundant. There were several reasons for this including in part because of the smaller than anticipated opportunities for growth for the foreseeable future, and also because the ministry has not grown or developed as had been hoped. This has been a carefully supervised process over the past five months, involving Chloe's line-manager John Monaghan, St Edyth's Standing committee and PCC, and a volunteer consultant in HR, Caroline **Jowett-Ive**. As a result, Chloe Matthews' last day of employment will be July 31st 2021 and she will have served for just under two years of her three year contract. She will be paid a four-week lump sum upon leaving.

Anna Arnold asked whether the post would be re-instated later. John advised that it was possible that there could be a part-time role in the future.

In response to a further question from Barbara Hewer, John advised that the funds released by the loss of the post would be held in the restricted fund for children and families ministry.

9. CAP

In reply to a question from Susan Cockram, John briefed the church on the PCC's decision last year to end our contract with CAP (and by implication, employing Debz Spinney) by the end of this current year (unless a new CAP partnership is initiated by a local church sooner).

Responding to a further question from Susan, he advised that the ASMA group of churches had felt that taking the responsibility of employing a CAP worker was not their current priority, however several local churches have been in consultation over the past year to explore options of taking over the CAP contract.

10. AOB

There were no further questions put on any further topics.

Gloria Wright gave her thanks publicly to June Hewitt for her work on Wednesdays, facilitating the communion service.

John said that he was aware that some of the meeting had encompasses difficult issues, notably the news about the children's minister and CAP. He encouraged the congregation to discuss with him and the PCC if they have any further questions or concerns and to trust in their shared leadership on these difficult decisions.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm after a prayer led by the Clerk.

4. Elections

(a) Deanery Synod

(b) Parochial Church Council – 4 vacancies currently

5. The Church Electoral Roll

Paul Cockram - Electoral Roll Officer

At the time of the 2021 APCM, there were 71 people on the electoral roll, which was last fully revised in 2019. Since then, two members have moved away or are no longer regular worshippers at St. Edyth's, and two have died, leaving the roll at 67.

2021 was another challenging and unusual year for our church, with relatively little opportunity to meet and mingle in the building and welcome newcomers. At the time of writing and since the 2021 APCM I have received no new requests for inclusion on the roll, but it remains open for these until 16 April. Any further changes to overall membership will be notified at the meeting on 8 May.

6. PCC Report

Mark Temple - PCC Secretary

St Edyth's PCC has the responsibility of working with the Incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church. The PCC is responsible for sharing the leadership, management, and administration of a parish with the incumbent. Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and serve for three years.

Its function can be summarised as follows:

- It exists to enable the church to play its part in God's mission to his world
- It exists to co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership
- It exists to ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments
- It exists to care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church's ministry and mission
- It exists to be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally

During the year, the following have served as members of the PCC:

John Monaghan	Vicar, chair
Heather Daw	Church Warden
Rebecca Cross	Deanery Synod; also Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)
Gloria Wright	Deanery Synod

Voted on members:

Zac Abraham (Treasurer), Mark Temple (PCC secretary), Neil Branscombe, Teresa Goodall, Reuben Coulter, Peter Marks.

Co-opted member:

Ruth Robinson

The PCC met 6 times during the year, in addition to a PCC away day in June. Concluding her service as Church Warden and PCC member in April 2021 was Di Goodison. We extend our grateful thanks to her for all her service.

Our Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, Church Warden(s) and Treasurer. It meets every two months and has the power to transact PCC business between meetings, subject to directions given by the PCC. Where necessary the PCC can now conduct business by email correspondence where the chair decides that it can be properly conducted that way. Minutes of the PCC meetings are available in the Church Office for anyone who wishes to read them. Any member of the church who has an issue they wish to be raised in the PCC is invited to bring this to the attention of a PCC member.

Issues with which the PCC has dealt during 2021 include our responses to the covid pandemic, repair of the nave roof (which is now nearing the start of work), the wind down of the CAP Centre, recruitment of a children's and youth minister and finance matters.

7. Church Wardens Report

Heather Daw – Church Warden

2021 saw the gradual easing of Covid restrictions, which although still requiring caution, happily have not meant a return to strict lockdowns. It has been wonderful to be able to meet together and worship freely after so many months of not being able to do so. As ever, we have been blessed by John leading us in worship, and more recently, a small group of singers and musicians, ably co-ordinated by Chris Wright, at 10.30 communion services.

Christmas saw the re-introduction of all our usual services, although the emergence of Omicron in December meant that attendance was somewhat lower than hoped.

Highlights were Carols on the Square, with hundreds of torch lights bearing witness to the birth of the Light of the World, and the Christmas Experience - an interactive presentation in the church of the nativity story to two classes from Sea Mills Primary School. We are very grateful to Christ Church Clifton for lending us the props and expertise of their volunteers to put this event on, which led to some excellent conversations and feedback from the staff and children at the school.

One of the consequences of two years of Covid restrictions was that our children's work had to be scaled back and could no longer support a full-time post. Sadly, this meant that we had to say goodbye to our Children and Families Minister Chloe Matthews in the spring. The children's work ran for a few months with the sterling efforts of our amazing volunteers, until the appointment of Alice Monaghan as part time CFM in September. Alice has brought huge passion and commitment into the role, with the Wednesday toddler group bursting at the seams and new children joining our Sunday morning groups.

There have been various other arrivals and departures throughout the year. Some of our members have been 'promoted to Glory' and we have celebrated their lives, whilst mourning their loss. We are sad to say goodbye to the Robinson family as Ruth takes up her curacy in London but pleased to welcome Trinity ordinand Graham Baker and his wife Sarah.

I have been delighted to welcome Neil Branscombe as Chair of the Fabric Committee and look forward to working alongside our new Churchwarden.

