

CHRIST CHURCH CHINEHAM, BASINGSTOKE

England & Wales · Charity number 1142640

Details

Other names	CHRIST CHURCH CHINEHAM
Status	Registered
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Registered	2011-06-29
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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

Activities: Regular public worship. Space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work visiting the sick, bereaved etc. Teaching Christianity - sermons, small groups, assemblies in schools. Whole Mission activities - children, youth, adults, parents, older people, events & meetings. Supports Christian charities worldwide. Employs people to promote these as appropriate.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£203,410	£213,424	-	-
2023-12-31	£235,973	£226,306	-	-
2022-12-31	£208,810	£195,544	-	-
2021-12-31	£221,527	£195,097	-	-
2020-12-31	£176,011	£177,412	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Clark	Chair	2018-07-31
Andrew James Price		2026-04-26
Carl Paul Clarke		2025-05-11
Denise Bain		2024-05-01
Fernando Levi Marquardt		2026-04-26
Gareth Rowlands		2021-08-01
Helen Elizabeth Winkle		2025-05-11
Katherine Garner		2017-04-01
Noah John Hawket		2026-04-26
Pieter Jennings Trichardt		2026-04-26
Sinovuyo Onwabisa Wonci		2026-04-26

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Accounts



Annual Report 2024/25

*Published for our Annual Meeting to be held on 11th May 2025,
covering May 2024 to April 2025*

Minister's Review

Jonathan writes:

For once, I'm going to start with the challenges of the year. Foremost has been that, despite very good forward planning, we didn't have the central heating in our building working for almost all the months we needed it. The details of that are covered elsewhere, but the impact has been to soak up much extra cost, and effort from the staff team, on managing unhappy building users, and running round every day setting timers on portable electric heaters. It meant we couldn't make progress on some other building improvement projects, and we couldn't run a Christmas Festival.

Behind the scenes the finance team has had a difficult year, never quite getting into a happy rhythm. The Church Council too have had to spend more time than ideal on difficult conversations about our income, and what to do to increase it.

However, all of this leads us to return to the Lord: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

These words have been true again for us over the last year, as these examples make clear:

Last year I wrote "We have also advertised for a new Community Minister ... We've yet to receive realistic applications, but I'm confident that in God's timing – which is normally later than ours – He will provide who we need." We didn't receive any realistic applications, and none of the good possible local people we approached felt such a role was right for them at that point in time. But at the same time we realised just how many children and young people we now had in our church family. So our Council agreed to change the focus, and instead advertised for a part-time "Children, Youth & Families Leader". Straight away we had 2 good applicants, and were delighted to be able to appoint Jumoke Akinbusoye to the position. She is indeed God's wonderful provision to us at this time, which was indeed different from our original thoughts (and timing). This post is currently being funded by the generous giving of a previous generation of Christ Church, as the Council decided this was the right way to invest most of our remaining available savings.

At the Council away day in the summer we invited Akin & Jumoke to come and tell us about some of the practical challenges that some of our recent immigrants were facing. Within a few weeks of that, under Katie Garner's leadership, we were able to start the 'CCC Pantry', where we support each other with food and household essentials. This has quietly continued, as a much-valued ministry within our church family.

Our Church family continue to be blessed:

- our ecumenical nature means that we can worry less about man-made rules, and focus more on Jesus, our Lord, King, Saviour and High Priest
- we've felt increased joy (and numbers) in our worship services, particularly as we sing out our worship, and heard more testimonies of God at work in people's everyday lives. The Holy Spirit is definitely present and moving as we gather.
- God has added to our number, welcoming more people who have moved into Chineham and wider Basingstoke, looking for "a good church"
- our diversity of age and background has increased further, now with people from at least 20 cultures, which is a sign of God's Kingdom at work here and now
- we are continuing to grow our reputation as "good people doing good work" for an increasing number in our community, with The Well, Tuesday lunches, Sparklers, Twinklers, and hosting and helping lead Chineham Repair Café
- with a growing group of adults committed to improving our teaching groups for children and youth
- with an excellent staff team to share in the work of ministry and support to ministry
- we've been able to continue live-streaming our larger service each week, supporting our 'at home' church, and people working Sunday shifts
- some of our small groups have grown, and we've started a new Mums/Grandmums group
- we've been able to talk and pray with various people who come "off the street" into the building drawn to God's house
- we've seen His love shared between us, including the very many who continue to serve in the church (see the Thanks at the end) and in our town-wide ministries (including Street Pastors, The Safe, Junction 5, Town Chaplaincy, Community Food Link, Food Bank ...)
- for good collaboration between many of the local churches and Christians, working in joint mission, and seeking each other's good.

It remains a wonderful privilege to be a pastor, leader and servant for Christ Church, because of the faithfulness, friendship, support and prayers of so many. Thank you!

Teaching

During this period our small groups have studied the Bible in many different ways.

In our Sunday services we've worked our way through Bible books (Ruth and Romans), as well as considered Biblical themes ('Training to Win' during the Olympics, 'Wise & Foolish' living, and 'Kingdom Culture') and some specific passages (Godly Generosity from 2 Corinthians 8-9). We also remembered the 700th Anniversary of John Wycliffe, who is considered "the Morning Star of the Reformation". We've also started referring to the way we need to "Love God with our Head, Heart and Hands". These are all available on our YouTube channel.

We have continued with Sunday morning groups for primary and secondary age children – see more details below.

Church Family News

Hello and Goodbye

We have welcomed Julianne Adebimpe, Yaw Afranie, Wendy Arden-White, Noah Hawkett, Debbie Kwaghdoo, Nancy Maluleke, Dhayane & Fernando Marquardt, Paul & Tolani Martins, Kirsty Mott, John & Comfort Olatain, Dirk Vettewinkel, Paul Webb and Gill Wilson as Church Members, and said farewell to Christine Daly, Amanda Eves, Howard & Sarah Roughley, Angie Sawyer and Janet Scott, who have moved to other church fellowships, near or far. We have also sadly said goodbye to Marguerite Rule who died in April.

We've welcomed about 40 others now regularly worshipping with us (online or in person), including babies Isaac and Marcello, and said goodbye to about 10 others.

Jumoke Akinbusoye joined the staff team in January 2025 as Children, Families and Youth Leader.

Electoral Roll and Membership

As of 25 April 2025, there were 87 adults on the Electoral Roll, 39 of whom are not resident within the parish. We now have 115 adults on our separate Church Membership list; of this number 98 are affiliated as 'Ecumenical' members, with the others having a variety of denominational affiliations. We estimate that we also have an additional 45 adults as well as 75 children and teenagers who are regularly worshipping with us in person and online.

Rebecca Pain, Church Administrator and Electoral Officer

Sunday Life at Christ Church

Children and Youth Work

In the year 2024, we had the help of Becky Podevin who helped to source resources and organise some of our children and youth activities in conjunction with Jonathan and other leaders in our team. (Becky P has now stepped down temporarily from her volunteering role due to work).

I began my role as Children, Youth and Families Leader on 14th January and with the support of Jonathan, and the team of leaders, we have made progress and are building on the foundation laid by Liz, Becky and other leaders.

Key Points:

- Change in resources for our Children and Youth: We have moved from using the Heart Shapers resources to now using Scripture Union (SU) resources for our sessions because SU material also has content for Youth and for under 7s.
- Expanding our Children's Groups: We are gradually getting to a point where we are expanding our Children's Group from 2-3 or 4 groups (KS1, KS2, Toddlers and crèche) as we have more volunteers, and we are in the process of deciding whether to have our volunteers man the crèche or lead our toddler group. We are looking to possibly prioritize starting with a team to lead our toddlers (even if we are able to start with 2 sessions a month).
- Name Badges/Photo book: We have commenced the use of name badges to aid leaders in getting more familiar with the names of our children. We also hope to have a photo book soon which will be managed confidentially but also help us identify our children.
- Commencing Frequent Meet-ups for our Youth group: We had a youth hang out in March (pancake evening) and we hope to have more in the course of the year. The plan is to schedule an activity every other month.

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Mentorship Program - We are planning to commence a youth mentorship program in the summer. This will be targeted at the older young people in Christ Church (Ages 15 - 19). We currently have 3 volunteers for this.
- Training/Equipping of our Children and Youth Leaders -
 - Training for Children's Leaders: We are planning to have some training for our Children's Leaders this summer. One of our team members who is a seasoned teacher has offered to lead a training session.
 - Youth Leaders Training: We are planning to commence a training for Youth Leaders in the first half of this year.

Conclusion:

Thanks to the help of our current volunteers and everyone in the church leadership team, the Children and Youth ministry of CCC is growing. We pray for more committed volunteers to support the work.

Jumoke Akinbusoye

Music

Our sung worship is coordinated by a leadership team which comprises Peter Chiverton, Jonathan Clark, Graham Ellsmore, Jean Medcraft-North, Rebecca Pain, Andrew Price and Mark Wilson. They have met several times over the last year to discuss various aspects of our musical worship. A recent focus has been to explore ways in which we can help to engage children in our sung worship (including the use of flags and percussion instruments), as well as to consider how we can use a variety of languages to reflect the diversity of the congregation.

Small choirs were formed for the Community Carol Service, Blue Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Day; the recent Easter choir was particularly well received and it was wonderful to involve members of our youth group.

We are very grateful that a number of generous donations enabled us to purchase a new digital piano towards the end of 2024.

Rebecca Pain

Christ Church Pantry

In July 2024 we opened the Christ Church Pantry to meet a need within our congregation. The pantry runs out of the John Newton Room and is open after the 10am Sunday service. We receive donations of food, toiletries, and baby items from both members of the congregation and from the Community Food Link (CFL), which we are very grateful for.

We have a varying number of people who come each week, and they can take whatever items we have that they need. The pantry is open and manned by different people each week, they put donated items out and are there to help as required.

We try to put out updated shopping lists every few months, although they sometimes come out late! We are also thankful to receive shopping bags.

Katie Garner

Sunday Prayer Ministry

Christ Church continues to be blessed with a team of people who are willing to pray for others after each of our Sunday services. At present, there are 10 people on the team, with two being available each Sunday on a rota system.

Interaction with prayer ministry by the congregation tends to be understandably variable. It is always helpful when the person leading reminds the congregation of this ministry at the end of the service. Additionally, gracious and gentle reminders to try and leave the Worship Area as a quiet and reflective space are very much appreciated, so that we are able to more sensitively listen and pray with whomever is requesting prayer. This is particularly important with regard for the need for prayer needs to be treated with privacy and confidentiality. When there is no-one who comes forward for prayer, the team members usually use the time to pray for each other.

From my own perspective, I highly value this ministry and I'm always so moved by the love and compassion I am shown. I hope and pray that others feel the same.

Some members of our congregation are brilliant at connecting with others over tea and coffee, and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to pray wherever the need has arisen!

Going forward, it may prove beneficial for the Prayer Ministry Team to meet with Jonathan and discuss if there is any support or training needed. There may come a time when we need to increase our provision of prayer ministry or at least have a pair on stand-by. With any growth of the team in the future, it might also be of benefit to balance the ratio of women and men on the team, whilst not neglecting the fact that God calls those He has chosen.

Becky Cassini

Songs of Praise

Songs of Praise is an occasional informal event on a Sunday afternoon when we gather together to sing our favourite hymns and enjoy spending time together over a cup of tea and some cake. This was proposed in response to the fact that with so much amazing new Christian music, many of the traditional hymns and songs were not being sung. Interestingly however quite a few favourites have been comparatively modern. If they wished, people choosing hymns have explained their choice and sometimes the story behind the hymn is shared.

Many thanks to those who have helped in different ways and to those who have come along and sung heartily!

Janet Scott

Midweek Life at Christ Church

The office is normally open Monday - Friday mornings, and most afternoons; occasionally it will be closed due to sickness, holidays or staff working from home. If staff are in the building by themselves the main door will be locked and you are asked to call the office for entry.

The Well

The Well has continued to be open during the past year on weekday mornings and once a month on Saturday afternoon. There are always people around to chat to visitors attending the Repair Cafe too. Thanks go to those who give up their own time to host The Well usually one or two mornings a month.

The Well provides a welcoming space for anyone from the community or from the church and it is obvious from the comments that have been made that it is much appreciated.

Janet Scott

Tuesday Lunches

Tuesday Lunches take place on the 1st/3rd Tuesday of every month, 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start. People who wish to come for lunch are asked to book if possible and we generally serve about 25 people, some of whom are church members and some of whom come from the community (this includes our helpers who eat with the visitors). We serve a two course meal based around a jacket potato, a mixed salad and a dessert.

There is no set charge for the meal - people give what they feel the meal is worth or what they can afford. It is not a problem if they are not able to give anything, they can still have a meal and eat with us.

I have a loyal team of helpers and without them these lunches could not happen - there are generally 4 people working with me in the kitchen during the morning (Liz Boddy, Judith Read, Gill Wilson and either Denise Bain or Christine Embleton) ... but not all the preparation happens in the kitchen - John, for example, sets up the tables and chairs in the Shaftesbury Room. Lots of people help clear the Shaftesbury Room after the lunch, but this is generally overseen by Katie Phillips, Janet Scott and Mary Boys, whilst Sue Strawson counts the donations.

If you are free at lunchtime on the first or the third Tuesday in the month why not come along and eat with us? Oh...and if you'd like to join our team of helpers either regularly or on an occasional basis please talk to me or one of the team - you do not need to be able to cook, if you can follow instructions you will make a very good helper!

Marianne Sales

Tuesday Craft Group

This is a relaxed informal group who meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm. We bring our own work and members are always glad to give advice if they can. One member is making kneelers for her church, others are making toys for Christmas boxes. Some people are crocheting blankets. These have been much appreciated while we have had no heating in the church! Some people just enjoy chatting. When the Shaftesbury Room is available we meet in there, otherwise we meet in the foyer. We're a flexible group of between 8 and 20 attendees. We are a mixture of church members and people from the community.

Sue Strawson

Midweek Service

We have a service every Wednesday at 10am. We have a small team of people who take it in turns to lead the services. Communion is held once a month, the other weeks are Morning Prayer in a variety of styles. We always have someone playing the keyboard for us, so are able to include hymns/songs in the service.

We can range from 8-20 people each week; for some people this is the only service they attend, others come on Sunday as well.

Sparklers

Sparklers runs on Monday and Thursday mornings 10-11.30 during term time. Parents and carers need to book online as spaces are limited for safety reasons, we limit the number of childminders in each session to give priority to parents/carers who are at home.

The children have a variety of toys to play with, which have been donated, our Local One Stop have very generously supplied us with biscuits, chocolate and toys. There is also a craft or play dough activity as well.

Our new story time has proved a great hit and we are working on smaller bible stories that are age appropriate that we can use. We finish every session with our Sparklers prayer.

On average we have approximately 36 children per session plus 30 adults and then the team..

We are very blessed to have an incredible team of volunteers who give their time to help serve our community, we couldn't provide the supportive environment we do without them..

The charge for Sparklers remained static for 5 years, but there has been a modest increase since Easter.

Tonya Butler

Twinklers

Twinklers is a small group of 6/7 mainly 1st time mums with newborns, the aim is to provide a safe space for chat and support. The mums and babies stay in Twinklers for a term, meeting on a Wednesday morning. This group is intentionally run as a closed group, aiming to encourage friendship and self support. They meet in the creche, and Tonya is there to facilitate and provide refreshments. We also have a set of baby scales if they want to weigh their babies.

By keeping the group small, it helps the mums to build confidence and help each other. At the end of the term the group then move onto Sparklers where they can continue to support each other with the challenges and celebrations of having a small child.

We were happy to welcome a representative from Healthy Families who was able to give advice on dental care and weaning, and hope they will be able to attend again. There is no charge for Twinklers.

Tonya Butler

Outreach Ministry to Children

Alongside the outreach work that takes place during the week in our building, we also reach out to our local schools. Unfortunately Great Binfields School is still not wishing to have our input, but Jonathan has done interactive sessions with Year 5 at Four Lanes School and Year 3 at Marnel School. We've maintained our link with the local uniformed youth organisations, who joined us again on Remembrance Sunday.

Jonathan Clark

Open the Book

I have been running an Open The Book team since 2011 and at the moment we have the joy of going into Marnel Junior to share Bible Stories with the whole school. Classes compete to get to assembly early in the hope that their class will be picked to help us tell the story. It has been a great privilege to share with the children the teachings and Miracles of Jesus during the spring term and as I write this it is actually World Book day so on Monday I told the children that we dress up in costumes of our favourite book characters every time we come in to do Open the Book we don't have to wait for World Book day. Some of my team have been doing Open the Book with me since we started at Great Binfields, for which I am very grateful but we could do with some more team members so if you are free on a Monday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm please let me know. You would need to have a DBS and join Open The Book through the Bible Society. For more information speak to me or one of my team, Sue Strawson, Katie Phillips, Cathy Foster, Paul Webb, Una Urry, Janet Scott, or have a look at this link.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

Maggie Chiverton

Lettings

The building continues to be used for a range of activities including a breakfast/after school club, a variety of U3A groups, music and drama rehearsals, Zumba, home-ed science workshops, board games, and even local and general elections. Two other churches use our building on a weekly basis, and we have also hosted other church groups including One Church, Deanery Synod and the local Baptist Association. The number of one-off bookings for parties has remained relatively steady, averaging at one per fortnight.

Although we rely on the income from these Lettings, we are conscious of maintaining a balance so that the building remains available for our own mission and ministry as well as for those wishing to hire a space.