Of course the biggest farewell we are about to make is to the Monaghan family. We are so sorry to lose John, Alice, and family as they move to Churchdown. Amongst the many things we will miss are John's excellent preaching and hair-raising adventures on his bike, Alice's welcoming smile and wholehearted dedication to our children's work, and above all, their unfailing commitment to Jesus. Please pray that they will know God's guiding presence as they move and we pray His rich blessings upon them. And so as we prepare to move into vacancy, thank you to all who are taking on new responsibilities to help us journey through it together. Please pray for the transition team and the PCC and do speak to any member of the leadership team if you have any concerns or questions.

The future is unknown but let us remember that "The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you, He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deut. 31:8.

8. Vicar's Report

Revd. John Monaghan

I did not anticipate this time last year that this would be my fifth and final Vicar's report, attending Easter services for the last time, saying farewell to you, my brothers, and sisters in Christ... for now. Farewells are never final for Christians who carry Easter resurrection hope. I love that. We will journey together and celebrate together again in God's new Kingdom. After our final services with you on 15th May, we will be preparing for what will be my eighth house move in 20 years (pray for us!) as we up sticks and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move up the road to Churchdown, Gloucester.

I will be licensed to two churches - St Andrew's and St Bartholomew's as Vicar there on Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm, and you are all very warmly invited to attend (just don't heckle or boo!).

The last five years have been a life-shaping and joyous chapter of our lives together, and one that I will be forever grateful for. St Edyth's family will always hold a special place in my affections, as a community of gathered lives around the Gospel - following Jesus and bringing his hope into our community.

As I look back over the last year, emerging from our third national lockdown, there are so many things to thank the Lord for. Our January online Alpha courses has made it easy for those who might not come to church to explore faith; For me - volunteering on Monday mornings at the Foodbank in Avonmouth was such a joy and a special time of standing with people in need, hearing their stories, and offering physical and spiritual hope in the midst of darkness; I am so thankful that we were able to have a wonderful day together as PCC and Leadership in June, and a church day together in September. There was a sense of pure gratitude at being able to see each other face to face, and share fellowship and food as we sought the Lord together; I am thankful for our Autumn marriage course - again made possible over zoom (and far cheaper than a babysitter!), which saw couples from this parish, from parishes in the Mission area, and even as far away as Bath, take time together to invest in the precious marriages that God has designed from the beginning; and of course - Christmas gone by was so special to be able to meet again in our buildings, and celebrate the birth of Christ; train station carols and a packed out Carols on the Square were such happy memories... let's continue to pray that all the good seed of last year that was planted, would continue to find root and grow into lives transformed for Jesus.

The final word I want to leave you with is from 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. It's important to acknowledge that for many of us, and including God's church in this nation, life is testing right now. There is a sense of weariness, of fragility, of 'how long O Lord'? There's an awareness of a spiritual battle over hearts and minds as the enemy seeks to bring discouragement, destruction, and delay to the advancement of God's church. There's the temptation as Christians we face today towards lethargy, apathy, and cultural drift. The apparent hopelessness of exile tempting us to doubt the return of the King. Into all this context, I want to remind us of Paul's words that 'we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.' (v7).

The thing about clay jars, is that they are supposed to be fragile! That's us! And yet in our weakness, in our fragility, when we're under pressure, as we are today, the Lord is reminding us that we have this treasure - the hope of Jesus, and nothing can change or stop or diminish this. That's why Paul continues, 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.' (v8-9).

St Edyth's - The word from the Lord is to keep going. Being a fragile clay jar is exactly the Lord's intention so that his power might be made perfect through our weakness. Do not lose heart. Do not lose hope. Paul concludes 'Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.' (v16-18). Amen and see you soon. Revd John Monaghan.

9. Fabric Report

Neil Branscombe - Chair

The ongoing maintenance and care of the premises has continued this year to the usual high standards thanks to the commitment of the team.

One or two minor works have been undertaken. The replacement of the South Nave roof has taken longer to achieve than envisaged. However, this should finally be achieved in the next few months. The mobile 'phone antennae have also not yet been replaced or upgraded.

Items for the coming year include the replacement of the dishwasher, which is currently nearing the end of its useful life and consideration/repair of the external mortar. It is likely that extensive re-pointing work will prove to be necessary. Clearly, budgets will be under pressure because of the above and additionally because of general inflationary pressures.

There are several new team-members and I am extremely grateful to them (as well as to the old hands) for all their hard work.

10. Finance Report – 31st December 2021

Please see full Finance Report and Statements in a separate document (if electronic) or on the back of this document (hard copy).

11. Other Ministry Reports

St Edyth's APCM Safeguarding Report 30th March 2022 - Rebecca Cross

Ensuring our church is a safe supportive place for all means that safeguarding remains a key priority for the PCC.

This is a regular agenda item at each meeting where the 10 steps to recruitment for each church activity is reviewed on a rolling programme. All PCC members now have to undertake foundation training and domestic abuse training after basic awareness then update 3 yearly. The PCC review a refreshed policy annually and the Safeguarding Action Plan. This plan follows 6 monthly reviews by our lead incumbent, parish safeguarding officer, children's minister, and DBS administrator. We have now achieved level 2 and are working on level 3.

Alice as the new children's minister has been instrumental in ensuring all volunteers for children's work are safely recruited and accessing the training as necessary.

Whilst volunteers in this area have increased, the workload associated with CAP since its closure has reduced. New requirements to update relevant people's DBS 3 yearly has meant Sara Spottiswood who is our DSB administrator remains busy.

Thanks to all for your vigilance, sharing concerns with the PSO, appreciation of the necessity of the safeguarding policy, training, and procedures.

Bristol West Deanery Synod Report 2021–2022 – Rebecca Cross

Inclusion and Representation, May - Issues such as racism, ethnic minorities, gender and sexuality, poverty and wealth, and political perspectives have drawn our attention to difference. Synod explored the extent to which we are truly open to others. Transforming Church has identified inclusivity as a theme.