Rebecca Pain

Administrative Information

Christ Church is located in Chineham, Basingstoke, and is the Church of England Parish Church (part of the Diocese of Winchester). It is also a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) jointly held with the Baptists (Southern Counties Baptist Association), The Methodist Church (Berkshire and Hampshire Borders Circuit) and the United Reformed Church (Wessex Synod). The LEP has a Constitution and Sharing Agreement agreed between the four denominations.

The correspondence address is Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, Hampshire, RG24 8LT. The Church Council is a charity registered with the UK Charity Commission, number 1142640.

Objectives and Activities

The ecumenical Joint Church Council (referred to simply as 'the Church Council') of Christ Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent and other denominations' ministers in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community. The Council maintains an overview of worship in the parish where we aim to put our faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (See earlier sections for details.)
- Provision of pastoral care for people of all ages living in the parish. (Including many of our regular groups.)
- Support community life by provision of community centre space for local groups to use. (In particular we continue to be pleased to host before- and after-school childcare run by the local Willowdene business.)
- Missionary and outreach work – by giving prayer and financial support.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the buildings and facilities of Christ Church and the Church Centre complex. The PCC is specifically responsible for this; for details of how the PCC works as part of the Church Council, please see our separate 'How We Work' document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of Church Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules, the Constitution, and interpreted by our 'How We Work' document. All regular worshippers are encouraged to become a Member of Christ Church, to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the Church Council.

The Church Council has the following Groups or Teams which it delegates parts of its work to, each with Terms of Reference:

- Mission Support Group: responsible for detailed activity supporting our mission partners, and deciding how our mission support tithe should be distributed.
- Facilities Management Group: responsible for deciding priorities for maintenance and refurbishment work, then managed by our Facilities Coordinator.
- Pastoral Coordination Team: responsible for managing pastoral care, including selection, training and support of the pastoral care team.
- Team Resourcing Group: responsible for detailed work to support staff management (including pay and conditions) and recruiting for paid or volunteer team members.
- Green Team: moving on our EcoChurch and wider environmental response.

Church Council members who served between 2 May 2024 and 10 May 2025 were:

Title/Role	Name	Dates (if different)
Denominational Ministers (ex officio)	Jonathan Clark (Chair, Anglican) <i>Vacant</i> (Baptist) Martin Beukes (Methodist) <i>Vacant</i> (URC)	

Church Wardens (ex officio)	Katie Garner Olu Ojo-Oratokhai (Vice-Chair)	
Treasurer	Stuart Woosnam	
Ordinary Members	Olufunke Akinleye Amanda Eves Gareth Rowlands Rachel Wilson Andrew Young	Until November 2024
Deanery Synod Representatives (ex officio PCC)	Graham Ellsmore David Josey <i>vacant</i>	
Denominational Representatives	<i>vacant</i> (Baptist) <i>vacant</i> (Methodist) Denise Bain (URC)	

- The Lead Minister is also a member of the Basingstoke Deanery Synod, and Christ Church can appoint up to 3 lay members to this Synod.
- The Methodist Minister, Lead Minister, and Methodist representative are members of the management team of the Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit and Connexion.
- The URC Minister, Lead Minister, and URC representative are voting members of the Wessex Synod.
- The Baptist Minister, Lead Minister, and Baptist representative are voting members of the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

Safeguarding

During this period the Church Council has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. As part of this the Church Council has Safeguarding as a standing item on its agenda and the Safeguarding Policy was reviewed on 18 March 2025.

Liz Lang continues as our Safeguarding Officer, and Alex Bain as our DBS Officer, both liaising with the professional officers at the Diocese of Winchester. Liz hopes to step down from this role in the coming months.

The main work has been (helped by Rebecca Pain) ensuring that all our staff and volunteers have completed the relevant training recently enough. We have also updated our Safeguarding 'Dashboard' (helpfully provided by the Church of England) and are in the process of writing role descriptions for our volunteer positions.

Data Protection

Rebecca Pain is our Data Protection Officer. No changes have been made to our Data Protection Policy this year.

We continue to display notices informing congregation members that we film our services, but aim never to show people except those who come to the lectern to contribute. We have occasionally removed sections of a service from the YouTube recording when particular children accidentally wander 'into the shot'.

Behind the Scenes

Pastoral Care

Our aim is to offer pastoral care with integrity and in a way that honours God and all those involved. The Pastoral Care Team is a group of volunteers who try to offer friendship and practical help when needed as we try to "follow Jesus in every way".

As members of Christ Church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all in our community. It is the responsibility of each one of us to care for one another and to seek to help others when they are experiencing hardship or problems that, at least for the moment, seem beyond their ability to cope.

The Holy Spirit has equipped some with particular pastoral gifts, and more time to exercise them. These people come together as our core Pastoral Care Team, along with Home Group leaders and Ministers. But we know our limits: the pastoral care team doesn't seek to replace the services provided by social services, GPs and NHS, ambulances, professional carers or any other professional body.

The team aims to

- visit and keep in contact through phone calls and provide some social contact for those who cannot physically get to church and to offer Home Communion for those who are housebound or in Care Homes;
- provide prayer, spiritual comfort and a listening ear;
- provide lifts to church/appointments with doctors, hospitals etc as friends;
- support people in need of professional support by flagging up or sign-posting where people can get help;
- provide temporary support in emergencies/illness e.g. meal trains, babysitting.

But it's important to remember the Team's limits, as they:

- do not provide counselling services
- are not a substitute for social services.

Denise Bain

Facilities Management Group

2024 OVERVIEW

The year was challenging with respect to our building maintenance as it was dominated by the breakdown and restoration of heating to the church building. Due to discontinued failed parts on old boilers, we lost heating to the building in February 2024. Thanks to a team of hardworking staff, dedicated Facilities Management Group (FMG), a supportive Church Council and a patient community of worshippers and users, heating was eventually restored to the building in February 2025.

Nonetheless, we completed an energy audit in April to guide how we should prioritise our continuous improvement journey on energy usage and efficiency. Our facilities coordinator oversaw the usual routine maintenance of our site and equipment including appliance PAT testing several lighting repairs. The FMG organised a well-attended Autumn Clean event in October and we also reviewed our fire safety procedure in the year.

The FMG team had a standing meeting slot of 3rd Sunday of the month. The group core (Lead, Coordinator and Team Expert) met at least four times in 2024. The group communicated regularly on urgent matters via a dedicated FMG WhatsApp group where other members too were updated.

MORE DETAILS ON KEY 2024 PROJECTS/SPEND

<u>Boiler Replacement</u> *Completed in February 2025, 6 months beyond the August 2024 target and almost £6k over budget. The original contractor, despite seemingly knowledgeable and most responsive at the quotation and early project stage turned out incompetent to resolve heating circulation issues resulting from installing a heat exchanger which they recommended and added to the system. *The overspend was for a second contractor who did reworks and restored heating to the building. *Discussions ongoing to recover some of the overspend from the balance of the initial contractor. *The CoE Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), have refused to grant retrospective permission for the recently completed boiler replacement work, after over 11 months from the Faculty Application caused by their unacceptable delays and unrealistic considerations.
<u>Energy Usage and Spend</u> * We used 26.95KWh of (Green Tariff) electricity costing £8.8k and 61.32KWh of gas costing £5.5k
<u>Inspections & Audits</u> *The 2023 Quinquennial Inspection report was received in May. Key points raised were roof moss removal, tree canopy control, external door redecorations and damaged ceiling replacements. *We completed an energy audit in April, which recommended LED lighting and timers changes in a 1-year short term, building insulation and solar panels in the medium term and heat pump replacement of gas boilers in the long term (2030).

* We obtained quotations and preliminary site assessment by potential vendors for solar panels. *We were unsuccessful at securing a grant for solar panel installation.
 *We managed to secure a small grant towards some internal LED lighting.

OUTLOOK ON 2025

The Key Projects/Activities below are the main focus of 2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<i>Velux windows repair (including moss clearing)</i>				
<i>Worship Area Lighting Control Replacement *</i>				
<i>High Level Cleaning & repaint (Wesley, Worship)</i>				
<i>Spring/Autumn Clean</i>				
<i>Wesley Hall Upgrade (Buy-in, Ideation, Quotation)</i>				
<i>Solar Power generation (Further Investigations)</i>				
<i>Review vendor selection process to avoid a TS Gas-type issue</i>				

*Requires a volunteer project leader

Olu Ojo-Oratokhai

Mission Group

The Mission Group reports to the Church Council giving recommendations for our tithing. Our practice is to support charities for a period of years, enabling them to plan activities for the future. Each of the members of the group have a link to a specific charity and keep in touch with them throughout the year.

CCC currently support the following:

- Cathy Bartram @ Wycliffe - review due 2026
- Evangelical Action Brazil - review due 2026
- Smile Uganda - review due 2025
- Sat7 - review due 2027
- B:United - this is an ongoing review, the money is supporting whoever is heading Christian youth work in Basingstoke
- Compassion - ongoing support of a child
- Street Pastors - support given as requested
- Town Chaplaincy - support given as requested
- Junction 5 - support given as requested
- Night Light Winter Shelter - support given as requested

Katie Garner

Social Team

We are currently rebuilding our social team. We're aiming to gather together volunteers who are happy to either lead or help with events we're holding throughout the year.

Events planned so far for 2025 are Songs of Praise services, Church BBQ, welcome meetings, Harvest Bring and Share lunch, Women's breakfasts, an International Sunday and a Christmas Festival.

If you would like to help with any of these events please either contact the Church Office or talk to Katie Garner.

Christ Church Home Groups

We have a number of homegroups running throughout the week; if you would like further information please ask the church office. We have reports from the following groups:

Tuesday Evening

Over the past (church) year, our group has:

- Studied Elijah, John's Gospel and 1 Corinthians
- Taken communion together twice
- Had a Christmas social (with all our favourite Christmas treats!)
- Organised the CCC BBQ in September
- Had many prayers answered!

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening in Old Basing, and have space for new members. We use study materials that guide the leader of the session through the readings and questions, and we share the leading of each session amongst us.

Current home group membership is - Mark Teahan, Bev Teahan, Katie Garner, Jim Garner, Katie Nickerson, Aidan Nickerson, Sue Russell, Judy Woosnam, Sue Handslip, Pete Chiverton and we also keep Lesley Aitchison included in all of our emails.

Bev Teahan

Thursday Afternoon

We meet at a member's house every 1st/3rd Thursday from 2-3:30pm.

We use various study guides, during the last year we have spent the most time on looking at SAT 7. We found this a particularly rewarding study. In January we enjoyed a lunch together at a member's house. Currently we are looking at Lent from various aspects. At the moment there are five of us in this group.

Sue Strawson

Thursday Evening

I co-ordinate the homegroup which meets twice a month at Jean and Martyn Wilde's home in Chineham. We usually meet in term-time from 7:30- 9pm on the 1st/3rd Thursdays of the month but are flexible to the needs of the group and their busy lives. The group is currently comprised of the following people: Jean and Martyn Wilde, Nigel Foster, Helen Winkle, Christine Daly, Kim Austen and myself. Although Christine and Kim are not current members of Christ Church, we very much value their presence and participation in the group. During discussions about the size of our homegroup, we have agreed that we could probably offer one more place, mainly due to not wanting to over-burden Jean and Martyn. They are kind and generous hosts and we are very grateful for them.

Since the last Annual Meeting, we have studied: Proverbs, Daniel, The Apostle's Creed, How to hear God (a short study series), and we are now using a studying guide looking at 1 Timothy and Titus. We generally take turns to lead and our discussions are often wide-ranging and challenging. We feel that through reading the Bible, our discussions and prayer/reflection times that we are supporting each person's faith in a loving and encouraging way. Our evenings usually follow the same format: chat and catch-up; study; prayer/reflection time. We may look at studying David or Elijah next.

Becky Cassini

Mums' Group

Members of the group are: Martha Clark, Jumoke Akinbusoye, Amy Mills, Patience Ndaga, Debbie Jiki, Shirah Blackwood, Julian Okoronkwo and Julianne Adebimpe.

Some of the topics/books we have discussed in the past:

- Bible Chapter study: Galatians
- Book study 'The Freedom of self- forgetfulness' Timothy Keller
- Topical Bible Study

This year, we have started with a topical Bible study format of discussion where we explore a topic and look at it in different cultural contexts and look at what the Bible says about it.

Meeting days: We used to meet physically during the weekends. Now we meet virtually, every other Wednesday.

Jumoke Akinbusoye & Martha Clark

Christ Church in the Wider Community

Members of Christ Church also take part in Christian work and activities in Basingstoke. These include volunteering for CFL, Street Pastors, Basingstoke Foodbank, B:United, Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy, The Safe, Anna Chaplaincy, Junction 5 and One Church Basingstoke. We have reports on some of these activities.

Community Food Link (CFL)

CFL is a volunteer-led project based in Basingstoke & Deane. We collect fresh food that cannot be sold from our partner supermarkets and sort, repack and deliver it to our distribution partners, charities, schools and playgroups to help the most vulnerable in our society. I have been involved since the beginning of the Covid pandemic and have seen it grow so much. To give you an idea of the growth I have quoted Dave from the latest CFL newsletter:

David has been volunteering with CFL for 5 years. Here is his perspective on how the project has grown since he joined: "On a Saturday evening, I used to collect from two supermarkets using my own car, take the food back to the United Reformed Church (navigating around numerous Deliveroo drivers), sort it all myself and pack it into the three or four freezers and fridges. Now, on Saturday evenings, I collect from eight supermarkets in the fantastic "new" van and take it all to K18 where at least two sorters process it all and store it in rooms full of freezers, fridges, and tables. One thing I definitely don't miss is lugging the crates and boxes up and down the stairs at the URC – K18 is such a great resource for us and makes the whole process so much easier and more efficient. It's been great to see so many new volunteers joining the team too. There were fewer than twenty when I started, and there are several times that number now – it's wonderful to see more and more people "catching the vision". Some things haven't changed, however. Everyone is still so appreciative of what we do – not just the recipients of our food, but also the staff at the supermarkets and other places we collect from – they are always so glad to donate to us. And although there's inevitably the odd hiccup, CFL continues to be really well organised and fun to be a part of!"

There has also been growth in how the individual hubs run where the food is passed on to clients. I have been involved with the Friday Hub at Oakridge where over 50 people gather each week to collect food. A warm hub organised by Marianne Sales provides warmth, tea, coffee, soup and pastries to those waiting and Jo Weineck and Josephine Childs are part of the team offering hospitality whilst I and others sort the food ready for distribution. We hold back some pastries for a youth hub where nearly 100 young people from the Vyne and South View Schools meet up for a drink and a snack with Yvonne and Ray, Methodist Circuit youth leaders.

Others with links to Christ Church are involved in collecting sorting food at K18 (Judi and Onwa Wonci), and Liz Lang helps at the Youth Hub outside the URC on London Street where up to 200 young people stop to grab a snack and some conversation on their way home from school or college.

The amount of food we get in each week varies. After Christmas we often have more than we can sensibly cope with and at the moment we are having a lean time. CFL was formed to redistribute food waste and therefore in an ideal world there would be no food for us to pass on, however we know that over 2000 families a week visit our hubs to collect food and they would not do this if it was not needed.

Maggie Chiverton

Looking Ahead

After a pandemic (2020), a refugee crisis (2021), a war in Europe (2022), a multi-nation conflict in the Middle East (2023), and huge changes in international trade and alliances by the new US Administration (2024 on) we've got used to unwelcome surprises. Oh, and we're now well into the age of AI, which is starting to disrupt many sectors. When we have no idea what our world or even our nation will look like in a few months, let alone into the next generation, it makes us even more grateful that we have a "solid rock ... a firm foundation" in our God.

Last year we saw again how Ruth and Naomi trusted God in dangerous and uncertain times. So we go forward choosing to trust the Almighty and loving God who knows the end from the beginning. We will do this by dwelling in God's word together, learning to trust more that He is "good all the time", as we hear more testimonies of Him at work in our ordinary lives. We will continue to see how to love Him with more of "our Head, Heart and Hands": by praying, learning, worshipping, supporting, reducing our impact on the planet, welcoming the stranger, having church family time together, and spreading his good news beyond the church walls and our YouTube channel.

Those things should be true every year. But what's specific for us in 2025-26? Well, I'm praying that we can make significant progress on:

- Deepening our life of prayer, with bigger and bolder prayers for God to be at work in us, and through us in the Chineham area.
- Continuing to become more open to the Holy Spirit's work of transforming, equipping and guiding, both corporately and individually.
- Work with our new Children, Youth & Families Leader to build the team to respond positively to requests for Baptisms and Thanksgiving services from outside the church family.
- Providing separate Sunday morning groups for children aged 2-3, 4-7 and 7-10.
- Drawing new church members into using their God-given gifts to serve the rest of our church family.
- Training, encouraging and involving new people to contribute and serve in our many areas of ministry, thus increasing our capacity ready for greater local outreach and a third weekly service.
- Restructuring how our Church Council works with a few new supporting Action Groups.
- Using our Facilities Development Fund to improve lighting in the Worship Area, and noticeably improve the comfort and usability of our Wesley Hall.
- Investing in ways to reduce our monthly running costs.

Jonathan Clark



Charity Registration No. 1142640

Annual Finance Report 2024

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Signed:

Stuart Woosnam
Treasurer

Jonathan Clark
Lead Minister/Vicar

Christ Church Chineham
2024 Annual Financial Report - Commentary

Stuart Woosnam - Treasurer

14th. March 2025

1. Basis of financial statements

These statements are prepared using Receipts and Payments Accounting.