Transforming Church Together, Oct - Archdeacon Neil Warwick explained that Transforming Church. Together is the process by which the Diocese has recently developed its vision, including desk research, an online questionnaire, and workshops held on Zoom. There were over 1,200 responses to the questionnaire, and around 2,000 people attended the workshops. Particular effort had been made to listen to those not normally heard, including disabled people, BAME people, LGBTBI+ people and young people.

The Values Identified

- **Openness** – we are loving and open to all, welcoming to everyone, embracing diverse needs, so that we have a long-term relationship with our community, based on acceptance and love for people as God made them.
- **Generosity** – we receive and give sincerely, giving our time and resources to share what we know of Jesus' love, caring for people practically and spiritually, so that members of our community experience God's love and have the opportunity to journey into faith if they so choose.
- **Creativity** – we co-operate with the work of the Spirit, being rooted in faith and responsive to the Spirit, in bold and joyful faith, work and worship, so that we have variety in our projects and worship styles, celebrating tradition and innovation to connect with God.
- **Bravery** – we are courageous with our voices and our actions, acknowledging and learning from our past and actively effecting positive change in the world, so that we are listened to and partnered with, and the collective voices and actions of our community help to bring about transformational change.

Climate Emergency motion agreed, March - Rev Dr Andy Murray to move that this Synod recognises the need to take urgent and immediate action at a parish, diocese, and national church level, in order to achieve the Church of England's NetZero Carbon targets by 2030. We affirm the national church and diocesan work currently underway regarding these targets. In addition, we commend the proposals outlined in the 'Bristol West Deanery NetZero Carbon (March 2022)' paper and we therefore call upon the Diocese of Bristol to formally consider the proposals and recommendations contained within the above paper with a view to identifying a programme of support targeted at parish level.

The Uganda Link - The essential platform for this is 'building relationships of wholeness across culture with Christ at the centre'.

The impact of the pandemic in Uganda is disastrous. Additional impacts have been loss of education opportunity for girls (due to an increase in pregnancies) and an increase in domestic violence.

ASMA Mental Health Groups – Rebecca Cross

The steering group has included reps from each of the parishes and have continued to run an online and face to face MAG (Mental Health Awareness Group) alternate weeks. The group organised a video that was shared at the churches across the Mission Area on World Mental Health Day. St Edyth's website now has a Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing and Mental Health page that includes useful information and the video. St Edyth's have several trained mental health first aiders – please see poster in the foyer if you want to discuss anything with them.

ASMA are running rolling programmes of Kintsugi Hope at St Mary's Stoke Bishop and in Shirehampton's Tithe Barn. The last group included a couple of people who don't go to church. Bringing a friend to a group is a way for people to naturally witness whilst learning wellbeing strategies and different ways of viewing challenging thoughts and feelings. Who could you invite or bring along? For more info ask Erica or Rebecca.

The Avonside Mission Area in 2021 – Rev. Simon Potter

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul describes to the churches of a first-century mission area what life as a follower of Jesus, in the Spirit of God looks like. He says, "serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14)

As brothers and sisters in Christ, the leaders, teams, and congregations of the churches in the Avonside Mission Area (Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle, Shirehampton, and Stoke Bishop) have sought over the last year, more than ever, to begin our shared conversations and activities with the question, "how can we serve you?"

We've asked this question of our local communities and, as we have done so, have found that our Mission Area-wide mental health/Kintsugi Hope groups have expanded in both number and geographical spread. At St Andrew's Avonmouth, the Foodbank and Homebank were joined in 2021 by Space4Makers - a community workshop space offering training for young people and those looking to acquire new practical skills. A new community cafe - The Well - also began offering weekly refreshments, lunches, a listening ear, and faith discussion opportunities to the community and clients of the Social Justice Hub. This hub, and the Mental Health Awareness groups, have been staffed and served by volunteers from across NW Bristol and the Avonside churches.

We've also asked the question, 'how can we serve you?' of our church congregations. In 2021, there were plenty of opportunities for ASMA to support the team, mission, and ministry of St Mary's, Shirehampton as the church entered a season of vacancy. It has largely been clergy from the Mission Area who have assisted the team in Shirehampton in maintaining the pattern of Sunday and midweek services, as well as funeral, baptism, and wedding ministry. The Mission Area network has also resourced and encouraged pastoral and teaching ministry in other ways too - the Come To Life 2021 ASMA Lent Course looked at issues of creation care; the 2021 ASMA Living In Love and Faith course was the largest course of its type in the Diocese and set the pattern for several other areas to follow; and the Getting On Well sermon/small group teaching series that accompanied it has since been offered at St Mary's Stoke Bishop, St Andrew's Avonmouth, and St Peter's Lawrence Weston. Some churches in the Mission Area have also enjoyed sharing a sermon series in Revelation together. Church members appreciated the chance to gather for the first in-person ASMA Prayer Celebration since lockdown in December 2021, and this has been accompanied by monthly prayer gatherings - Harp and Bowl - at St Edyth's and St Andrew's.

The question, 'how can we serve you?' has also been asked by our staff teams. Plenty of the work involved in running our churches is not up-front. Whether it's the encouragement of networking our children's and youth workers to share ideas and training; or sharing people with financial expertise; or sharing safeguarding personnel and training; or sharing HR support to enable our staff and teams to thrive, this has all been quietly happening behind-the-scenes in 2021, meaning that ASMA is considered to by both the Diocese and Trinity College to be a key partner in the training and development of lay and ordained leaders.

The Mission Area approach to resourcing mission and ministry has been considered a pioneering project success by the Diocese in 2021 as it has considered the Transforming Church agenda, looking ahead to the next 5 years.

2022 will bring further opportunities and developments but the question, 'how can we serve you?' will remain a key question for each church in the Mission Area in each generation.

Children's Ministry Report - Alice Monaghan

It has been such a joy to be the Children and Families' Minister since September. There is so much to give thanks to God for – the team of Volunteers has grown and we have seen the numbers of children attending the groups also grow.

On Sundays we have been running two groups for young children. Green Shoots Creche for the Pre-School age has been using new material called Bubbles which was sourced by Chloe M. This group has been following the Old Testament and has reached Joshua (at the time of writing).

The Saplings Group of Primary School aged Children has received a lovely variety of teaching from different leaders with Anni's beautiful Paint board, Ruben's creative use of the Energize Material and Alice using Godly Play. We have had much fun hearing Bible Stories from the Old and New Testament and making relevant craft as well as lots of games and laughter, some of which is connected to the Bible Story! The children have grown in their desire to pray and have often led prayers, particularly recently as the Ukraine disaster has been on their minds.

Thank you Church for encouraging the children to participate in worship by waving banners or shaking an instrument. We have also had some great All Age Services and I want to thank you for being willing to try new things to help the children engage (e.g. whack or whubbish week prayers)! It has been great to see young people attend our Sunday Services week by week. We have occasionally run a specific group for them but most of the time they have participated in the whole adult Service. We have had 4 young people attending Alpha online.

On Wednesdays the Seedlings Toddler Group opened up as soon as Covid Restrictions allowed and since then the group has flourished. We usually have 20 toddlers and babies with their parents, grandparents or carers and there is a wonderful sense of God's presence when we meet to play, have a snack and coffee for the adults as well as have an age-appropriate Bible Story read and sing nursery rhymes and some very simple Christian worship songs. The group has been described by parents as "Kind", "Friendly", "Lush"! We have had a few families attend Christmas and Sunday Services because they were invited while at the Toddler Group.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteers to make sure all these children have a wonderful experience of church and are getting to know the Lord Jesus. Please keep praying for the children and the volunteers who make all this ministry possible as well as our amazing Safeguarding team. Please take opportunities to encourage the volunteers who will continue this vital ministry after John and I have moved to Churchdown. God bless you all.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Revd. John Monaghan

After an extended period of review of more than 15 months, St Edyth's' PCC made the decision to close the Bristol Northwest CAP Centre on 31st December 2021.

During the review period, Debz and a CAP steering group explored options for the future of the centre including establishment a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' ("CIO") which would be a separate legal body, and appointment of another church as 'Employer church'.

However after much consideration by the steering group, churches in the area, none of these options presented as viable endeavours to take the centre forwards in its current form.

A CAP celebration event was held in December to celebrate the work that God has done through CAP since 2013, and thank Debz Spinney, our CAP worker, and the volunteers and befrienders.

We praise God that since 2013, 69 households went debt free, and many more were helped through support grants which provided curtains, carpets, food parcels, fuel and mobile top ups, food vouchers and Christmas hampers.

We are so grateful for all the befrienders and volunteers, and everyone at St Edyth's who has supported the ministry of CAP, and we continue to pray for those in debt and poverty in our community. We pray for wisdom on how we can continue to support those in need, and we trust in the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and provision as we steward our resources well as a church. We are also thankful that Debt advice continues to be available locally, not least through North Bristol Advice Service, who are a significant source of referrals through Bristol Northwest Food Bank.

Parish Centre Bookings – Katharine Wiltshire

I am pleased to say that bookings have increased during 2021 as the parish centre came out of lockdown and restrictions have been lifted. Many of our regular bookings have resumed meeting, and we have also welcomed some new groups over the year too. On top of this there has been a steady stream of one-off events such as birthday parties and craft workshops. It has been really great to have the rooms filled again.

Unfortunately we did lose some of our regular groups during the lockdown period and others are not back to full capacity yet but things are moving in the right direction.

We have increased our advertising of the rooms available to hire, and now have flyers around the church that people can take, an advertisement in the local BS9 Magazine and we also continue to advertise on several online event booking websites including 'A Church Near You'.

Our incoming for 2021 is in the region of £12,785, which is an increase of £10,285 on 2020. Thank you for your continued support and please spread the word about our amazing spaces for hire.

Prayer on the Streets – Revd. John Monaghan

In January 2022, we started trialling a 'prayer on the streets' type outreach at various locations in our parish. There was a sense that the time is right to be a visible presence in our parish (including Coombe Dingle) and offer prayer in a sensitive and loving way.

People are hungry for what Jesus wants to offer them. The church is called to offer Jesus to a hungry world. Approximately 15 people have volunteered to go out in pairs on a Saturday morning for an hour or so. This means they go out every 6 or 7 weeks. We have a 'Prayer on the streets' Sandwich board and a bag with free resources (including Bibles, 'Why Jesus', different Gospel handouts) to give away also. Since starting, we have had many reports of encouraging conversations and prayers with members from our community. Whether we chat and pray with lots of people or none at all, the Lord honours our commitment and obedience.

This initiative is just one expression of many where we can take a little step out of our comfort zone and offer our time and prayers for the sake of the gospel in this area. If you think you'd like to get involved, or find out more, do speak to Revd John, or anyone at our Tuesday 7am evangelism prayer group.

Small Groups – Liz Fry

We have 6 small groups, meeting in the afternoon or evening, either weekly or fortnightly to cater for differing needs. Over the past year, some groups have started to meet in person again while other groups have continued over Zoom.

Groups have either followed the main sermon series or have tailored studies to their own group's needs. We were able to have a face-to-face small group leader's meeting in September 2021 where we were able to pray for each other and our groups.

We thank God for our leaders who give up their time to prepare and lead their groups in Bible study, prayer, and support of each other and in encouraging discipleship and witness.

We thank God for all who attend a small group and for how their commitment contributes to the church's walk with God, discipleship, fellowship with each other, deepening commitment to St Edyth's and our witness in Sea Mills, Coombe Dingle and beyond.

Prayer Ministry Report – Teresa Goodall, Richard Widger, Karlynn Evans

It has been a joy to be able to pray with people person-to-person again! But throughout the various lockdowns God was, of course, at work and it was so encouraging to hear of answers to prayer, wherever and however prayers were offered. Praise be to the God of the airwaves!