2. Overview

The budget for the year was for a deficit of £10K in the General Fund (GF). The actual deficit was £10k, despite the main income flows – Giving and Lettings - between them being £24K under budget. This was offset by spending less than we budgeted on Payroll (£14K) and Buildings & Facilities (£8K).

Payroll, and doubtless Building & Facilities, will increase in expenditure in 2025.

Lettings is probably near the maximum achievable without significant personnel input which would seem to be paid staff. Thus Personal Giving is the only possible significant route to move out of a recurring deficit long term situation. The first quarter of 2025 – see figures below – does not give one confidence!

Prayer is greatly needed with respect to our finances!

3. Lettings

Cash flow overview:	2023 invoice payments rec'd 2024	£2K
	2024 invoice payments rec'd 2024	£62K
	2024 invoices outstanding	£2K
	<u>Earned in 2024</u>	<u>£64K (budget £70K)</u>

4. Finance Team

Thanks are due to the behind-the-scenes team who manage the finance system:

Jim Garner	Paying-in of cash
Rebecca Pain	Monthly payments folder
Euna Kim	Book-keeper
Peter Chiverton	Gift Aid Secretary for the many one-off donations

5. Giving Analysis

The principal Giving income flow is regular monthly Giving.

Per Month range	To £99	£100-£199	£200-£399	£400+	Total	Total People (estimate)
December 2011						
Households	52	19	5	4	80	122
Amount	£2,177	£2,437	£1,290	£2,210	£8,114	
Average	£42	£128	£258	£552	£101	£66
December 2021						
Households	39	19	14	3	75	95
Amount	£1,612	£2,334	£4,014	£1,382	£9,342	
Average	£41	£129	£287	£460	£125	£98
December 2022						
Households	34	21	11	4	70	80
Amount	£1,216	£2,592	£3,078	£1,800	£8,686	
Average	£36	£123	£280	£450	£124	£109
December 2023						
Households	26	20	7	5	58	70
Amount	£944	£2,456	£2,118	£2,357	£7,875	
Average	£36	£123	£302	£471	£136	£113
December 2024						
Households	27	16	6	6	55	71
Amount	£899	£2,132	£1,958	£2,828	£7,817	
Average	£33	£133	£326	£471	£142	£104
March 2025						
Households	28	14	7	5	54	72
Amount	£922	£1,778	£2,178	£2,574	£7,442	
Average	£33	£127	£311	£514	£138	£103

The total people Giving is an estimate because some people give anonymously.

6. Accounting Policies and Practices

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as prescribed by the Business Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England. These are similar to those of other denominations.

General funds represent the funds of the Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church Council. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church Council are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

All fixed assets are fully depreciated in the year of purchase. All consumable items, whether for church use or for re-sale, are accounted for gross at time of purchase. Income from sales is recognised when received.

All income is accounted for when received. All expenditure is accounted for when it leaves the bank.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 1993 s.96(2)(a).

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Church Council and which may require a faculty for disposal since the Church Council considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities, and the Management Accounts.

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Christine Holland CPFA

9 Ellerton Close

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Christine Holland CPFA

Date: 1 May 2025

Charity Registration No. 1142640

				2024		2023	2024
Resources:				Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Management Report
				Funds	Funds	Funds	pages
Incoming Resources							
		Donations & Legacies		£130,027	£0	£130,027	157,058
		Charitable activities		£5,055	£0	£5,055	4,823
		Investment income		£1,927	£0	£1,927	1,198
		Trading Activities		£64,167	£0	£64,167	68,434
		Other income		£130	£2,104	£2,234	4,460
		Total Incoming Resources		£201,305	£2,104	£203,409	£235,973
Resources Used							
		Cost of generating funds		£0	£0	£0	£0
		Charitable activities		£206,821	£0	£206,821	207,347
		Other resources used		£5,147	£1,455	£6,602	18,959
		Total Resources Used		£211,969	£1,455	£213,424	£226,306
		Net Movement of Funds		-£10,664	£649	-£10,015	£9,667
		Movement between funds		£0	£0	£0	£90,000
		Balances b/f 1 January		£153,546	£3,851	£157,397	£147,730
		Balances c/f 31 December		£142,882	£4,500	£147,382	£157,397
Assets:							
		Current Assets at 31st. December			2024		2023
		CAF Bank Main			£11,454		£86,180
		CAF Bank Lettings			£102,630		£39,598
		CCLA - Savings			£33,298		£31,619
		Total current assets			£147,382		£157,397
Represented by:							
		Parish Funds			2024	Type	2023
		General Fund			£52,882	unrestricted	£63,546
		Reserve Fund			£50,000	designated	£50,000
		Facilities Development Fund - D			£40,000	designated	£40,000
		Facilities Development Fund - R			£0	restricted	£0
		Grants Received Fund			£800	restricted	£0
		Youth Fund			£2,700	restricted	£2,700
		Diocesan Fees Fund			£0	restricted	£0
		Lecturn Fund			£1,000	restricted	£1,000
		Appeals Fund (not for CCC)			£0	restricted	£151
		Total Parish Funds			£147,382		£157,397

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1. BANK BALANCES		01-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	variance	SOFA Reference
CAFBank Main	Current Account	£86,180	£11,454	£74,726	
CAFBank Lettings	Current Account	£39,598	£102,630	£63,032	
CCLA - Savings	Savings Account	£31,619	£33,298	£1,678	
Total		£157,397	£147,382	£10,015	Balances b/f & c/f

2. FUND BALANCES		01-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	variance	SOFA Reference
General Fund	unrestricted	£63,546	£52,882	£10,664	Net Movement of Funds
Reserve Fund	designated	£50,000	£50,000	£0	Net Movement of Funds
FDF-D #1	designated	£40,000	£40,000	£0	Net Movement of Funds
FDF-R #1	restricted	£0	£0	£0	Net Movement of Funds
Grants Received Fund	restricted	£0	£800	£800	Net Movement of Funds
Youth Fund	restricted	£2,700	£2,700	£0	Net Movement of Funds
Diocesan Fees Fund	restricted	£0	£0	£0	Net Movement of Funds
Lectern Fund	restricted	£1,000	£1,000	£0	Net Movement of Funds
Appeals Fund (not CCC)	restricted	£151	£0	£151	Net Movement of Funds
TOTAL unrestricted/designated funds		£153,546	£142,882	£10,664	
TOTAL restricted funds		£3,851	£4,500	£649	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		£157,397	£147,382	£10,015	

3. General Fund Overview

GF Expenditure		Actual to year-end	Budget 2024	Variance
Being Church #2		£29,825	£31,625	£1,800
Ministry		£86,259	£86,935	£676
Admin. Support #2		£13,897	£19,254	£5,357
Building & Facilities #2		£68,932	£79,591	£10,659
Mission Support		£13,055	£14,000	£945
Total		£211,969	£231,405	£19,436
GF Income				
Giving		£102,465	£120,000	£17,535
Legacies		£0	£0	£0
Tax Refunds		£27,162	£30,000	£2,838
Interest		£1,927	£1,300	£627
Diocesan Fees		£516	£100	£416
Lettings		£63,956	£70,000	£6,044
Being Church		£5,280	£0	£5,280
Total		£201,305	£221,400	£20,095
GF Totals		£10,664	£10,005	£659

Notes:

#1: FDF = Facilities Development Fund

#2: Includes appropriate allocation of payroll

4. GF Expenditure				Page 8 of 10
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	Actual year-end	Budget 2024	Variance	SOFA Reference
EXPENDITURE				
Being Church: See page 10 for net expenditure				
Children & families	£221	£400	-£179	Charitable Activities
Sparklers	£411	£500	-£89	Charitable Activities
Youth	£69	£1,000	-£931	Charitable Activities
Flowers	£1,200	£1,000	£200	Charitable Activities
Tuesday Lunches	£1,085	£1,400	-£315	Charitable Activities
Worship	£3,787	£2,500	£1,287	Charitable Activities
Outreach	£232	£250	-£18	Charitable Activities
Pastoral & Welfare	£26	£0	£26	Charitable Activities
Social	£347	£300	£47	Charitable Activities
Book Sales	£381	£50	£331	Charitable Activities
Sundries	£584	£250	£334	Charitable Activities
Fees + subs	£2,020	£1,200	£820	Other Resources used
sub-total	£10,363	£8,850	£1,513	
Ministry:				
CMF Baptists	£1,463	£1,460	£3	Charitable Activities
CMF Methodists	£1,460	£1,460	£0	Charitable Activities
CMF URC	£1,460	£1,460	£0	Charitable Activities
CMF WDBF	£80,361	£80,355	£6	Charitable Activities
Clergy expenses	£1,172	£1,200	-£28	Charitable Activities
Training	£344	£1,000	-£656	Other Resources used
sub-total	£86,259	£86,935	-£676	
Admin. Support:				
Office Consumables	£1,485	£4,000	-£2,515	
Office Equipment	£2,766	£3,000	-£234	
Publicity, WEB et al	£2,040	£3,500	-£1,460	
Bank charges	£120	£120	£0	
sub-total	£6,412	£10,620	-£4,208	Charitable Activities
Building & Facilities:				
Routine maintenance	£9,450	£10,000	-£550	Charitable Activities
Major maintenance	£12,454	£15,000	-£2,546	Charitable Activities
Utilities (HLW+Waste)	£17,030	£22,000	-£4,970	Charitable Activities
Kitchen, cleaning, etc.	£4,260	£4,000	£260	Charitable Activities
Insurance	£2,783	£3,000	-£217	Other Resources used
sub-total	£45,977	£54,000	-£8,023	
Mission Support sub-total	£13,055	£14,000	-£945	Charitable Activities
Payroll sub-total	£49,903	£64,000	-£14,097	Charitable Activities
Total GF Expenditure	£211,969	£238,405	-£26,436	

5. GF Income						Page 9 of 10
Annual Finance Report 2024						
	Actual to year-end	Budget 2024	Variance		SOFA Reference	
INCOME						
Giving - Planned Giving	£90,896	£100,000	-£9,104			
Giving - Collections	£6,430	£5,500	£930			
Giving - Donations	£5,139	£4,500	£639			
sub-total	£102,465	£120,000	-£17,535		Donations & Legacies	
Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	£27,162	£30,000	-£2,838		Donations & Legacies	
Legacies	£0	£0	£0		Donations & Legacies	
Interest	£1,927	£1,300	£627		Investments	
Dicesan Fees (CCC portion)	£516	£100	£416		Charitable Activities	
sub-total	£29,604	£31,400	-£1,796			
Lettings: sub-total	£63,956	£70,000	-£6,044		Trading Activities	
Being Church: See page 10 for net expenditure						
Children & families	£0	£0	£0		Charitable Activities	
Sparklers	£3,118	£2,500	£618		Charitable Activities	
Youth	£0	£0	£0		Charitable Activities	
Flowers	£400	£200	£200		Donations & Legacies	
Tuesday Lunches	£1,196	£800	£396		Charitable Activities	
Worship	£0	£0	£0		Charitable Activities	
Outreach	£0	£0	£0		Charitable Activities	
Pastoral & Welfare	£0	£0	£0		Charitable Activities	
Social	£224	£100	£124		Charitable Activities	
Book Sales	£211	£50	£161		Trading Activity	
Sundries	£130	£0	£130		Other (Unrestricted)	
Fees + subs	£0	£0	£0		not applicable	
sub-total	£5,280	£3,650	£1,630			
Total Income	£201,305	£225,050	-£23,745			

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6. Movement in Funds other than General Fund						
	1st. Jan. 24	IN	OUT	31-Dec-24	SOFA Reference	
Reserve Fund	£50,000	£0	£0	£50,000		
FDF-D #1	£40,000	£0	£0	£40,000		
FDF-R #1	£0	£0	£0	£0		
Grants Received Fund	£0	£800	£0	£800	Other (Restricted)	
Youth Fund	£2,700	£0	£0	£2,700	Other (Restricted)	
Diocesan Fees Fund #2	£0	£543	£543	£0	Other (Restricted)	
Lecturn Fund	£1,000	£0	£0	£1,000	Other (Restricted)	
Appeals Fund #2	£151	£761	£912	£0.00	Other (Restricted)	
Total Other Funds	£93,851	£2,104	£1,455	£94,500		
#1: FDF = Facilities Development Fund						
#2: Not CCC						
7. Grants Received Fund						
	1st. Jan. 23	IN	OUT	31-Dec-24		
Winchester DBF for	£0	800	0	£800		
Lighting upgrades						
Total Grants	£0.00	£800.00	£0.00	£800.00		
8. Appeals Fund - all donations received passed on.						
	1st. Jan. 23	IN	OUT	31-Dec-24		
BDDF #3	-£33	£33	£0	£0		
TerraCycle #4	£184	£0	£184	£0		
St. Micahels's Hospice	£0	£138	£138	£0		
Parkinson's (plant sale)	£0	£590	£590	£0		
Total Appeals	£151	£761	£912	£0		
#3: Basingstoke & Deane Disability Forum - some Giving banked in 2024						
#4: TerraCycle: helping a Christian charity - Future Pillars - to close						
9. Being Church Overview						
		In	Out	Net Out		
Children & families		£0	£221	£221		
Sparklers		£3,118	£411	-£2,707		
Youth		£0	£69	£69		
Flowers		£400	£1,200	£800		
Tuesday Lunches		£1,196	£1,085	-£111		
Worship		£0	£3,787	£3,787		
Outreach		£0	£232	£232		
Pastoral & Welfare		£0	£26	£26		
Social		£224	£347	£123		
Book Sales		£211	£381	£170		
Sundries		£130	£584	£454		
Fees + subs		£0	£2,020	£2,020		
Total Being Church		£5,280	£10,363	£5,083		

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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: 1 May 2025

CHRIST CHURCH CHINEHAM, BASINGSTOKE

England & Wales - Charity number 1142640

Accounts



Charity Registration No. 1142640

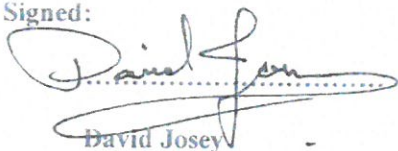
Annual Finance Report

2023

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Signed:


David Josey
Treasurer


Jonathan Clark
Lead Minister/Vicar

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1. Basis of financial statements

These statements are prepared using Receipts and Payments Accounting.

2. Overview

The budget for the year was for an £14.7K deficit in the General Fund (GF), which was turned into an increase in the GF of £18.1K. This was due to three legacies and one large donation totalling £33K being spent on General Fund items. Otherwise the General Fund would have seen a deficit of £14.1K, which is close to the budget!

3. Funds

All normal church financial activity is handled within the General Fund

General Fund	unrestricted	May be used for any legal purpose appropriate to CCC.
Reserve Fund	designated	Nominally three months of normal expenditure. Set at £50K. Council may move money from this Fund, normally to the GF as required.
Facilities Development Fund - D	designated	This Fund is to enable larger-scale improvements, modifications and/or extensions to the building and its facilities.
Facilities Development Fund - R	restricted	The same use as the designated fund; for incoming donations and grants specifically for this purpose.
Youth Fund	restricted	For youth work.
Lectern Fund	restricted	For a replacement lectern.

Note. Unrestricted Funds	May be used for any legal purpose appropriate to CCC.
Designated Funds	Council can move money into and out as they wish.
Restricted Funds	Council can only spend the money on the terms of the Fund.

4. The Team

Behind the scenes, Jim Garner succeeded Liz Foster paying in to the bank all the cash and cheques received, and Peter Chiverton keeps the records for tax efficient Giving – Gift Aid - and makes the applications for refunds. This last applies to Giving coming directly to us and not through an agency that claims the gift aid for us, such as PGS and Stewardship. All these jobs require due diligence in recording the details and a frequent demand on time.

Towards the year-end, Euna Kim volunteered to be the book-keeper, allocating monthly to each transaction a nominal code and entering them into the account system. At year-end Stuart Woosnam offered to be my successor. Council has approved both these people and a handover process is in hand. I expect Stuart will formally become Treasurer at the forthcoming APCM.

My thanks to all these team members.

1. Mission Support

Long term financial support is given to chosen Christian organisations that do God's work in the world. Ten percent of the budgeted Giving and associated gift aid is allocated. In 202 we gave:

Smile Uganda	£3,025
Evangelical Action Brazil	£2,400
Karl & Deborah Stone – Flavel Church Dartmouth	£2,760
Wycliffe Bible Translators #1	£2,556
Compassion UK	£352
London Street youth table	£900
1CB - Youth	£900
Basingstoke Street Pastors	£400
Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy	£400
Junction 5 Money Advice – Hook	£400
Community Food Link – vehicle repair/replace	£507
Total	£14,600

2. Lettings

Many of our regular customers are billed at the end of each period and thus at each year-end there are monies owed that were earned in that year. At year-end 2022, this was over £9K. This was addressed early in 2023 and just £2K was outstanding at end of 2023. This amount is normal each month. Cash flow overview:

2022 invoices rec'd in 2023	£9K	Recorded as 2023 income
2023 invoices rec'd in 2023	£58K	
2023 invoices outstanding at year-end	£2K	Recorded when received in 2024. £1.3K received by 31 st . Jan.
2023 accounts recorded	£67K	
Earned in 2023	£60K	Budget: £60K

3. Card Readers

We have run a SumUp card reader for some years which is steadily finding more favour with Givers. SumUp is designed for small businesses and so does not offer Gift Aid recoveries; it charges about 1.2% for its services. However, we are able to claim Gift Aid on individual donations up to £30, and up to £8,000 total of such donations per financial year.

The new GWD card reader, which we received at no cost to ourselves from the Church of England Central Office, does offer a Gift Aid service. This is administered by PGS. However, whilst the costs of the regular, monthly, PGS scheme is covered centrally by CoE, a charge is made on donations using this machine. The charge is 2.5%. Thus for a large donation of, say, £1,000, £25 is the administration fee.

I therefore urge people who wish to give large-ish amounts to give direct to CCC – bank details below – and not via either card reader. Peter Chiverton will process the gift aid claim for free!

CCC sort code: 40-52-40 account number: 00032391 bank: CAF Bank Ltd.

4. Personal Giving — unrestricted & not legacies

4.1 Personal Giving: Regular Monthly

Per Month range	To £99	£100-£199	£200-£399	£400+	Total Households	Total People (estimate)
December 2011						
Households	52	19	5	4	80	122
Amount	£2,177	£2,437	£1,290	£2,210	£8,114	
Average	£42	£128	£258	£552	£101	£66
December 2021						
Households	39	19	14	3	75	95
Amount	£1,612	£2,334	£4,014	£1,382	£9,342	
Average	£41	£129	£287	£460	£125	£98
December 2022						
Households	34	21	11	4	70	80
Amount	£1,216	£2,592	£3,078	£1,800	£8,686	
Average	£36	£123	£280	£450	£124	£109
December 2023						
Households	29	18	8	5	60	78
Amount	£964	£2,255	£2,417	£2,320	£7,901	
Average	£33	£125	£302	£464	£132	£101

4.2 Personal Giving: payment routes - total for the year

Regular-Monthly	
PGS – Parish Giving Scheme	£94,600
Direct to our bank	£800
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>£95,400</i>
Irregular – ‘one-offs’	
Stewardship	£1,900
SumUp – Card Reader	£1,800
GWD/PGS Card Reader	£5,300
Worship Services – Plate	£5,300
Other	£1,400
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>£15,700</i>
Total Giving	£111,100
Gift Aid on above	
PGS regular	£20,000
PGS one-off	£2,600
GWD one-off	£1,300
Stewardship gift aid	£100
CCC gift aid on Direct, Plate and SumUp card reader	£1,600
Total Gift Aid	£25,600
Grand Total	£136,700

PGS (Parish Giving Scheme) is our main, and preferred, personal income stream for those that wish, and can, give monthly. The gift aid is claimed monthly and quickly forwarded to churches. The reporting is good and people can remain anonymous if they so wish. The costs of this scheme is borne centrally by the CoE. One-off donations can be given on-line through PGS and the associated gift aid is similarly claimed and forwarded each month – though a process fee is levelled to the local church. Therefore I encourage one-off donations to be made direct to CCC who will claim the gift aid refund at no cost.

5. Budget Process

The budget process starts in August of each year, with the September Council meeting considering the initial draft. It is then refined with the object of Council signing off the budget by December. The last few years have been a challenge due to the changing circumstances. 2024 looks to be more settled and thus it is hoped to return to a 3-year forward looking finance plan for 2025. The budget is reviewed each year to firm the budget for the following year, whilst taking note of longer term aims.

10. Accounting Policies and Practices

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as prescribed by the Business Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England. These are similar to those of other denominations.

General funds represent the funds of the Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church Council. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church Council are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

All fixed assets are fully depreciated in the year of purchase. All consumable items, whether for church use or for re-sale, are accounted for gross at time of purchase. Income from sales is recognised when received.

All income is accounted for when received. All expenditure is accounted for when it leaves the bank.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 1993 s.96(2)(a).

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Church Council and which may require a faculty for disposal since the Church Council considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities, and the Management Accounts.

Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham
Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640**

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Date: 21.4.2024

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Christ Church Chineham
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)
For the period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
Charity Registration No. 1142640

Resources:	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<i>Incoming Resources</i>				
Donations & Legacies	£157,058	£0	£157,058	£154,810
Charitable activities	£4,823	£0	£4,823	£1,130
Investment income	£1,198	£0	£1,198	£485
Trading Activities	£67,160	£1,274	£68,434	£45,292
Other income	£1,655	£2,805	£4,460	£7,093
Total Incoming Resources	£231,894	£4,079	£235,973	£208,810
<i>Resources Used</i>				
Cost of generating funds	£0	£0	£0	£318
Charitable activities	£198,716	£8,631	£207,347	£189,393
Other resources used	£15,031	£3,928	£18,959	£5,833
Total Resources Used	£213,747	£12,559	£226,306	£195,544
Net Movement of Funds	£18,147	-£8,480	£9,667	£13,266
Movement between funds	£0		£0	£90,000
Balances b/f 1 January	£135,399	£12,331	£147,730	£134,464
Balances c/f 31 December	£153,546	£3,851	£157,397	£147,730

Assets:

Current Assets at 31st. December	2023	2022
CAF Bank Main	£86,180	£54,796
CAF Bank Lettings	£39,598	£62,296
CCLA - Savings	£31,619	£30,638
Total current assets	£157,397	£147,730

Represented by:

Parish Funds	Type	2023	2022
General Fund	unrestricted	£63,546	£45,399
Reserve Fund	designated	£50,000	£50,000
Facilities Development Fund - D	designated	£40,000	£40,000
Facilities Development Fund - R	restricted	£0	£7,881
Youth Fund	restricted	£2,700	£3,450
Lecturn Fund	restricted	£1,000	£1,000
Appeal Fund	restricted	151.3	0
Total Parish Funds		£157,397	£147,730

1. BANK BALANCES

	01.Jan.23	31.Dec.23	variance	
CAFBank Main	£54,796	£86,180	£31,383	Current Account
CAFBank Lettings	£62,296	£39,598	-£22,698	Current Account
CCLA - Savings	£30,638	£31,619	£982	Savings Account
Total	£147,730	£157,397	£9,667	

2. FUND BALANCES

		01.Jan.23	31.Dec.23	variance
General Fund	<i>unrestricted</i>	£45,399	£63,546	£18,147
Reserve Fund	<i>designated</i>	£50,000	£50,000	£0
FDF-D #2	<i>designated</i>	£40,000	£40,000	£0
FDF-R #2	<i>restricted</i>	£7,881	£0	-£7,881
Youth Fund	<i>restricted</i>	£3,450	£2,700	-£750
D(iocesan) Fees Fund	<i>restricted</i>	£0	£0	£0
Lectern Fund	<i>restricted</i>	£1,000	£1,000	£0
Appeals Fund (not CCC)	<i>restricted</i>	£0	£151	£151
TOTAL unrestricted funds		£135,399	£153,546	£18,147
TOTAL restricted funds		£12,331	£3,851	-£8,480
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		£147,730	£157,397	£9,667

3. General Fund Overview

GF Expenditure	Actual to year-end	Budget 2023	Variance	Budget 2024
Being Church #1	£32,106	£31,475	£631	£28,950
Ministry	£86,206	£87,250	-£1,044	£86,935
Admin. Support #1	£16,615	£14,234	£2,381	£20,220
Building & Facilities #1	£64,220	£75,591	-£11,371	£83,400
Mission Support	£14,600	£14,600	£0	£14,000
Total	£213,747	£223,150	-£9,403	£233,505
GF Income				
Giving	£111,109	£120,000	-£8,891	£110,000
Legacies	£20,382	£0	£20,382	£0
Tax Refunds	£25,566	£28,000	-£2,434	£30,000
Interest	£1,198	£500	£698	£1,300
Diocesan Fees	£54	£0	£54	£100
Grants	£1,500	£0	£1,500	£0
Lettings	£67,024	£60,000	£7,024	£70,000
Being Church	£5,061	£0	£5,061	£0
Total	£231,894	£208,500	£23,394	£211,400

GF Totals

£18,147 -£14,650 £32,797 -£22,105

Notes:

#1: Includes appropriate allocation of payroll

#2: FDF = Facilities Development Fund

4. General Fund Expenditure December 2023

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		Actual year- end	Budget 2023	Variance	Budget 2024
EXPENDITURE					
Being Church (net):	#1				
Children & families		£363	£100	£263	£400
Sparklers		£476	£0	£476	£2,500
Youth		£349	£1,000	£651	£1,000
Flowers		£1,200	£1,000	£200	£1,000
Tuesday Lunches		£1,423	£0	£1,423	£500
Worship		£2,128	£500	£1,628	£2,500
Outreach		£1,233	£2,500	£1,267	£250
Pastoral & Welfare		£0	£500	£500	£0
Social		£392	£500	£108	£300
Book Sales		£133	£100	£33	£50
Sundries		£298	£0	£298	£250
Fees + subs		£798	£2,500	£1,702	£1,200
	sub-total	£8,792	£8,700	£92	£3,950
Ministry:	#2				
CMF Baptists		£1,456	£1,460	£4	£1,460
CMF Methodists		£1,460	£1,460	£0	£1,460
CMF URC		£1,460	£1,460	£0	£1,460
CMF WDBF		£80,225	£80,220	£5	£80,355
Clergy expenses		£1,238	£650	£588	£1,200
Training		£367	£2,000	£1,633	£1,000
	sub-total	£86,206	£87,250	£1,044	£86,935
Admin. Support:					
Office Consumables		£2,972	£2,000	£972	£4,000
Office Equipment		£2,293	£1,100	£1,193	£3,000
Publicity, WEB et al		£2,141	£2,500	£359	£3,500
Bank charges		£120	£0	£120	£120
	sub-total	£7,527	£5,600	£1,927	£10,620
Building & Facilities:					
Routine maintenance		£6,414	£9,500	£3,086	£10,000
Major maintenance		£5,869	£12,000	£6,131	£15,000
Utilities (HLW+Waste)		£19,471	£20,000	£529	£22,000
Kitchen, cleaning, etc.		£3,284	£6,000	£2,716	£4,000
Insurance		£2,650	£2,500	£150	£3,000
	sub-total	£37,687	£50,000	£12,313	£54,000
Mission Support	sub-total	£14,600	£14,600	£0	£14,000
Payroll	sub-total	£58,935	£57,000	£1,935	£64,000
Total GF Expenditure		£213,747	£223,150	£9,403	£233,505

Notes

#1: unpacked on page 3

#2: CMF payments mostly front loaded

5. General Fund Income
December 2023

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	Actual to year-end	Budget 2023	Variance	Budget 2024
INCOME				
Giving - Planned Giving	£95,449			£100,000
Giving - Collections	£4,886			£5,500
Giving - Donations	£10,774			£4,500
sub-total	£111,109	£120,000	-£8,891	£110,000
Tax Refunds	£25,566	£28,000	-£2,434	£30,000
Legacies	£20,382	£0	£20,382	£0
Interest	£1,198	£500	£698	£1,300
D. fees (Xferred at y/e)	£54	£0	£54	£100
Grants (GF-restricted)	£1,500	£0	£1,500	£0
sub-total	£48,700	£28,500	£20,200	£31,400
Lettings sub-total	£67,024	£60,000	£7,024	£70,000
Being Church:				
Sparklers	£3,072			
Youth	£0			
Tuesday Lunches	£1,752			
Social	£155			
Book Sales	£82			
sub-total	£5,061	£0	£5,061	£0
Total Income	£231,894	£208,500	£23,394	£211,400

7. Grants received

The Well	£400	Spent under Kitchen
Benches - BDBC	£600	Spent under Routine Mtce. which includes minor new items
Warm Spaces - Southern Counties	£500	Spent under Utilities
Total	£1,500	

8. Movement in other Funds

		1st. Jan. 23	IN	OUT	31.Dec.23
Reserve Fund		£50,000	£0	£0	£50,000
FDF-D	#1	£40,000	£0	£0	£40,000
FDF-R	#1	£7,881	0	£7,881	£0
Youth Fund		£3,450	£0	£750	£2,700
D. Fees		£0	£1,274	£1,274	£0
Lecturn Fund		£1,000	£0	£0	£1,000
Appeals Fund (not CCC)		£0	£2,805	£2,653	£151
Total		£102,331	£4,079	£12,559	£93,851

£93,851

9. Appeals Fund - all donations received passed on.

		1st. Jan. 23	IN	OUT	31.Dec.23
The Safe		£0.00	£41.65	£41.65	£0.00
Smile Uganda	#2	£0.00	£430.00	£430.00	£0.00
MacMillan Cancer		£0.00	£624.41	£624.41	£0.00
Wheels for the World		£0.00	£552.79	£552.79	£0.00
Trevor leaving	#3	£0.00	£97.00	£97.00	£0.00
BDDF	#4	£0.00	£874.76	£907.52	-£32.76
TerraCycle	#5	£0.00	£184.06	£0.00	£184.06
Total Appeals		£0.00	£2,804.67	£2,653.37	£151.30

£151.30

Notes:

#1: FDF = Facilities Development Fund

#2: added to the £3K from Mission Support

#3: CCC rounded this up

#4: Basingstoke & Deane Disability Forum - some Giving banked in 2024

#5: TerraCycle - helping a Christian charity to close

CHRIST CHURCH CHINEHAM, BASINGSTOKE

England & Wales - Charity number 1142640

Accounts

Annual Report for 2022/23

Published for our Annual Meeting, 3rd May 2023,
covering May 2022 to May 2023

Church Family News

Hello & Goodbye

We have welcomed Ayliffe Taylor, Jenn Hale, Helen Porter, Kathleen Adom, Amy Mills, Carlos, Steve Olawiyola and Lorraine Fisher as Church Members, and we've welcomed about 40 others now regularly worshipping with us (online or in person).

Sadly taken from us during this period were Christ Church members Kay Smith and Karen McLeod. We have prayed for all those mourning their loss, and rejoice that we'll be reunited in the heavenly age to come. We also said goodbye to Doris Kay, Jonathan McMurtary, Herb and Marg Payne, and Paul and Gillian Gath, all of whom have moved away from the area.

Sadly also taken from us was our much-loved caretaker, Brian Walker. After a gap while we re-assessed our caretaking and cleaning needs, we also said goodbye to Hayley Bedford, and we were fortunate to recruit John Woodmansey as our new joint caretaker/cleaner in November.

Electoral Roll and Membership

As of 5 April 2023, there were **115 adults** on the **Electoral Roll**, **63** of whom are not resident within the parish. 7 have been added to the Roll and 7 removed during the year. We now have **113** adults on our separate **Church Membership** list – 8 have joined the membership and 11 have left. Of this number 95 are affiliated as 'Ecumenical' members, with the others having a variety of denominational affiliations. We estimate that we also have an additional **75 adults** as well as **60 children and teenagers** who we know, and are regularly worshipping with us in person and online. We also estimate that we have at least 30 joining us online regularly who aren't yet known to us.

Rebecca Pain, Church Administrator and Electoral Officer

Minister's Review

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

These words have been true over the last year, as God has been to His people in each previous year. We have seen that in the way that:

- He has often provided for us in big ways and small, including voluntary help from those with spare time after our caretaker Brian died;
- Having guided us last year to start 'The Well', we had a good base on which to build to make the 'Warm Welcome space' for the community in the cold months;
- He has graciously provided an excellent staff team to share in the work of ministry and support to ministry;
- we have seen His love shared between us, including the very many who continue to serve in the church (see the Thanks at the end) and in our town-wide ministries (including Street Pastors, The Safe, Junction 5, Town Chaplaincy, Community Food Link, Food Bank ...);
- God has added to our number, welcoming a good number of people who have moved into the area, looking for "a good church";
- through this, our diversity has increased, a sign of God's Kingdom at work here and now;
- the vast majority of our pre-pandemic church family are now meeting in person again;
- He has led people of all ages to living faith through Jesus, including believers baptism for some of our teens and adults, and baptism of infants from believing families.

No church is perfect, of course, because it's made up of sinners like me. We all have different backgrounds, gifts and preferences, and go at different speeds. I'm grateful that despite these differences we have 'borne with one another in love' and continued to look for God to bless all of us, and through us our wider community.

It remains a wonderful privilege to lead the ministry at Christ Church, because of the faithfulness, friendship and support of so many. Thank you!

Jonathan Clark

Reports from Ministry Areas

The following short reports deliberately don't cover every activity or team in detail, but particularly reflect where there have been changes in the last year.

Prayer Life

No church, ministry or individual Christian can flourish without the “hidden life of prayer”, which brings us to trust and know God more fully. Our small groups are praying, and of course we intercede in all our services, but our evening prayer gatherings (some in person again; some on Zoom) have not been well attended. This is not a good sign.

Mission and Outreach

Our focus this year has been on developing our welcome at our building. See below for the new **Well** and **Warm Welcome** spaces, and the continued weekly **Craft Group** and fortnightly **Tuesday Lunches** which include a number of older people who aren't in our congregations.

Some church members have responded to the **Ukraine War** by hosting refugees in their homes; others have helped by supporting English Language support groups, including one hosted at CCC.

Our Christmas special activities (including Carol Service, 'Blue Christmas' Service and Festival Day) were advertised online and through Christmas cards to most houses in the parish. We have started to contact people moving into new homes/flats in the parish.

We have continued our good links with **Great Binfields School** (with Open the Book, pre-recorded assemblies, the interactive Easter Trail for Year 4, and pre-recorded Easter service) and the smaller links with **Four Lanes** (both a Christingle and 'church building visit' live-streamed over Teams). We have again hosted the **1st Chineham Cub** pack for an evening of investigation about the Christian faith, and this year welcomed the **Chineham Beaver Lodge** too. Maggie C and Marianne S continue to lead **Open the Book teams** in other Basingstoke schools, and we're grateful to all who tell God's story in this engaging way.