The team has lost a few members this year, and some are taking a break, so we are looking, hoping, and praying for new members to become involved - if anyone feels called to a ministry of praying for others after the morning service, please do get in touch. We hold monthly training evenings on the first Thursday of the month, either at Karlynn's home or in the church hall at 7.30pm.

Kitchen hospitality and Sunday Morning Coffee – Barbara Hewer

It's been a real joy to see people having fellowship over a 'cuppa' again after the 10.30 service.

Thank you to all the refreshment team, so vital to this church ministry.

We are short of volunteers, so it would be great to have others join the team, please.

Sea Mills Community Initiatives – Barbara Hewer

After 10yrs, the cafe continues to be a place where Christian love is extended to all who visit. We're sadly having to say goodbye to Rachel and Mike as managers. Mike's post is being replaced with an 'operations manager' who will have time with the charity to advance its outreach (as well making excellent coffee).

We've taken on running the Methodist church this year, so it can continue to be a community asset. The allotment is also going well, with increased volunteers. Our emphasis is on relationships and sanity, which helps when tomato blight destroyed most of the crop!!

Please continue to pray for the charity, that people would feel the presence of God and ask questions about Him.

Mission Focus Spend – Revd. John Monaghan

St Edyth's allocate a certain budget (typically £500) to support selected ministries, both home and abroad. In 2021, we supported Tearfund, Open doors and our missionary partners Tom and Sarah Haig running discipleship programmes in Malawi.

Each of these ministries has a bearing in some way on our church discipleship –either by sharing/hearing 'God stories' or being directly involved. This is why we aim to have a Sunday feature or sermon slot on each of the Mission Focuses each year.

In 2022 we look forward to supporting the above, in addition to ASMA Mental Health and Christian Aid.

Flower Guild 2021 – Di Goodison

Thank you to so many people who firstly have given money to enable the flowers to be purchased and secondly have commented and complimented on the displays. I have been helped by Gish Hobbs and Hilarie Adams, especially on the festive arrangements and weddings and we have challenged ourselves with diverse arrangements.

Displays of fresh flowers mixed with artificial flowers help to enhance the fabric of our church and I hope it enhances your worship as well. These displays are funded by generous donations from within the congregation, often made in memory of a loved one or a special occasion like a wedding or a birthday or even a christening.

Each year we lose someone from the sponsorship list and I am delighted that other member of the church family have stepped in to help. As we have quite a strong flower fund financially we have not been pursuing regular donations, but if you would like to make a special donation and help to keep the tradition of fresh flower displays in church please do let me know or leave a message with the office and I will get back to you. Offers to arrange flowers will be welcomed

Dancercise 2021 – Anna Arnold

Classes in 2021 continued on Zoom. Donations from May to October 2021 were given to CAP (£600).

In November the class restarted in person. I wanted to keep the continuity of Wednesday mornings for those who most benefited from the classes but the hall is used for Toddlers so we have moved into the main church. The chairs have to be moved each week (huge thanks to John and Barbara for their help) but the plus is that we are moving to worship music in front of the beautiful windows and altar. On occasion the presence of God is tangible. It is also wonderful to be able to offer a time of fellowship again after the class.

The class has grown and averages 15 people per week – predominantly those who are retired. It continues to cater for all abilities and mobilities. Fellowship has developed with the new people. Some members came to Carols on the Square.

Donations from the class to March 2022 have been given to BNW Foodbank (£436.58) and to St Edyth's for heating etc (£180).

I am grateful to God for his provision of time and space for these classes. Please pray for all the attendees, that they would experience the love of God through these classes.

Make Lunch - Sea Mills Breakfast Club - Gill Slee, Coordinator

The Breakfast Club has continued to provide breakfast/breakfast bags to support vulnerable families in the local area.

In the summer of 2021 we were delighted to reopen the school kitchen and welcome families back into the playground for eight 'al fresco' breakfasts. Masks, social distancing, and lateral flow tests were all part of this process. The weather behaved itself and the children enjoyed some great dance and PE activities in the sunshine.

Due to the rapid spread of the Omicron virus we decided not to open at Christmas. However we returned to the kitchen in February and hope that this will continue into 2022. When we have a chance to take some time out from the kitchen it's good just to sit down with a family and chat over a bacon butty.

Thanks as ever goes to St. Edyth's, High Grove Church, and the Children's Centre for their continued support. Grateful thanks as ever goes to Nicky Philips the family support worker who is the emotional lynchpin for so many families in the area. We also have a wonderful group of volunteers who quietly get on with dishing out the baked beans and manage the washing up.

Small miracles happen at times and God is providing plenty of opportunities for us to show his love to our local community.

Pastoral Care – Karlynn Evans

My team are still working hard taking care of those people needing care and a listening ear. We had a Quiet Day last October lead by the Rev Jenny Low, which we all enjoyed. I have arranged another one this year in July. We continue to meet twice a month on Zoom to pray together.

Women's Fellowship – Ann Green, Treasurer

Women's Fellowship has been meeting regularly since 1925, giving praise to the Lord and spreading his Word by Prayer and Good works.

Sadly, we were unable to meet during the period December 2019 to December 2021, although we have kept in contact either via the Internet or the telephone, always with prayer and sustained by the hope that we would meet again which we have been doing since beginning of March 2022.

The Fellowship used the funds in our Bank Account to donate to Sightsavers, Christian Aid, Tear fund, the Hospital in Mauritius, Sarah Pikes' Ministry, The Foodbank and St Edyth's Church fund. There is still a small balance in our Account and we are building on it for future projects.

We were sad to say Goodbye to one of our members, Mrs Nancie Marsh, in January 2022 but know that she is at peace and with her Lord now. We continue to pray for all members and former members and for peace at this time.