Our online services continue to be a helpful way for people to 'check us out' – our doors are now open in this way, wherever people live, and whenever they want to.

Teaching

During this period our small groups have studied the Bible in many different ways. In our services we've worked our way through Bible books (Ruth, 2 Thessalonians, Esther), as well as considered themes (Our Generous God, The work of the Holy Spirit, Who is God?, People in Prayer).

We have continued with Sunday morning groups for primary and secondary age children – see more details below.

Worship Services

We've enjoyed the first year without any Covid-19 restrictions ...

Our Wednesday morning services each week continue to attract 10-20 people who much appreciate it. The style is 'informal traditional', and quite varied, thanks to the different styles of its leaders (Sue Strawson, Katie Garner, Janet Scott, Liz Lang, Jonathan Clark).

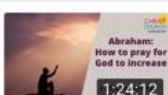
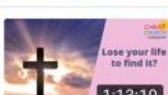
Our Sunday morning services have seen slow but steady growth in numbers and variety. We've continued to stream this service (with big thanks to the hard work of our Video Team (see report below)), but gradually more people have joined us in-person again. On average we have 150 joining us in person and 75 online each month. On any given Sunday, we're only seeing half to two-thirds these numbers, as previous attendance habits (and attitudes?) were changed by the pandemic.

The variety of Sunday service styles has increased, including a number of all-age services with 'response zones' (even on Remembrance Sunday with many young people from Scouts, Cubs and Beavers too), and latterly several services using full printed formal Holy Communion liturgies.

We're well aware that some want to move back to the previous pattern of 9am and 10.30am Sunday morning services which we had until the pandemic. The ministers, staff and Wardens have frequently discussed during the year, and the Church Council have also discussed it several times at length. At the time of writing, we have not currently come to enough of a consensus to come to the congregation with a proposal that we feel is sustainable. Simultaneously though, the Council have started to review our Church Health, and Vision, which will inform all of the life of church, including a future pattern of services.

Musically, we started the year mostly using the 'lyric videos' that our musicians and audio editors made in 2020 and 2021, but by the end we almost always have live-led worship again. The recordings are great, but we definitely feel more engaged and lifted when led live, and able to respond more to what the Spirit is doing in us. We continue to use a mixture of the best of older and newer songs and hymns, with the emphasis on words that are both true and meaningful, and with tunes that are easy to pick up and sing.

1 Some of our services (as seen from YouTube):

	"How to pray with confidence", CCC's s... Christ Church Chineham's service for Sun 19 Mar 2023. Our Mothering Sunday...
	"Hannah's example: how to pray from ... Christ Church Chineham's service for Sun 12 Mar 2023. Our series on 'People in...
	"Daniel: how to pray for mercy", CCC's ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 5 Mar 2023. Daniel:...
	"Abraham: how to pray for God to incr... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 26 Feb 2023. We...
	"Quoting God's words back at Him", C... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 19 Feb 2023. Readin...
	"Lose your life to find it", CCC's service... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 12 Feb 2023. We...
	"Two Days Celebrated", CCC's service ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 5 Feb 2023. Nigel...
	"Two Advisers Sentenced", CCC's servi... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 29 Jan 2023. 0:00 -...
	"Longing for Light", CCC's service for S... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 22 Jan 2023. It's our...
	"Two Conspiracies Uncovered", CCC's ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 15 Jan 2023. Part 2...
	"Two Queens enthroned", CCC's servic... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 8 Jan 2023. The first...
	"Covenant Service", CCC's service for ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 1 Jan 2023. Coven...
	"Christmas Praise", CCC's service for ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 25 Dec 2022. We...
	"Carol Service", CCC's service for Sun ... Christ Church Chineham @Home and in the building for Sun 18 Dec 2022. We...
	"Living and Praying Every Day", CCC's ... Christ Church Chineham @ Home and in the building for Sun 11 Dec 2022....

We have continued to make our services available on CD for a member of our congregation who can't access the internet. We have done more Home Communion for church family members who can't get to our services, helped by training Denise Bain to lead this when Jonathan Clark isn't available.

Children

At present, we are still running one group for the children for years R to 5. Pre-school children are welcome to stay as long as an adult is with them. This is not an ideal situation but the consistency of numbers makes it difficult to split the group, which can vary from 8 to 26. There remains a need for additional leaders and helpers.

Thanks go to the team, Shirah, Amy, Keith, Mark, Marguerite, Martha, Helen, Katie, Ayliffe and Steve for their work with this group. They have been following a timeline through the Bible and the children have discovered many stories from both the Old and New Testament. They have enjoyed celebrating and learning about the events that happened at Christmas and Easter. We also ran a Messy Light party which was well attended.

Liz Lang

Youth

Since November 2022, we have been able to offer a session every Sunday morning for the youth, years 6-11. This has been made possible due to additional volunteers joining the team. I would like to thank Jonathan Pain, Angie Sawyer, Tracy Orr, Andrew Varley and Aidan Nickerson for their support.

It has been encouraging to see this group grow. This is partly due to year 6s moving up but there are a couple of new members too. Currently there are 14 on the register with an average of 6-8 attending each week. Over the past months they have studied and discussed issues that concern them, preparing themselves by putting on the armour of God as well as looking at what the Bible says about creation, climate and compassion. We are in the process of setting up a mentoring initiative with volunteers from the congregation who will be paired with a young person and, through developing a relationship, help and support them on their Christian journey.

One of the challenges is organising additional activities as the young people attend 10 different schools, each having many extracurricular commitments. However, we did enjoy a social evening out at Pizza Express where a great deal of food was consumed!

There has been a shift in what youth work looks like today and it is important to know that it is not just about what happens at Christ Church but in the wider area too. I represent Christ Church at the Basingstoke Youth Leaders and Pastors group made up of people from many different churches across the town. We meet every half term to pray, encourage and share ideas with one another. This has enabled us to work together to run activities, joining groups together. For instance, CCC Youth met with Hub Youth for a games and pizza evening. We also met with Melrose Church and Hub Youth to play Taskmaster. Hub Church is currently running Youth Alpha and they invited CCC Youth to come along. By arranging these small events, there is an opportunity to provide more than would be possible where there are groups with lower numbers.

I am part of the b:united team which is responsible for running events for the youth of Basingstoke. There are three main events a year which follow a format of games, food, praise, worship, guest speaker and prayer. The numbers attending these are from 60 - 80 and it has been great to see

young people connecting with others that they go to school with but who attend different churches. Recently two social events have been introduced where they can invite their friends; 98 went trampolining at Atmosphere and over 50 came to Nerf Gun Wars. We have a second trampolining coming up in May and ice skating later in the year.

There are gaps which still need addressing, especially for those in years 12 plus and young adults, and we will be looking to see how we can provide something relevant to them.

Liz Lang

Pastoral Care

Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ."

At Christ Church we reach out in many different ways to welcome all and serve the needs of Church family as well as our local community.

The welcoming team each Sunday offers a friendly face and a first point of contact on Sunday morning, but each and every member of our church family continues to play a vital role in welcoming and supporting those who come to Christ Church. The volunteers offering tea and coffee at the end of each service help to create the convivial atmosphere where people can get to know each other. It is really heartening to hear how many new arrivals to the area and those visiting have felt the warm welcome uplift them as they arrived at our doors.

The prayer team petition the Lord and uphold all that goes on in Christ Church asking for help in the name of Jesus Christ and we have been richly blessed in so many ways. "God is good." The opportunity to pray on a more personal level at the end of each service has become a much-valued aspect of our service, uplifting and comforting to those who have sought it.

House groups continue to offer crucial ways in which support and friendship is offered as the Bible is studied.

Tuesday Lunches: Marianne and her team once a fortnight transform the Shaftesbury room into a lively bespoke dining room where delicious meals and buzzing conversations make everyone feel welcome and give those who might otherwise eat alone share company as well a tasty meal.

The Well offers a warm place to meet, chat, complete jigsaws, play games or read while helping yourself to tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake!

Warm Space operates during the rest of the week each morning offering the same opportunities as The Well.

The Pastoral Team volunteers continue to visit, offer practical help and a friendly ear. The Team which was blessed in church last year consists of a coordinators group and a wider team of outreach. Please contact the office if you need to get in touch.

Flowers: Each week we are blessed with flowers to enhance the church and our worship, a wonderful reminder of God's creation and its beauty. Thanks to those who use their talents and time to display these. After the service some of these flowers are taken to members of the congregation and the community to cheer and celebrate with them.

Home Communion: For those who cannot be with us in the building due to ill health, Jonathan and the Pastoral Team, when possible, take communion out to our brothers and sisters at home so that

they may join in the shared supper and the reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and God's love for each and every one of us. This has been much appreciated by those who are unable to be with us in church.

Denise Bain

The Well/Warm Welcome

The Well, meeting every Monday morning and the second Saturday afternoon in the month, had been going for over a year and was attracting regular visitors each week. Then last summer we heard about the Warm Space initiative and felt this was something we could embrace. So as the weather got colder we opened up each weekday from 10 -12. We got extra furniture thanks to a Councillor Grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, making it possible to set up a welcoming area in the foyer. The grant also funded the printing and delivery of fliers advertising our "Warm Space at The Well" and other warm spaces in the area; places where people struggling to heat their homes could go for a warm up, a hot drink and some company.

We haven't been inundated with visitors but we have made a difference. Even people popping in with bottle tops or stamps, or coming to the office have been welcomed and some have stayed for a cuppa and a chat.

We have an amazing group of volunteers from within the church and the community who have loyally turned up and just been there. We thank them all.

With warmer weather hopefully on the way we shouldn't need to provide warmth but we do hope to continue having a welcoming presence each weekday morning. If you are passing, please pop in and say hello.

Janet Scott

Socials

Conscious that the pandemic disrupted most relationships, including friendships between church members, we have aimed to have a different sort of social time each month, as well as the usual after-service refreshments. This included a "CCC Big BBQ" in the summer, and a first joint social with Zion Church on Good Friday.

Sparklers

Over the last year we have been very blessed with being able to welcome lots of new parents/carers to Sparklers. The group not only has availability for 20 parents to book in (we are just about to up this number to 23), I also hold a couple of spaces back in case new parents or referrals from Health Visitors/Homestart try to book. We are also running a cancellation list which allows us to invite parents in if someone has to cancel.

A huge thank you to our amazing team of volunteers (Keith, Geraldine, Elaine, Frances, Kate, Anne and Gill) for all their hard work.

Tonya Butler

Ecumenical Life

Christ Church remains formally part of the Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed Church denominations, and the local Baptist Association. We've had visible expression of this by

having Rev Martin Beukes join the team as our Methodist Minister, and Rev Trevor Woodget continuing as our Baptist Minister. They are on our Church Council, and have preached.

Our local area connections as part of OneChurch Basingstoke remain strong. Examples of this include:

- Liz Lang being part of the cross-church detached 'youth table' at the top of town meeting youth after school, and b:united events team;
- CCC members being part of town-wide services on Zoom and in person;
- We've hosted occasional OneChurch events, and some of the weekly local church leaders meetings for support and prayer;
- The fledgling Basingstoke 'Movement for Recovery' has changed name to 'Together for Basingstoke', and continues to build partnerships between local Christian projects and charities, and our local civic groups, particularly Basingstoke & Deane Council. Jonathan Clark is on this steering group, and the OneChurch leadership team.

EcoChurch

Despite having no clear leader, work has continued, increasingly looking to influence our local area. This including hosting a seminar on green finance, and helping the new Chineham Repair Café get going (by hosting it for free, and Jonathan Clark being a trustee), and starting to liaise over local conservation efforts. Jean Wilde continues to provide ideas and contacts, and Leila Bennett has stepped up to lead on the 'church grounds' part of the portfolio.

Sunday Video Team

The Video/Visual Team is David Blake, Andrew Price, Keith McLeod, Gareth Rowlands, Peter Chiverton, Jonathan Pain and Michael McConnell. Through the pandemic the focus of the Team was to output the church services solely to YouTube, but during this last year the focus has slowly shifted towards the congregation within the building. For some within the building, the camera output has been a distraction and to this end we are now experimenting with showing the camera output on the front-of-house screens for less of the service.

However, to give the home audience the visual context of what is happening within the building and a connection to the speaker it is important to still present camera output to YouTube.

This has been a challenge as we are trying to simultaneously output two versions of the service.

Whilst the current team size is just sufficient to limit the times needed to be on duty to once a month, it would be advantageous to train up new people. A number of the Team members have been involved from the beginning of Covid and need a rest; others are involved in the band, so sometimes it proves difficult finding a balance of rota duties. Please consider joining the Team - we need more people.

David Blake

Safeguarding

Liz Lang continues as our Safeguarding Officer, and Alex Bain as our DBS Officer, both liaising with the professional officers at the Diocese of Winchester.

During this period the Church Council has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. As part of this the Church Council now has Safeguarding as a standing item on its agenda.

We have also asked most of our leaders, all on the Church Council, and those working with children and other vulnerable adults, to complete basic online safeguarding training. We have established a new recording matrix to track what training church members have completed.

Liz Lang

Data Protection

Rebecca Pain is our Data Protection Officer.

We continue to display notices informing congregation members that we film our services, but aim never to show people except those who come to the lectern to contribute. Our live-streaming team members can blur out the image, or cut to a still image, or mute the stream entirely, if need be. We can also remove sections of a service from the YouTube recording if we realise after the fact that someone or something should not be publicly available.

Rebecca Pain

Thanks

We are an active church, and its only possible because lots of us get stuck into its different ministries. So, thank you to every one who has got involved. Particular thanks go to those who have been leading or coordinating activities and groups, including Alex Bain, Denise Bain, Linda Banfield, David Blake, Becky Cassini, Maggie & Peter Chiverton, Martha Clark, Anne Daw, Kate Dean, Katie & Jim Garner, David Josey, Aidan & Katie Nickerson, Keith Lang, Liz Lang, Patience Ndaga, Jonathan & Rebecca Pain, Marg Payne, Howard Roughley, Marianne Sales, Janet Scott, Carolyn Shergold, Sue Strawson, Jo Weineck, Judi Wonci, Jean Wilde, Mark & Rachel Wilson, and Andrew Young.

Thanks too to our Church Wardens Katie Garner and Olu Ojo-Oratokhai and staff team Liz Lang, Rebecca Pain, Tonya Butler, (and for part of the year Brian Walker, Hayley Bedford and John Woodmansey), who in their different ways have contributed much to our life and ministry together.

But most of all, "thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:57).

Jonathan Clark

Mission Partnerships

Since the first years of the Church there have been links between groups in different areas involved in spreading the gospel of God's love. Our partners reach out in different ways to show His love to others and we thank God that we have been able to continue to support our partners through our tithe and prayers. We're currently without a Mission Partnership Group leader, so the following is a briefer summary than usual.

Evangelical Action Brazil: John and Liz Medcraft continue their good work in NE Brazil preaching, teaching, feeding and building and gifting toilets and showers to poor families as well as whole villages! We were pleased to see them in person in autumn 2022.

Cathy Bartram with Wycliffe: Cathy is on the teaching staff at Moorlands College training the next generation of linguists to translate the Bible into new “Heart Languages”. This will mean people get to read the Bible in their own languages for the first time.

Flavel Church: Karl and Deb Stone continue their witness and outreach in the heart of Dartmouth, Devon, through church and coffee shop.

Smile Uganda: Alex and Bennie Gift and their team of pastors continue to work hard to support local families, youth and children in many different ways: through youth groups, food parcels, sponsored children to attend school, teaching skills to adults, and preaching. They are working on the ‘Seeds of Love’ park to provide space for locals for sport, recreation, and a venue to provide some revenue. But the first job is to provide public toilets! We were pleased to host Alex and Bennie in March 2023.

URC Food Table: The Community Food Table continues to operate some of the week outside the United Reformed Church, London Street. It uses food that would otherwise go to landfill donated by the Community Food Link.

Youth Outreach Table: This continues 4 afternoons a week outside the United Reformed Church, London Street, mainly manned by local church’s youth workers and helpers.

(‘Compassion’ Supported child) Angoon continues to develop and correspond with some of our young people.

Please see the Finance Report for details of the **donations** we’ve made to these partners, and the Street Pastors, Town Chaplains, Junction 5 debt advice as they continue to support local people.

Please pray for health, energy and wisdom as they spread God’s love in word and deed ...

Buildings & Facilities

Brian Walker was a brilliant caretaker for us for many years. Always cheerful, we only discovered after he died just how much he'd given in voluntary hours to the church. While we reviewed our cleaning and caretaking needs we were wonderfully blessed by a small but dedicated team who voluntarily covered most of his work, and Hayley Bedford's too after she decided not to be part of the new team. The cleaning was chiefly undertaken and managed by Katie Garner.

Later in the year it was very good to welcome John Woodmansey to the team as joint Caretaker/Cleaner. This now means that there is a person to keep on top of the day-to-day work that is needed around the building in terms of low level maintenance and the cleaning. Going forward, John will be working on redecorating some areas as well as looking at ways to improve the outside grounds to give better use.

There is continued regular maintenance and servicing carried out, including main doors, shutters, fire alarm and extinguisher checks, emergency lighting and the sump pump. The electrical distribution boards required their five year check which was completed at the end of 2022.

Less was spent on maintenance and refurbishment than hoped, because it has proved difficult to actually get responses from builders, let alone quotes, in the current climate. This has pushed some expenditure into future years.