Church Cleaning – Katharine Wiltshire

The Gleam Team has all but disbanded due to other commitments and ill health. Our two regular cleaners are John Hewer who keeps the church tidy for us, and Paul Cockram who continues to take care of the toilets and foyer. Thank you to you both for your hard work. We also give thanks to Diane Dear and Pat Hegarty who have stepped down this year, and to Gloria Wright and Di Goodison who have helped out on occasion. We are so grateful for and give a big thank you also to Barrie Havens for his help with so much around the church, including emptying the bins, keeping the church brass clean and polished, plus maintenance around the building and grounds taking care of grass cutting and hedge clipping, etc.

We have a new cleaner who keeps the parish centre clean and tidy for us. Unfortunately she is unable to help much with the church and we therefore ask for any volunteers who could help out. This can be for as much or as little time you can spare and can be on an occasional basis if you can't come every week. As a church family we all use and enjoy the church and we are all therefore responsible for it. Please contact Katharine Wiltshire in the office if you can help in any way.

12. Closing Prayer



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S**

known as

St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Number 1141128

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Objectives and activities

Legal Objectives:

Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of St Edyth's the whole mission of the Church.

St Edyth's Mission Statement is:

As followers of Jesus, we aspire to be a loving, hope-filled community, committed to the spiritual and social transformation of Sea Mills, Coombe Dingle and beyond.

Part of our values are summed up in the phrase 'Gather, Grow, Go', or 'Gathering, Growing, Going in Jesus' name'.

Gathering

We gather together to worship regularly as a church family. Traditionally worship at St Edyth's takes place through regular weekly services; two on Sundays and a mid-week service on Tuesdays plus other services throughout the church calendar year. The 10:30am service continues to be the "main" Sunday service and is the one at which we get the most visitors. Services vary in their liturgical feel, and can vary from a said BCP traditional service, to informal family services with guitar/singing. At the start of 2021, we were still responding to a third national lockdown, and continued to operate our main services in a hybrid manner – catering for both in person and 'online' services live streamed through YouTube. As the year progressed, we continue to offer live streamed online services, but only around 5-10% of members choose to watch online rather than in person. We have responded to on and off Covid restrictions, but were pleased to be able to resume tea/coffee hospitality after the services. At the time of writing, masks are now only optional in church, and many have expressed gratefulness for being able to meet back in community and face to face.

Growing

We have tried to develop revenue from hall bookings rental, following on from the significant losses of 2020 due to Covid. We achieved this somewhat, but at the year-end were still not back to pre-covid booking levels. We hope in 2022 this will pick back up to pre-covid levels and have taken steps to advertise via both social media and local magazines (BS9 magazine). We are still in the process of significant roof repairs to the South Nave roof. These have been delayed for a few years due to Covid and human resources (as well as shortages of material and contractors). The PCC have agreed that the work should go ahead as soon as we possibly can, and at the time of writing, we are going to tender, and finalising three quotes from contractors for the work.

Both our Vicar and administrator have continued in their remunerated roles however the PCC made the decision to make our full-time paid Children's minster role redundant in August 2021 because a full-time post was no longer currently needed. This was in part because of the smaller than anticipated opportunities for growth for the foreseeable future, and also because the ministry has not grown or developed as had been hoped. The PCC decided to readvertise for a part-time (15-20hr) post in September, and duly appointed a part-time Children's minister with a specific focus of developing our Wednesday toddler group and Sunday under 18's ministries (Creche, Pre-school, Primary school age).

Throughout the year, we continued to develop our ministries both for current members, and non-members. These included running an on-line Alpha course, Marriage course, Mental Health Awareness groups (Kintsugi hope course), 24/7 prayer week, Leaders and Church away days, small group Bible study groups, free dancercise classes, and developing a thriving mid-week toddler group. We have also continued to partner with the Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) group of churches as we seek to share resources in North West Bristol.

St Edyth's also continues to grow and nurture new leaders in the Church of England through its partnership with Trinity theological College, Bristol. This year we are supervising 2 students on placement with us.

Going

St Edyth's has complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit, especially regarding the advancement of religion, and to this effect St Edyth's endeavours to achieve its aims of encouraging members to worship God, become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ and to work towards spiritual, social and cultural transformation for good in the community.

We have continued our outreach, helping individuals and families out of financial difficulties and debt through running a 'Christians against Poverty' (CAP) North West Bristol CAP centre. However, the PCC made the decision in November 2021, following a 12month review, to close the CAP centre, thus making terminating the employment of a part-time Centre manager effective 31st December 2021.

We have also continued to partner with the award-winning charity 'TLG' as we have provided free cooked breakfast to school children and families in need during the holidays. We have continued to run our local community café and allotments in partnership with other local churches (charity umbrella 'SMCI'). Throughout the pandemic we have continued to provide pastoral support to people in our community, including ministering to the sick and dying and comforting the bereaved, and presiding at funerals, mainly in Canford Crematorium.

Most of the upkeep, impact and outreach of St Edyth's is through a committed group of volunteers. Our huge thanks to our PCC, our Wardens, to Barrie Havens (maintenance), to our cleaners, Sunday Volunteers, Fabric, Finance, Pastoral, Prayer teams, SMCI, CAP, Make lunch, Dancercise and Diocesan Synod volunteers to name a few.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for 2021 have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income for the year was £136,696 and the total expenses was £122,013, resulting in an excess of Receipts over Payments by £14,683 (2020: £13,175).

Our Parish Share Contribution for 2021 amounted to £38,250 (2020: £38,430) and represents our major expense commitment. This contribution funds the Salaries and other employment costs of Clergy, payable by the Church of England. The PCC was able to negotiate and benefit from reduced Parish Share Contribution for 2021.

The other Designated & Restricted Funds' balances have also continued to track their balances, as expected, in line with planned activities and expected charges/liabilities during 2021.

Closing Balances for the various Main Funds was as follows:

General Fund	£53,119 (2020: £41,130)
Fabric Fund	£42,694 (2020: £36,552)
CYFM Fund	£23,962 (2020: £33,626)
CAP Fund	£19,248 (2020: £11,617)

The total Funds position has improved from £130,000 to £144,683.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to retain sufficient cash reserves in the General Fund equivalent to a minimum of 6 months projected General Expenses. For 2022, this level has been set at £48,000. The General Fund balance at 31st December, 2021 stands at £53,119. Each year the PCC transfers £7,500 from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to pay for planned or unforeseen expenditure on the fabric of the Church. For 2021, the PCC agreed to transfer £15,000 from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund taking the Fabric Fund Balance to £42,694 at 31st December, 2021.

The Trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of Covid-19 and the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

Covid – 19 Virus Impact Statement

In line with the national 2021 Lockdown measures introduced to limit the spread of Covid- 19 Virus infection, Church Worship and activities within the Church premises were curtailed. A combination of Online and 'within the Church premises' approach was adopted within the framework of the various Government guidelines to facilitate Worship, prayer and Bible study. Thus, continuity has been sustained for Church ministry and pastoral care through 2021.

Revenue from Hall bookings has seen an improvement against the prior year. The PCC Trustees have continued to ensure that all cash outflow was well controlled, to ensure that the Cash Reserves of the Church were protected. The Trustees have been able to earmark a further £15,000 towards Fabric expenditure, while maintaining an improved General Fund surplus for 2021 against the previous year.

The PCC Trustees have continued to meet regularly through 2021 to monitor and address any issues that have arisen from Covid 19 virus impact and to minimise any risks and exposure to the assets of the Church.

Administrative Information

St Edyth's Church is situated in Sea Mills, part of the Diocese of Bristol within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission No: 1141128 as "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edyth's"

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity.

PCC members' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

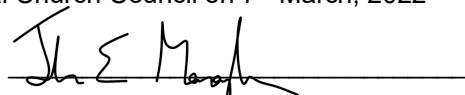
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parish and of the income and expenditure of the parish for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th March, 2022

signed on their behalf by:



Rev John Monaghan, Incumbent

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edyth's known as <i>St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills</i>	
Charity registration number	1141128	
Principal office	Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU	
Registered office	Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU	
Trustees	Rev John Monaghan Heather Daw, Warden Ex Officio Rebecca Cross, Deanery Synod rep. Gloria Wright, Deanery Synod rep. Elected members Teresa Goodall Mark Temple (Secretary) Neill Branscombe Reuben Coulter Zac Abraham (Treasurer) Peter Marks Co-opted members Ruth Robinson	
		Appointed 27th Sept 2020 Appointed 27th Sept 2020 Appointed 27th Sept 2020 Appointed 27th Sept 2020 Appointed 28th April 2019 Appointed 28th April 2019 Appointed 28th April 2019 Appointed 27th Sept 2020
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston, BSc ACA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR	

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

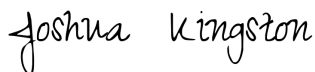
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Charity 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.



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Date: 10.3.2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDYTH'S

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants received	-	21,319	21,319	19,733
Donations	65,898	10,728	76,626	77,908
Gift Aid received	11,915	1,520	13,435	14,332
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	1,218	-	1,218	2,634
Church activities	672	-	672	4,075
Bookstall	-	-	-	90
Hall rental	10,048	-	10,048	6,934
Investment income	1,266	-	1,266	1,974
Fundraising events	-	1,795	1,795	-
Other income- from transmitter and solar panels	10,317	-	10,317	18,054
TOTAL RECEIPTS	101,334	35,362	136,696	145,734
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
<i>Grants made:</i>				
Parish Share	38,250	-	38,250	38,430
Other giving	1,062	2,880	3,942	2,500
Ministry expenses	4,386	1,986	6,372	6,360
CAP expenses	-	4,497	4,497	20,001
Costs of charitable activities				
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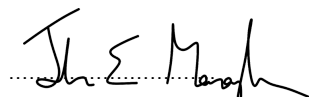
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known as

St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Number 1141128

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Objectives and activities

Legal Objectives:

Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of St Edyth's the whole mission of the Church.

St Edyth's Mission Statement is:

As followers of Jesus, we aspire to be a loving, hope-filled community, committed to the spiritual and social transformation of Sea Mills, Coombe Dingle and beyond.

Part of our values are summed up in the phrase 'Gather, Grow, Go', or 'Gathering, Growing, Going in Jesus' name'.

Gathering

We gather together to worship regularly as a church family. Traditionally worship at St Edyth's takes place through regular weekly services; two on Sundays and a mid-week service on Tuesdays plus other services throughout the church calendar year. The 10:30am service continues to be the "main" Sunday service and is the one at which we get the most visitors. Services vary in their liturgical feel, and can vary from a said BCP traditional service, to informal family services with guitar/singing. At the start of 2021, we were still responding to a third national lockdown, and continued to operate our main services in a hybrid manner – catering for both in person and 'online' services live streamed through YouTube. As the year progressed, we continue to offer live streamed online services, but only around 5-10% of members choose to watch online rather than in person. We have responded to on and off Covid restrictions, but were pleased to be able to resume tea/coffee hospitality after the services. At the time of writing, masks are now only optional in church, and many have expressed gratefulness for being able to meet back in community and face to face.

Growing

We have tried to develop revenue from hall bookings rental, following on from the significant losses of 2020 due to Covid. We achieved this somewhat, but at the year-end were still not back to pre-covid booking levels. We hope in 2022 this will pick back up to pre-covid levels and have taken steps to advertise via both social media and local magazines (BS9 magazine). We are still in the process of significant roof repairs to the South Nave roof. These have been delayed for a few years due to Covid and human resources (as well as shortages of material and contractors). The PCC have agreed that the work should go ahead as soon as we possibly can, and at the time of writing, we are going to tender, and finalising three quotes from contractors for the work.