We are currently looking at major two projects. One is to repair the roof where leaks from broken ridge tiles and the Velux windows are causing water to come into the building. Work to address this will have been completed by the time you read this. The second is for a new control panel for the main worship area lighting with the possible replacement of the lighting to LED bulbs. This has been proving difficult to source relevant quotes as we will need a complete new system to replace the obsolete one. The inner doors, although working at the moment, are reaching the point of needing a new motor and finance will need to be put aside to do this.

Liz Lang

Lettings

By the time of last year's Annual Report, most of our regular hirers had returned following the lockdown period; these include a variety of U3A groups, card/board games and local arts groups, as well as two other churches. Unfortunately, however, since Christmas we have lost three of our regular hirers due to a decline in their numbers, and so we shall be looking to advertise the rooms we have available to maximise their use. On the other hand, the number of one-off bookings for children's parties etc. increased last year as people made up for not being able to hold family gatherings during lockdown; last year these averaged one per fortnight.

Rebecca Pain

Administrative Information

Christ Church is located in Chineham, Basingstoke, and is the Church of England Parish Church (part of the Diocese of Winchester). It is also a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) jointly held with the Baptists (Southern Counties Baptist Association), The Methodist Church (Basingstoke and Reading Circuit) and the United Reformed Church (Wessex Synod). The LEP has a Constitution and Sharing Agreement agreed between the four denominations.

The correspondence address is Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, Hampshire, RG24 8LT. The Church Council is a charity registered with the UK Charity Commission, number 1142640.

Objectives and Activities

The ecumenical Joint Church Council (referred to simply as 'the Church Council') of Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent and other denominations' ministers in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community. The Council maintains an overview of worship in the parish where we aim to put our faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (See earlier sections for details.)
- Provision of pastoral care for people of all ages living in the parish. (Including many of our regular groups.)
- Support community life by provision of community centre space for local groups to use. (In particular we continue to be pleased to host before- and after-school childcare run by the local Willowdene business.)
- Missionary and outreach work – by giving prayer and financial support.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the buildings and facilities of Christ Church and the Church Centre complex. The PCC is specifically responsible for this; for details of how the PCC works as part of the Church Council, please see our separate 'How We Work' document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of Church Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules, the Constitution, and interpreted by our 'How We Work' document. All church attendees are encouraged to become a Member of Christ Church, to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the Church Council.

Church Council members who served between 8 May 2022 and 2 May 2023 were:

Title/Role	Name	Dates (if different)
Denominational Ministers (ex officio)	Jonathan Clark (Chair, Anglican) Trevor Woodget (Baptist) Ruth Midcalf (Methodist) Martin Beukes (Methodist) <i>vacant</i> (URC)	Until May 2022 From September 2022
Church Wardens (ex officio)	Katie Garner Olu Ojo-Oratokhai	
Treasurer	David Josey	
Ordinary Members	Patience Ndaga Andrew Young Gareth Rowlands	
Deanery Synod Representatives (PCC ex officio)	David Josey Jonathan Pain Rebecca Pain	
Denominational Representatives	Marianne Sales (Methodist) Liz Foster (URC) <i>vacant</i> (Baptist)	

The Lead Minister is also a member of the Basingstoke Deanery Synod, and Christ Church can appoint up to 3 lay members to this Synod.

The Methodist Minister, Lead Minister, and Methodist representative are members of the management team of the Basingstoke & Reading Circuit and Connexion.

The URC Minister, Lead Minister, and URC representative are voting members of the Wessex Synod.

The Baptist Minister, Lead Minister, and Baptist representative are voting members of the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

Financial Review

Due to illnesses and other challenges in producing the annual Finance Report, your Treasurer was late in handing the draft report and supporting paperwork to our Independent Examiner. Thus the report presented to the APCM is the draft report. When the draft report is passed by the Independent Examiner, then Church Council will be asked to adopt it. Should any changes be required to the draft report, then these will be brought to the next Congregational meeting.

Common Mission Fund: We give a general mission contribution to each of the four denominations that constitute Christ Church. The amount of giving is set yearly by the Church Council, and we aim to give generously to each, more than covering their costs in providing ministry through Christ Church. The largest part of this goes to the Diocese of Winchester in recognition that they currently provide the stipend for our minister, his housing, and we use their Safeguarding and DBS systems.

Reserves Policy: We “aim to hold sufficient reserves to guard against unforeseen emergencies — three months running costs (including staff salaries and building maintenance) — and review this at least every 2 years.”

The Council maintains a wider set of **Financial Principles and Practices** in our “How We Work” document.

David Josey & Jonathan Clark

Looking Ahead

During the last year we've responded to an unprecedented refugee crisis. Who knows what surprises the coming year will hold?

Also this year we've seen how Esther and Mordecai trusted God in dangerous and uncertain times. We've heard personal testimonies of God at work in our ordinary lives. So we go forward choosing to trust Almighty and loving God who knows the end from the beginning. As Christ's Church, we continue to follow Jesus by praying, learning, worshipping, supporting, being green, welcoming the stranger, having church family time together, and spreading his good news beyond the church walls and our YouTube channel.

Those things should be true every year. But what's specific for us in 2023-24? Well, I want to make significant progress with the new Church Council and Leadership team on:

- Deepen our **life of prayer**, with bigger and bolder prayers for God to be at work in us, and through us in Chineham area.
- Continuing to become more open to the **Holy Spirit's** work of transforming, equipping and guiding, both corporately and individually.
- Finishing the review of our **Vision** (and the summary **Mission Statement**), created some 20 years ago, and not reviewed for at least 10 years.
- Integrating **new church members** fully into our church family, including the following ...
- Training, encouraging and involving new people to contribute and serve in our many areas of ministry, thus increasing our capacity for ...
- Working out the **best new pattern of gatherings for prayer, worship and discipleship** for the next few years. (The one thing we know isn't possible is simply to return to exactly the same pattern of services from 2019.) Some of the key questions are:
 - what's the best mix of days of the week and times for families, shift workers, retired?
 - which should be streamed or recorded?
 - are there ways we can be more inclusive for those with physical disabilities, neuro-diversity etc.?
- Responding in love and truth to what are likely to be controversial doctrinal changes by the Church of England.
- Improving the insulation, comfort and usability of the **Wesley Hall**, and bid for funding to make other improvements on the 'old side'.

Jonathan Clark

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Church Family News

Hello & Goodbye

We formally welcomed Angie Sawyer, Una Urry and Mark and Rachel Wilson as new church members, and we've welcomed about 15 others now regularly worshipping with us. Our online services have been a helpful way to 'check us out' – our doors are now open in this way, wherever people live, and whenever they want to.

Sadly taken from us during this period were long standing Christ Church members and friends Joan Palmer, Pam Taplin, Val Whitbread and Sylvia Wright. We have prayed for all those mourning their loss, and rejoice that we'll be reunited in the heavenly age to come. We also said goodbye to Andrew and Josephine Childs and Eric and Clare Sullivan, moving to other areas or churches.

Behind the scenes we've also wished our Administrator Gill Godfrey a Happy Retirement, and after an open recruitment process, welcomed Rebecca Pain in her place.

Electoral Roll and Membership

As of 24 April 2022, there were **115 adults** on the **Electoral Roll**, **61** of whom are not resident within the parish. 5 have been added to the Roll and 8 removed during the year. We now have **116** adults on our separate **Church Membership** list – 4 have joined the membership and 8 have left. Of this number **96** are affiliated as 'Ecumenical' members, with the others having a variety of denominational affiliations. We estimate that we also have an additional **60 adults** as well as **60 children and teenagers** who are part of our regular in person and online worshipping community.

Rebecca Pain, Church Administrator and Electoral Officer

Minister's Review

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." – Psalm 145.8

These words have been true over the last year, as God has been to His people in each previous year. We have seen that in the way that:

- He has often provided for us in big ways and small, including voluntary help from those with spare time, when our caretaker was on long term medical leave;
- He has guided a few people to start *The Well*, at a time when others were realising that we needed to stop the earlier group providing welcome and support to the community;
- He has graciously provided such an excellent staff team to share in the work of ministry and support to ministry;
- we have seen His love shared between us, including the very many who continue to serve in the church (see the Thanks at the end) and in our town-wide ministries (including Street Pastors, The Safe, Junction 5, Town Chaplaincy, Community Food Link, Food Bank ...);
- He has led adults to living faith through Jesus, including those who confirmed their new faith at the recent Confirmations;
- the younger generation are responding to God's love for themselves, most notably seen in the recent Baptism by full immersion of Jess and Noah.

In last year's report, I described the particular challenges and work ahead. First of those was: "Simply getting back to **being together again** is going to be a big challenge." It has proved more of a challenge than I thought, underestimating the number of people still needing or wanting to stay online. Coupled with people making more trips away to see family members, it's been hard work making even one hybrid Sunday service happen. I'm grateful to those who have resumed serving each other in many different ways, or started for the first time.

Therefore, it was too soon to tackle the next challenge: "Work out the best pattern of **gatherings for worship and discipleship** for the next year." Following more than usual changes in our small groups, we have reviewed the members, and are in the process of trying to place a dozen or so people into existing groups, and start a couple of new groups.

We have made progress on the question, "How do we provide **support and company for older people** in our wider community, not just our church family?" After many years of faithful operation we decided to retire "Coffee & Co" as the length of the pandemic had broken the links to its main target group of parents with pre-school children. Instead, we started "The Well", which is described below. As expected this will take a while to establish itself, but already it has been a helpful place to welcome a number of refugees, and help us prepare to welcome Ukrainians too.

Behind the scenes: changing both Administrator and Treasury team with almost no problems, shows just how much time and thought has gone in from all involved. We have continued to maintain our facilities well, but have made slower progress than hoped on working out how to make larger improvements to the 'old side' of the building (including the challenge of incorporating a Changing Places Toilet).

In the review that follows, I'm grateful for all those who've kept their faith in God, despite the trials. It remains a wonderful privilege to lead the ministry at Christ Church, because of the faithfulness, friendship and support of so many.

Reports from Ministry Areas

Prayer Life

No church, ministry or individual Christian can flourish without the “hidden life of prayer”, which brings us to trust and know God more fully. Our small groups are praying, and of course we intercede in all our services, but it’s been difficult to find a pattern of specific prayer meetings, despite trying three different times of the week over Zoom.

Mission and Outreach

At the end of 2021 the decision was made to close Coffee & Co. For 15 years, every Monday morning during term time, the team provided home-made cakes and quality drinks to an ever-changing group from the wider community, including young parents of babies and toddlers. Sadly, with the move away of the health visitors' clinic, and then the pandemic, the link with this group became decisively broken, and so the number of guests became too low.

Our Christmas special activities (including Carol Service, ‘Blue Christmas’ Service and Festival Day) were advertised online and through Christmas cards to most houses in the parish.

We have continued our excellent links with **Great Binfields School** (with Open the Book, pre-recorded assemblies, the interactive Easter Trail for Year 4, and pre-recorded Easter service) and the smaller links with **Four Lanes** (both a Christingle and ‘church building visit’ live-streamed over Teams). We have also hosted the **1st Chineham Cub** pack for an evening of investigation about the Christian faith. Maggie C and Marianne S continue to lead **Open the Book teams** in other Basingstoke schools, and we’re grateful to all who tell God’s story in this engaging way.

By the end of the year we’d retired our trusty ‘shed’ which had featured in our outdoor Outreach during the pandemic. It was used for much longer than we expected, but we decided its time had come. Thanks again to Keith L, Ben GJ, Dave G and the others who built it ready for Advent 2020.

Teaching

During this period our small groups have studied the Bible in many different ways. In our services we’ve worked our way through Bible books (Nehemiah, part of Mark’s Gospel, 1 John), as well as considered themes (How does God guide his people?, Worship in the Wilderness).

Two Sunday morning groups for primary and secondary age children have re-started (details below). As far as possible they have been looking at the same passages as the adults.

Worship Services

Our gatherings for worship have both stayed the same, and changed significantly. How so? Throughout the year we’ve continued to stream our ‘hybrid’ Sunday morning services, with big thanks to the hard work of our ‘streaming video’ team (David Blake, Andrew Price, Keith McLeod, Gareth Rowlands, now joined by Peter Chiverton and Jonathan Pain), supported by our administrator. We continued to use many of the song and hymn ‘lyric videos’ that our musicians and audio editors (Howard Roughley, Herb Payne, Jonathan Pain, Aidan Nickerson, Paul Gath) made the previous year.

The year started with our first service where anyone could come in person. The national Covid-19 restrictions, as well as local infection and vaccination rates have varied throughout the year, and has been reflected by a slow but steady switch of people online to in person.

As more of our musicians have been ready to serve again, we've been able to introduce live-led music again, which (in simplified form) is now possible most weeks.

We have a growing Midweek service again in the building each week. With a more traditional feel its style is often similar to our previous 9am Sunday service.

We have continued to make our services available on CD for a member of our congregation who can't access the internet.

Children

Following the easing of lockdown restrictions we were able to start running a children's group during our Sunday services last summer. There are currently 30 children who are on the register but on average attendance is 12-14 children; this includes some preschool children who stay with their parents. We are currently running just one Sunday morning group which is not ideal, especially for those that are older, but necessary due to the limited number of leaders and helpers. We try to incorporate something for the older children into each session. Many thanks go to the team who are supporting this work: Katie N, Amy, Shirah, Liz F, Keith, Ayliffe, Steve, Helen and Martha.

In addition to our weekly Sunday group, several muddy trails around the building have been held in all sorts of weather. The Christmas Festival included children's activities and a Christingle service, and many children participated in our outdoor nativity service. In March we held our first in person *Family Fun @ 4* event; this consisted of various activities including making unleavened bread, learning about and sharing communion, and a light meal. On Maundy Thursday we held *Messy Muddy Easter*, which included crafts, an Easter trail, worship and lunch; this was attended by a number of families from the community as well as church members. Moving forward we are looking to plan further Messy Church events.

Liz Lang

Youth

We have started a small youth group for 11-15 year olds on alternate Sunday mornings, led by Liz Lang who is supported by Andrew Varley and Jonathan Pain. The numbers range between 4 - 6, and they are growing together as a group. There is currently no provision for those that are 16+ although they are welcome to join this group as young leaders; options for this age group are being explored. It would be good to offer a group each Sunday but it would require more leaders / helpers to come on board to facilitate this. The youth are encouraged to be helpers and young leaders with the children on the weeks when their group is not meeting.

Liz Lang meets regularly with youth leaders from churches across Basingstoke. This is a time to share ideas and best practice, and most importantly to pray for the youth who attend our churches as well as those who live in our town. This year we have been working on holding smaller joint social events to help young people identify with others across the town who share their beliefs. So far we have held one joint (very noisy!) social evening of games/pizzas with Hub Church, and future events are being planned including a 'Taskmaster' evening.

B:United consists of three main events for Christian youth (11-18 year olds) in Basingstoke and North Hampshire, held in March, July and October. It is an opportunity for young people to experience God together. The leadership team is made up of youth leaders from across the town, including Liz Lang and a number of young people (18+) who take a central role in planning and

leading. The theme for 2022 is Evangelism and the format for these events includes ice-breaker games, food, fellowship, a guest speaker, worship, testimonies and prayer.

To strengthen B:United, the team is adding some additional social evenings this year where everyone can bring a friend. These include Atmosphere Trampolining in May and Nerf Wars in October.

The Youth Table is open every evening (term time) from 3 - 4.30pm outside the URC in Basingstoke. It has a team of 3-4 rotated each day, who connect and talk to the young people coming out of school and college. This gives an opportunity to make links, offer food (provided by CFL) and have good conversations. At present we are working on developing a way to keep connected with those who are moving on at the end of term. The team currently runs a mini CU at URC on Tuesday lunchtimes for college students.

Liz Lang

Pastoral Care

During the past year efforts have been made to keep in touch with the fellowship at Christ Church pastorally, and especially with those who have been unable to attend services in the building.

Following discussions with the existing pastoral team, as well as some new members, a group of about 14 began a 6 week Pastoral Study Course in January led by our Baptist Minister, Rev Trevor Woodget. Following that, Liz Lang, Denise Bain and Linda Banfield have been meeting on a regular basis with Jonathan to discuss our pastoral work and to then liaise with the team who also now meet together every 2-3 months. It is hoped to carry out regular visiting, as well as keeping in touch via emails and telephone calls where appropriate.

As a further addition to our pastoral work some of our Sunday flowers are now given to someone in the church or a contact in the local community each week. This may be because of illness or accident, birth of a baby, a bereavement or a special birthday, anniversary etc. These have been well received and much appreciated.

Over past months, Marianne and her team have made lunch available for the church and community on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. An effort is always made by church folk to mingle with visitors and make a connection with them in order to build relationships. Some of the pastoral team have taken the lead in this.

Linda Banfield

Wellbeing

Through the pandemic it became apparent that there were many isolated and lonely people in the area and it was suggested that Christ Church could develop "a safe space where it's OK not to be OK". A small group of us got together and started by looking at the Renew Wellbeing organisation for ideas. We liked some of the ideas but decided we would work independently, tailoring things to our specific situation. So in January we started *The Well* each Monday morning from 10 -12. The hope was that people would come along to find a welcome and somewhere safe just to "be". In reality, however, we have a lovely group of church folk who enjoy meeting each week but as yet we haven't attracted many from outside the church. Weekends often prove to be a difficult time for people living alone so more recently we have also started opening up on the second Saturday in the month from 2 - 4. Please pray for those involved to see how to develop *The Well* so as to meet the needs of the local community as well as church folk.

Socials

We have continued with our after-service coffee time and held this mostly outside. Over the past year, we were able to begin to hold social events and during August there were cream teas and picnics on Sunday afternoons.