Both our Vicar and administrator have continued in their remunerated roles however the PCC made the decision to make our full-time paid Children's minster role redundant in August 2021 because a full-time post was no longer currently needed. This was in part because of the smaller than anticipated opportunities for growth for the foreseeable future, and also because the ministry has not grown or developed as had been hoped. The PCC decided to readvertise for a part-time (15-20hr) post in September, and duly appointed a part-time Children's minister with a specific focus of developing our Wednesday toddler group and Sunday under 18's ministries (Creche, Pre-school, Primary school age).

Throughout the year, we continued to develop our ministries both for current members, and non-members. These included running an on-line Alpha course, Marriage course, Mental Health Awareness groups (Kintsugi hope course), 24/7 prayer week, Leaders and Church away days, small group Bible study groups, free dancercise classes, and developing a thriving mid-week toddler group. We have also continued to partner with the Avonside Mission Area (ASMA) group of churches as we seek to share resources in North West Bristol.

St Edyth's also continues to grow and nurture new leaders in the Church of England through its partnership with Trinity theological College, Bristol. This year we are supervising 2 students on placement with us.

Going

St Edyth's has complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit, especially regarding the advancement of religion, and to this effect St Edyth's endeavours to achieve its aims of encouraging members to worship God, become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ and to work towards spiritual, social and cultural transformation for good in the community.

We have continued our outreach, helping individuals and families out of financial difficulties and debt through running a 'Christians against Poverty' (CAP) North West Bristol CAP centre. However, the PCC made the decision in November 2021, following a 12month review, to close the CAP centre, thus making terminating the employment of a part-time Centre manager effective 31st December 2021.

We have also continued to partner with the award-winning charity 'TLG' as we have provided free cooked breakfast to school children and families in need during the holidays. We have continued to run our local community café and allotments in partnership with other local churches (charity umbrella 'SMCI'). Throughout the pandemic we have continued to provide pastoral support to people in our community, including ministering to the sick and dying and comforting the bereaved, and presiding at funerals, mainly in Canford Crematorium.

Most of the upkeep, impact and outreach of St Edyth's is through a committed group of volunteers. Our huge thanks to our PCC, our Wardens, to Barrie Havens (maintenance), to our cleaners, Sunday Volunteers, Fabric, Finance, Pastoral, Prayer teams, SMCI, CAP, Make lunch, Dancercise and Diocesan Synod volunteers to name a few.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for 2021 have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, in line with practice from prior years.

The total income for the year was £136,696 and the total expenses was £122,013, resulting in an excess of Receipts over Payments by £14,683 (2020: £13,175).

Our Parish Share Contribution for 2021 amounted to £38,250 (2020: £38,430) and represents our major expense commitment. This contribution funds the Salaries and other employment costs of Clergy, payable by the Church of England. The PCC was able to negotiate and benefit from reduced Parish Share Contribution for 2021.

The other Designated & Restricted Funds' balances have also continued to track their balances, as expected, in line with planned activities and expected charges/liabilities during 2021.

Closing Balances for the various Main Funds was as follows:

General Fund	£53,119 (2020: £41,130)
Fabric Fund	£42,694 (2020: £36,552)
CYFM Fund	£23,962 (2020: £33,626)
CAP Fund	£19,248 (2020: £11,617)

The total Funds position has improved from £130,000 to £144,683.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to retain sufficient cash reserves in the General Fund equivalent to a minimum of 6 months projected General Expenses. For 2022, this level has been set at £48,000. The General Fund balance at 31st December, 2021 stands at £53,119. Each year the PCC transfers £7,500 from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to pay for planned or unforeseen expenditure on the fabric of the Church. For 2021, the PCC agreed to transfer £15,000 from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund taking the Fabric Fund Balance to £42,694 at 31st December, 2021.

The Trustees have considered the going concern status of the charity and conclude that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. This has also been considered in the context of Covid-19 and the cash position at the date of signing along with future cash projections.

Covid – 19 Virus Impact Statement

In line with the national 2021 Lockdown measures introduced to limit the spread of Covid- 19 Virus infection, Church Worship and activities within the Church premises were curtailed. A combination of Online and 'within the Church premises' approach was adopted within the framework of the various Government guidelines to facilitate Worship, prayer and Bible study. Thus, continuity has been sustained for Church ministry and pastoral care through 2021.

Revenue from Hall bookings has seen an improvement against the prior year. The PCC Trustees have continued to ensure that all cash outflow was well controlled, to ensure that the Cash Reserves of the Church were protected. The Trustees have been able to earmark a further £15,000 towards Fabric expenditure, while maintaining an improved General Fund surplus for 2021 against the previous year.

The PCC Trustees have continued to meet regularly through 2021 to monitor and address any issues that have arisen from Covid 19 virus impact and to minimise any risks and exposure to the assets of the Church.

Administrative Information

St Edyth's Church is situated in Sea Mills, part of the Diocese of Bristol within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Avonleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission No: 1141128 as "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edyth's"

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are the trustees of the charity.

PCC members' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

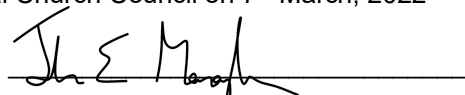
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parish and of the income and expenditure of the parish for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parish and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parish and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th March, 2022

signed on their behalf by:



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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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	Heather Daw, Warden	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
	Ex Officio	
	Rebecca Cross, Deanery Synod rep.	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
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	Elected members	
	Teresa Goodall	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
	Mark Temple (Secretary)	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
	Neill Branscombe	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
	Reuben Coulter	Appointed 28 th April 2019
	Zac Abraham (Treasurer)	Appointed 28 th April 2019
	Peter Marks	Appointed 28 th April 2019
	Co-opted members	
	Ruth Robinson	Appointed 27 th Sept 2020
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston, BSc ACA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR	

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The PCC St Edyth's, Sea Mills (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
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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.

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<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees for services	1,218	-	1,218	2,634
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Bookstall	-	-	-	90
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Investment income	1,266	-	1,266	1,974
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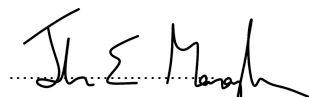
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