In recent months we have been able to restart our Newcomers' Lunches which give new members an opportunity to meet people as well as to learn more about Christ Church. These are prepared by Marianne and her team, who also provide a tasty two-course meal on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month; these are proving to be very popular. The craft group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons with several new members.

Planning is now taking place for this year's events and activities.

Sparklers

We were very blessed to have been able to run Sparklers right through 2021 up to the present day. During the lockdowns the sessions were reduced to 3 parents with only myself and Kate Dean overseeing and offering support; there was no charge for these sessions. As the lockdowns eased we were able to raise the numbers slowly and the volunteer team returned with parents and the team all wearing masks. We are still using the booking system which allows us to keep numbers at a sensible level, allowing plenty of room for children to play safely; this system also means we have much less waste of the fresh fruit that we give to the children for snack time. Sparklers has seen many new parents coming along and it has been a joy getting to know everyone.

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers (Keith, Geraldine, Elaine, Frances, Kate and Anne) who work so hard every session. We are pleased to have welcomed Gill Godfrey onto our team recently.

I am in search of a retired health visitor or midwife who might volunteer to come in once a month to chat to parents and give advice, as I think this would be a great support to our parents.

Tonya Butler

Ecumenical Life

Christ Church remains formally part of the Baptist, Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed Church denominations. We've had visible expression of this by having Rev Ruth Midcalf join the team as our Methodist Minister, and Rev Trevor Woodget as our Baptist Minister. They are on our Church Council, and have preached, along with others from those denominations.

Our local area connections as part of OneChurch Basingstoke remain strong. Signs of this include:

- Liz Lang being part of the cross-church detached 'youth table' at the top of town meeting youth after school
- CCC members being part of town-wide services on Zoom and in person again
- many local church leaders meeting weekly for support and prayer.
- a small group of us have started a Basingstoke 'Movement for Recovery', building on partnerships between churches and councils now emerging in some UK cities. We started by surveying all the local churches and Christian charities about what social support and action

we do between us – lots! We're now waiting to engage with the Council members themselves after the local elections.

EcoChurch

We are maintaining our interest in this, and ensuring we are helping love our neighbours by making ethical (including 'eco') decisions in our purchasing. We're also now hosting pop-ups for the local 'Top up' eco-company. We'd like to make more progress, but without someone from the church family to coordinate the work, this will be tricky. Offers of help here, as in most areas of our common life, will be welcome!

Safeguarding

Liz Lang continues as our Safeguarding Officer, and Alex Bain as our DBS Officer, both liaising with our chosen professional officers at the Diocese of Winchester.

During this period the Church Council has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. As part of this the Church Council now has Safeguarding as a standing item on its agenda.

We have also asked most of our leaders, all on the Church Council, and those working with children and other vulnerable adults, to complete basic online safeguarding training. We have established a new recording matrix to track what training church members have completed.

Liz Lang

Data Protection

Having taken up the role of Administrator in January 2022, Rebecca Pain is now our Data Protection Officer.

The Church Council reviewed our Data Protection Policy and Register of Processing Activities on 22 March 2022. We continue to display notices informing congregation members that we film our services, but aim never to show people except those who come to the lectern to contribute. Our live-streaming team members can blur out the image, or cut to a still image, or mute the stream entirely, if need be. We can also remove sections of a service from the YouTube recording if we realise after the fact that someone or something should not be publicly available.

Rebecca Pain

Thanks

We are an active church, and its only possible because lots of us get stuck into its different ministries. So, thank you for your involvement even in this restricted period. Particular thanks to those who have been leading or coordinating activities and groups, including Alex Bain, Denise Bain, Linda Banfield, David Blake, Becky Cassini, Josephine Childs, Maggie & Peter Chiverton, Martha Clark, Anne Daw, Kate Dean, Brian Foster, Katie & Jim Garner, Gill Godfrey, David Josey, Aidan & Katie Nickerson, Keith Lang, Liz Lang, Karen McLeod, Patience Ndaga, Jonathan & Rebecca Pain, Herb & Marg Payne, Howard & Sarah Roughley, Marianne Sales, Janet Scott, Carolyn Shergold, Sue Strawson, Val Whitbread, Jo Weineck, Jean Wilde, and Andrew Young.

Thanks too to our Church Wardens Liz Foster and Olu Ojo-Oratokhai and staff team Liz Lang, Gill Godfrey, Rebecca Pain, Tonya Butler, Brian Walker & Hayley Bedford, who in their different ways all contribute so much to our life and ministry.

But most of all, “thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Jonathan Clark

Mission Partnerships

Covid has impacted on so many and so much of life in so many ways, but the one constant in all our lives near and far is the love of God. It is with and in God’s love that our partners reach out in different ways to show His love to others and we thank God that we have been able to continue to support our partners through our tithe.

Evangelical Action Brazil: John and Liz Medcraft continue their good work in NE Brazil and they are thankful to God for heavy rain recently with the Dam in Patos overflowing. The EAB team support in so many ways: preaching, teaching, feeding and building and gifting toilets and showers to poor families as well as whole villages! John and Liz are hoping to return to England for the months of September and October to visit family and friends and minister in several churches. We are hoping they can worship with us in September and look forward to welcoming them. Please pray for their mission and upcoming rest.

Cathy Bartram and the Wycliffe College: Cathy is on the teaching staff at Moorlands College training the next generation of linguists to translate the Bible into new “Heart Languages” to enable people to read the Bible in their own languages for the first time. She has organised a major conference in Africa for their translators which finally managed to go ahead this year after so many delays due to Covid. The uptake and response from those who attended the conference has been tremendous and reaffirming. Praise God.

She asks us to pray for her work and for the field workers who are often working in remote and difficult areas to take the Word of God to people desperate to hear it spoken in their own languages and to be able to read it for themselves.

Flavel Church: Karl and Deb Stone continue their witness and outreach in Dartmouth, Devon and have maintained contact throughout the various restrictions, but they acknowledge that it has been a challenging year and is taking some time to encourage folk back after the various lockdowns and the new wave of the virus. As a result, their Sunday attendance has been sporadic. However, they have started to run a Family Feast once a month on a Sunday for all the church family and these have been well-attended with several new people coming along.

During the last two years they have been running a Zoom session for children called “Word Warriors” from 9.30 to 10 and these have been well-attended and well received!

Smile Uganda: Alex and Bennie Gift and their team of pastors continue to work hard to support local families, youth and children in many different ways: through youth groups, food parcels, sponsored children to attend school (they currently help 271 children with school fees) and preaching. They are still working on creating a park area for recreation, football and other games.

Life in Uganda has its own challenges but like anywhere the breakdown of vehicles can cause real difficulty where public transport is sparse or non-existent. Alex and the family did manage to get their truck working after the last breakdown but they are struggling to keep it on the road and it is vital for the distribution of food parcels and the outreach preaching programmes. They ask for our prayers and any additional funding to help with this very practical problem.

The URC Food Table and Youth Outreach Table: The Community Food Table continues to operate 4 days a week outside the United Reformed Church, London Street. It uses food that would otherwise go to landfill donated by the Community Food Link and offers cooked hot food on a "pay as you go basis". Numbers attending the table weekly average 80-100 people. The tables and kitchen are manned by volunteers from churches across Basingstoke.

A similar youth table operates in the afternoon for school and college aged pupils. It offers a simpler menu of drinks, crisps and cakes etc. Both tables find good engagement with their customers.

Prayer is needed for increased numbers of volunteers on both tables and kitchen teams, and for the logistics of supplying the table with food, once the Community Food Link has to vacate the URC premises.

(‘Compassion’ Supported child) Angoon is growing and thriving in school and he enjoys his lessons and has written to thank us for our support and to let us know about his love for football! Thanks go to Jemima Lowe and Chloe Pain for writing to Angoon on behalf of the church to give him a young person’s perspective on life in the UK.

We have also given donations to Street Pastors, Town Chaplains Basingstoke, Junction 5 (the debt advice support service) as they continue to support local people. The Street Pastors and Town Chaplains work in Basingstoke town centre supporting local people and witnessing for God showing His love in many different practical ways. They are always looking for more volunteers and the Street Pastors in particular are pleading for those who are able to consider helping in this vital work keeping young people in particular safe while on a night out. Many of the current volunteers are unable to recommit to this work as they reach the age when they are no longer fit enough for the task.

Denise Bain, Jonathan Clark, Liz Foster, Eddie Izzard, Helen Price

Buildings & Facilities

It has been good to welcome many groups back into the building but with this comes added cleaning and maintenance. Much of this could not be done without our caretaker, Brian Walker, whose work goes unnoticed most of the time but is key to the upkeep of the building and grounds. This year he has been supported by a volunteer Mekki Goubare.

At present we have not returned to weekly contract cleaners. Hayley Bedford is employed for 3 hours per week but the remaining cleaning / restocking of consumables has been carried out by a team of volunteers. Thanks go to Katie Garner who with Kate Dean, Kim Austin and Brian have kept the building clean and tidy. This may not be sustainable long term and this is being reviewed regularly.

We hired a skip this year to enable us to have a good clear out of the loft and other areas. This has enabled us to have a clear picture of what resources we have and more efficient use of items.

As we move forward, we continue to explore further funding opportunities and to consider costs for other essential building and maintenance works. We have begun to review some larger projects that need addressing. In no particular order these include:

- Repair to fire escape steps (Wesley Hall)
- Insulation of Wesley Hall
- Decoration of Wesley Hall
- Replacement of main light switch panel in Worship Area
- Repair of Velux Windows (Wesley Hall)
- Heating - service of storage heaters (Wesley Hall)
- Heating - replacement boilers or equivalent (end of life)
- Tree Survey and removal of dangerous trees

Discussions have been held regarding provision of a changing places toilet and we are still looking at ways to incorporate one in the building. This is a bigger challenge as it would require considerable re-configuration of the older part of the building.

Liz Lang

Lettings

The easing of lockdown restrictions has meant that use of the building has increased gradually over the last year. Willowdene are now back to operating wraparound care during term-time and a holiday club during half terms and longer school holidays. The ABRSM has also returned for two more sessions of music exams in June/July and November/December, and will be returning later this year, and Christ Church has once again been used as a polling station for local elections. The majority of our regular hirers have now returned, with the exception of one or two groups for whom it has become unviable to meet here due to a decline in membership. One-off hire requests have begun to pick up and I am receiving regular requests for children's parties and other family events, from both church members and the wider community.

Rebecca Pain

Administrative Information

Christ Church is located in Chineham, Basingstoke. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 8LT.

The Church Council is a charity registered with the UK Charity Commission, number 1142640.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council of Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC (formally, a subset of the Church Council) is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Christ Church building complex on Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT.

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community. The Council maintains an overview of worship in the parish where we aim to put our faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (See earlier sections for details.)
- Provision of pastoral care for people of all ages living in the parish. (Including many of our regular groups.)
- Support community life by provision of community centre space for local groups to use. (In particular we continue to be pleased to host before- and after-school childcare run by the local Willowdene business.)
- Missionary and outreach work – by giving prayer and financial support.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the buildings and facilities of Christ Church and the Church Centre complex. (See earlier sections for details.)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of Church Council 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 Church Council.

Church Council members who served between 23 May 2021 and 8 May 2022 were:

Title/Role	Name	Dates (if different)
Denominational Ministers (ex officio)	Jonathan Clark (Chair, Anglican) Valerie Fisher (Methodist) Ruth Midcalf (Methodist) Kay Blackwell (URC) Trevor Woodget (Baptist)	Until August 2021 From September 2021 Until August 2021 From September 2021
Church Wardens (ex officio)	Liz Foster Olu Oju-Oratokhai	
Treasurer	Anne Daw David Josey	Until December 2021 From January 2022
Ordinary Members	Katie Garner Patience Ndaga Jim Garner Andrew Young Herb Payne	Until May 2021 Until May 2021 Until January 2022
Deanery Synod Representatives (PCC ex officio)	David Josey Jonathan Pain Rebecca Pain	From July 2021
Denominational Representatives	Marianne Sales (Methodist)	

The Lead Minister and three members of the Council also sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the ecclesiastical parish and the wider structures of the Church of England.

The Lead Minister, Methodist Minister and Methodist representative are members of the management team of the local Circuit and Connexion.

The Lead Minister and URC Minister are also voting members of the local Wessex Synod.

Financial Review

The annual accounts for Financial Year 2021 have been approved by the Church Council and have been independently examined by Christine Holland. **The full details of the finances for 2021 can be found in the separate 2021 Financial Report**, including thanks to the team, and details of our tithing to our mission partners.

Common Mission Fund: Each month we give a general mission contribution to each of the four denominations that constitute Christ Church. The amount of giving is set yearly by the Church Council, and we aim to give generously to each, more than covering their costs in providing ministry through Christ Church.

Reserves Policy: We “aim to hold sufficient reserves to guard against unforeseen emergencies — three months running costs (including staff salaries and building maintenance) — and review this at least every 2 years.”

The Council maintains a wider set of **Financial Principles and Practices** in our “How We Work” document.

Anne Daw & Jonathan Clark

Looking Ahead

During the coming year I want to work with the new Church Council and Leadership team to:

- Continue to become more open to the **Holy Spirit's** work of transforming, equipping and guiding, both corporately and individually.
- Train, encourage and involve more people to contribute and serve in our many areas of ministry.
- Review our **Mission Statement**, created some 20 years ago, and decide what **Values** we hold in our life together.
- Work out the **best new pattern of gatherings for prayer, worship and discipleship** for the next few years. (The one thing we know isn't possible is simply to return to exactly the same pattern of services from 2019.) Some of the key questions are:
 - what's the best mix of days of the week and times for families, shift workers, retired?
 - which should be streamed or recorded?
 - are there ways we can be more inclusive for those with physical disabilities, neuro-diversity etc.?
- Work towards improving the insulation, comfort and usability of the **Wesley Hall**, and bid for funding to make other improvements on the 'old side', potentially upgrading the kitchen, incorporating a Changing Places Toilet, and making space for a food hub.
- Decide our **staffing plan** into 2023 and beyond.

Then there's the unexpected: 2020 saw a Pandemic which up-ended all of life; 2021 saw it extend much longer than hoped; in 2022 we're responding to an unprecedented refugee crisis. Who knows what 2023 will hold?

In all this we choose to continue trusting Almighty and loving God who knows the end from the beginning. As Christ's Church, we will follow Jesus by praying, learning, worshipping, supporting, being green, having church family time together, and spreading his good news beyond the church walls and our YouTube channel.

Jonathan Clark



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OUR MISSION: to follow Jesus in every way

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Annual Finance Report 2021

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Signed:

Mrs A. Daw

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Anne Daw
2021 Treasurer

JG Clark

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Jonathan Clark
Lead Minister

TREASURERS REPORT

Financial Review

2021 continued to be a challenging year in the life of Christ Church due to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the start of the year the church building was again closed and reopened in April for hybrid Sunday services. The majority of room hirers didn't fully return until late Summer hence our lettings income was reduced from pre-pandemic levels but we can report that it was higher than we had assumed in the budget. We were pleased to be able to continue our planned level of support to our Ecumenical Church partners. We also maintained our tithed giving to our Mission Partners, locally and abroad. The total funds held by the Christ Church at the start of 2021 was £108,035 and at the end of the year £134,464, ie. an increase of 26,429.

Here are the financial details:

All normal church financial activity is handled within the General Fund.

Diocesan Fees Fund receives all fees set by the Church of England for occasional services, such as funerals and weddings. The set payments are made from this fund and the balance apportioned to Christ Church. The Fund is zeroed at the end of each year.

During 2021 we received several Special Grant Fund payments from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. These payments were used for upgrading the car park surface, improvements to the internal lighting to be more energy efficient, and a new hearing loop system. The Fund was zeroed at the end of the year.

We have a reserves policy of three months expenditure, which for 2021 equates to £48,774, and we can report that the year-end available funds of £130,264 was thankfully well above this limit given the circumstances of the year.

The Team

Behind the scenes in 2021 Andrew Young kept the records and made the Gift Aid claims to HMRC, Liz Foster looked after the banking of the cash and cheques, and Gill Godfrey took care of the lettings bookings and invoicing. These roles require due diligence in recording the details and a frequent demand on their time. My thanks to all these team members.

Accounts Discussion

The attached 2021 accounts show the annual income and expenditure for Christ Church Chineham presented as a Statement of Financial Accounts as required by the Charity Commissioners, together with a summary of balances and accounts, followed by a breakdown by various church activities.

The final year-end balance was higher than the expected budget figure influenced by several factors as follows:

INCOME:

- Planning Giving was higher than the budget figure by £5,000 and we thank God for guiding our church family in generosity towards the Mission at Christ Church, given the circumstances of the year

- As expected the Sunday collection plate giving was as lower than budget by £1,537 due partly to the church building closure
- Lettings income was greater than the budget by £8,556, the budget having been set at a time of uncertainty
- £41,917 was received during the year from BDBC for the upgraded car-park surface, lighting and hearing loop.

EXPENDITURE:

- Building maintenance, utilities and cleaning expenditure was lower by £12,415 in 2021 due to the building closure and to the continuing help given by some wonderful volunteers in regular cleaning of the church building
- Less was spent on major refurbishments from Christ Church funds as the priority was given to the grant projects.

Mission Partners - Tithing

We give long term financial support to chosen Christian Organisations that do God's work in the world. The policy is to give approximately one tenth of the Personal Giving plus associated tax refunds that the church receives. In 2021 we gave to the following from the church funds:

Evangelical Alliance Brazil	£2,360
URC Youth Café	£1,800
Smile Uganda	£3,560
Karl & Deb Stone (Flavel Church)	£3,120
Wycliffe Bible Translator	£1,560
Compassion (Angoon)	£336
<i>Local:</i> Basingstoke Street Pastors	£360
Junction 5 Debt Advice	£360
Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy	£360
<i>Other:</i> Resound Worship (resources)	£100
Scripture Union (resources)	£100
LICC (resources)	£100
Shoeboxes transportation extra	£93
Total	£14,209

Please note that we have under-tithed on our 2021 commitment by £160. This will be added to the 2022 Mission Partners fund.

Accounting Policies and Practices

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 as prescribed by the Business Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England. These are similar to those of other denominations. The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

General funds represent the funds of the Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church Council. Designated, restricted and appeals funds are only used for their stated purpose.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

All fixed assets are fully depreciated in the year of purchase. All consumable items, whether for church use or for re-sale, are accounted for gross when incurred. Income from sales is recognised when received. Interest is accounted for when received.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Church Council and which may require a faculty for disposal since the Church Council considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed. Items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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: 14 February 2022

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total funds	Prior year total funds
		Appeals	Youth		
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	143,678			143,678	143,013
Activities for generating funds	—	—		—	—
Investment income	16	—		16	127
Other incoming resources					
Lettings	31,556	—		31,556	22,771
Other incoming monies	3,109	43,168		46,277	10,099
Total incoming resources	178,359	43,168	0	221,527	176,010
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	—	1,251		1,251	952
Cost of generating voluntary income	—	—		—	—
Charitable activities	151,372	41,917		193,289	173,148
Other resources used (sundries)	557	—	—	557	301
Total resources used	151,929	43,168	0	195,097	174,401
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	26,430	0	0	26,430	1,609
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains and losses	26,430	0	0	26,430	1,609
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, Charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	26,430	0	0	26,430	1,609
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	103,834	1,000	3,200	108,034	106,425
Total funds carried forward	130,264	1,000	3,200	134,464	108,034
Current Assets					
Current Account	38,419				43,072
Lettings account	65,805				34,739
Savings Account	30,240				30,224
TOTAL ASSETS	134,464				108,035
Current Liabilities					
	0				0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0				0
BALANCE	134,464				108,035
Represented by Funds					
Unrestricted	130,264				103,834
Restricted - Youth	3,200				3,200
Appeals - Lectern	1,000				1,000
	134,464				108,034

Note: y/e accounts exclude £843 Lettings cheques and £337.78 cash held but not banked until January 2022

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

Christ Church Chineham

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Incoming resources		
<u>Voluntary income</u>		
Collections	£1,463	£2,600
Planned Giving	£110,006	£107,274
Donations	£6,916	£4,931
Tax Refunds	£25,293	£28,177
Compassion (Angoon)	£0	£31
<i>Total Voluntary income:</i>	<u>£143,678</u>	<u>£143,013</u>
<u>Appeals/Restricted Voluntary income</u>		
Screens, dishwasher and video streaming appeals	-	£5,330
HCC grant	-	£800
Carpark, lighting hearing loop BDBC grant	£41,917	
Diocesan fees	£1,251	£952
<i>Total Voluntary Appeals income:</i>	<u>£43,168</u>	<u>£7,082</u>
<u>Other Incoming Monies</u>		
Payroll (furlough)	£486	£563
Building Maintenance	-	£54
Kitchen	£595	£51
Printing	-	£385
Worship	£100	-
Children's and families	£1,419	£1,255
123 Matinee, Outreach, Training, flowers	£20	£105
Coffee&Co	£151	£396
Books/cards	£248	£202
Fees & Subs	£90	£6
	<u>£3,109</u>	<u>£3,017</u>
Resources used		
<u>Charitable activities</u>		
CMF	£68,231	£75,799
Mission Partners	£14,209	£14,070
Worship + Leadership	£1,083	£1,205
Youth + Children (excl. payroll)	£678	£1,457
Payroll	£40,989	£38,350
Building repairs + Maintenance	£5,796	£5,252
Refurbishments	£539	£4,129
Building costs: ins, utilities, cleaning	£12,439	£17,524
Office costs (excl. payroll)	£2,285	£3,394
Other expenditure	£5,123	£5,838
<i>Total Charitable Activities:</i>	<u>£151,372</u>	<u>£167,018</u>
<u>Appeals Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Screens, dishwasher and video streaming appeals		£5,330
Expenditure from HCC grant		£800
Expenditure from BDBC grant	£41,917	
<i>Total Appeals / Charitable exp:</i>	<u>£41,917</u>	<u>£6,130</u>

2021 ACCOUNTS - BALANCES AND SUMMARY				
		01-Jan-21	31-Dec-21	movement
BANK BALANCES:	Main	£43,072	£38,419	-£4,653
	Lettings	£34,739	£65,805	£31,066
	CCLA account	£30,224	£30,240	£16
	total	£108,035	£134,464	£26,429
DESIGNATED	Youth fund	£3,200	£3,200	£0
	Lectern donation	£1,000	£1,000	£0
	TOTAL available funds	£103,835	£130,264	£26,429

	SUMMARY		
INCOME	2021 Accounts	Budget	Variance
Giving	£143,678	£136,500	£7,178
Lettings	£31,555	£25,000	£6,555
Grants income	£41,917	£0	£41,917
Other income	£4,377	£150	£4,227
Total	£221,527	£161,650	£59,877
NET EXPENDITURE			
CMF	£68,231	£68,231	£0
Mission Partners	£14,209	£14,369	-£160
Worship, leadership + young people	£1,762	£3,400	-£1,638
Payroll	£40,989	£43,000	-£2,011
Building repairs + Maintenance	£5,796	£8,000	-£2,204
Major refurbishments	£42,456	£7,000	£35,456
Building costs: ins, utilities, cleaning	£12,439	£22,650	-£10,211
Office costs (excl. payroll)	£2,286	£2,800	-£514
Other expenditure	£6,930	£6,500	£430
Total	£195,098	£175,950	£19,148
Balance	£26,429	-£14,300	£40,729

£41,917 received from Grants

2021 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS					
	2021 Receipts	2021 Payments	2021 Detailed Accounts	2021 Budget Total	Variance to y/e
INCOME			INCOME		
Collections	£1,463		£1,463	£3,000	-£1,537
Planned Giving	£110,006		£110,006	£105,000	£5,006
Donations	£6,916		£6,916	£1,500	£5,416
Tax Refunds	£25,293		£25,293	£27,000	-£1,707
Interest	£16		£16	£150	-£134
Lettings	£31,556		£31,556	£25,000	£6,556
			£175,250	£161,650	£13,600
EXPENDITURE			NET EXPENDITURE (payments less income)		
CMF WDBF		£64,131	£64,131	£64,131	£0
CMF Methodists		£1,757	£1,757	£1,757	£0
CMF URC		£1,757	£1,757	£1,757	£0
CMF Baptists		£586	£586	£586	£0
Clergy expenses		£460	£460	£900	-£440
Mission Partners		£14,209	£14,209	£14,369	-£160
Payroll	£486	£40,989	£40,503	£43,000	-£2,497
			£0		
Building maintenance		£5,796	£5,796	£8,000	-£2,204
Refurbishment	£41,917	£42,456	£539	£7,000	-£6,461
Worship area tech		£185	£185	£300	-£116
Utilities		£7,508	£7,508	£12,000	-£4,492
Kitchen, Cleaning + domestic items	£595	£2,639	£2,044	£8,000	-£5,956
Insurance		£2,292	£2,292	£2,650	-£358
Stationery		£279	£279	£500	-£221
Office Printing costs		£1,762	£1,762	£1,800	-£38
Office IT		£244	£244	£500	-£256
Worship	£100	£623	£523	£1,000	-£477
Messy Church			£0	£400	-£400
Children & Families expenses	£1,419	£668	-£751	£600	-£1,351
Youth expenses		£10	£10	£500	-£490
OTHERS					
Justice and Environment			£0	£200	-£200
Pastoral care + hardship fund		£523	£523	£600	-£77
123 Matinee			£0	£300	-£300
Outreach		£517	£517	£500	£17
Flowers	£20	£532	£512	£600	-£88
Training		£334	£334	£600	-£266
Social			£0	£0	£0
Coffee & Co	£151	£27	-£124	£0	-£124
Book service	£248	£299	£50	£0	£50
Sundries (charity collecting)			£0	£0	£0
Diocesan fees (zeroed at y/e)	£1,251	£1,251	£0	£0	£0
Fees + subs	£90	£3,263	£3,174	£3,400	-£226
Totals	£221,527	£195,098	£148,821	£175,950	-£27,130
BALANCE		£26,429	£26,429	-£14,300	£40,730

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1142640

Accounts

'to follow Jesus
in every way'



Annual Report for 2020/21

Published for our Annual Meeting, 23rd May 2021,
covering the 7 months of Oct 2020 to April 2021.

Church Family News

Hello & Goodbye

In this shorter period dominated by Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions, there have been relatively few comings and goings.

We formally welcomed Euna Kim and Janet Scott as new church members in January, and we've welcomed others now regularly worshipping with us. For some people our online services have been a helpful way to 'check us out' – our doors are now open in this way, wherever people live, and whenever they want to.

We also welcome Wendy Burnhams, who was on ministry placement with us for the two months leading up to Easter, ahead of her ordination later this year. We were helped by her leading and preaching, and she says she gained much valuable experience in being in quite a different church context to that in Alton.

Sadly taken from us during this period were long standing Christ Church members and friends Muriel Galley, Martin Banister, and Liz Williams. We have prayed for all those mourning their loss, and rejoice that we'll be reunited in the heavenly age to come.

Electoral Roll and Membership

As of 10 May 2021, there were **120** Parishioners on the **Church Electoral Roll**, **65** of whom are not resident within the parish. 2 have been added to the Roll and 2 removed during the relevant period. We now have **123** adults on our separate **Church Membership list**, 3 have joined the membership and 3 came off. Of this number **100** are affiliated as 'Ecumenical' members, with the others having a variety of denominational affiliations. Before lockdown we had another 60 or so adults and 50 children regularly worshipping with us.

Gill Godfrey, Church Administrator and Electoral Officer

Minister's Review

I frequently think of the book titled "101 Things they don't teach you in theological college". Full of good advice ... except on how to lead people and organisations (and yourself) through a Pandemic. Thankfully across the worldwide church many have risen to the challenge, as people tend to do in a crisis. People who study crises warn us that the harder time might still be ahead of us, as we move from emergency Response to Recovery. In part this will come because we have the permission to react normally again, not needing to put a brave face on things.

The Children of Israel had various crises, which are scattered through the Old Testament histories. We looked at one of those during the last year: the increasingly cruel treatment as slaves of Pharaoh. How they longed to be elsewhere ... and then God, through Moses, told of them of a new land, that would be permanently theirs. Their 'promised land'. And, after the dramas and anguish of the plagues, while all of Egypt were mourning for their first-borns, they escaped Egypt and headed to their promised land, 'flowing with milk and honey'.

What is our promised land ahead, I wonder? "A time flowing with hugs, and with open gyms and cinemas"?

The Children of Israel left their lockdown, "and they all lived happily ever after".

As if.

Within days, they were complaining to God as they travelled through difficult desert terrain, and had the temerity to suggest they'd be better off back under Pharaoh. They even took to making a god to worship while Moses was consulting with Almighty God just a mile or two away. Their disobedience cost them a lost generation: all their adults who saw Egypt died before they reached the promised land.

As we emerge from lockdown, where will God be? Where will we be with God? As we recover from the trials of 2020-21, let us not repeat the same mistakes others have made ...

In the review that follows, I'm grateful for all those who've kept their faith in God, despite the trials. It remains a wonderful privilege to minister at Christ Church, because of the faithfulness, friendship and support of so many.

Prayer Life

No church, ministry or individual Christian can flourish without the "hidden life of prayer", which brings us to trust and know God more fully. We've continued to meet in small groups for prayer over Zoom several times each week – and we've found it's the one sort of gathering where the Covid restrictions, and the limitations of Zoom, don't make much difference.

Mission and Outreach

Some of our usual November and December activities – particularly the Christmas specials for Luncheon Club and the Matinee 123 group – couldn't happen. Instead, some of the usual team members made up Christmas gift bags which we delivered to the regulars. Other activities changed shape: the Light Party went online with London St URC; our first 'Zoom' Christingle went very well; the Carol Service was joined by more people than usual (see below); and our Nativity went outside for three weekends in our new Shed.

The 'Blue Christmas' service was closest to being a normal event, happening in the building, and live-streamed. We also printed and delivered parish Christmas cards to most houses in the parish.

One thing we couldn't have done in a normal year is act as the collection and packing hub for Besom Basingstoke's annual Christmas Hampers. For a month the Shaftesbury Room was filled with donated food and Christmas treats, while volunteers from many Basingstoke churches wrapped and packed the hampers, and then delivered them. What a practical expression of God's love ... like with the way we've used our building over many years to use our cupboards to store gifts and boxes that got turned into 'Mustard Seed Shoeboxes'. Both examples show what a precious asset our building is. We will in future be more aware of the way it can be an enabler for various kinds of mission, even if that reduces our rental income.

Similarly, our outreach around Easter changed shape and went outdoors, but also centred on our shed, now re-purposed as Jesus' Tomb. This became part of several different 'trails': one for Great Binfields school on Maundy Thursday; one for any local families on Good Friday, and a small but important update to the tomb on Easter Day itself. We also had a 'Muddy Church' trail on Palm Sunday.

Thanks to all who got involved, and particularly this year to Keith and Liz Lang who imagined and led the building and decoration of the shed, and Ayliffe Taylor who helped us reimagine Messy Church in our outdoor 'Muddy Church' sessions and trails.

Finally, Liz and I have enjoyed running an online Youth Alpha session with a small group.

Teaching

During this period our small groups have studied the Bible in many different ways. In our services we've worked our way through Bible books (Habakkuk, 1 Thessalonians), and as well as considered themes (Heaven, Racial Justice, Depression).

Our parents of younger children came together to create a new 'Family Fun @4' time on Sunday afternoons on Zoom, looking at many different prominent Old Testament characters, as well as praying and praising God together.

Worship Services

We started this period with 'hybrid' services, with people joining in from home via our YouTube channel or in the building (masked, and with distance between household 'bubbles'). We continued the style that mixed the best of more contemporary and traditional styles, now always with our 'Gallery', as well as many songs and hymns specially recorded in our homes and edited together. We now have about 80 lyric videos in our collection!

During these 7 months, we had over 6,000 'views' on YouTube. The most-viewed services this period were the Carol Service, Remembrance Sunday's "Waiting with Confidence", and the service where we focussed on depression, "When darkness seems my closest friend".

Our Christmas Carol Service had to be online-only for many practical reasons – but it resulted in probably double the number attending than we could fit in the building, even without restrictions. It meant, too, that we could use a greater variety of musical style, and so we included more contemporary *and* more traditional carols.

After Christmas, came severe 'Lockdown 3'. Along with the majority of churches we opted to go online-only again until the Covid infection rate reduced significantly again. Thankfully this happened just in time for Easter Day, when forty of us gathered in person again. Our joy was made

complete when after the hybrid service finished, we moved to the car park and in the warm sun reprised several of the songs and hymns, this time able to sing properly. 'Thine be the glory risen conquering Son' never sounded and felt so good!

None of this would have been possible without hours of work by our new 'streaming video' team, (David Blake, Andrew Price, Keith McLeod, Gareth Rowlands) our many recording musicians, led by Sarah Roughley, Rebecca Pain, Peter Chiverton, Herb Payne and Marianne Sales, our video editors (Howard Roughley, Herb Payne, Jonathan Pain, Aidan Nickerson, Katie Nickerson), and those who have learned how to record readings or prayers at home. In fact, more people, not fewer, have contributed to our services during pandemic than before. Thanks to you all!

We continued to make our services available on CD for two of our congregation who can't access the internet.

Socials

Unsurprisingly, there's not much to report during this period dominated by Lockdown 3. But we've retained our after-service coffee time and Tuesday craft group on Zoom. And some are enjoying the chance to chat in the church grounds after services, which is explicitly allowed in the Covid regulations.

Ecumenical Life

Christ Church remains formally part of the Baptist, Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed Church denominations. We've had visible expression of this by inviting some preachers from those denominations to join our local team.

Our ecumenical work as part of OneChurch Basingstoke grows stronger. Myself and others from CCC have helped lead and host further town-wide services on Zoom. Even more local church leaders have continued meeting most weeks for support and prayer. A small group of these leaders have been joining webinars to learn from other Christian 'unity groups' in larger cities, who are coming together under the banner 'Movement for Recovery'. Up and down the country the Holy Spirit appears to be prompting churches and Christian charities to join forces and offer help to mayors and local authorities, to help "build back better". In some places the unity groups are now trusted enough to be commissioned (and paid) by those authorities to run a variety of social programmes. We've no idea what that might look like in Basingstoke yet, but OneChurch already has excellent Council links that we should be able to build further on.

Pastoral Care

Josephine Childs continues as our Pastoral Coordinator, and has recently been assisted by Linda Banfield. Our formal pastoral care team of 10 have been in touch with a good number of church members, mostly by phone call this year. (We only have one male on the team: we could do with more ...)

Much more support is given and received than this, of course, and I'm grateful for all that happens in and through the friendships in home groups and beyond.

Regular Groups

This short period has been dominated by lockdown, and these groups and activities have continued online:

- Home Groups – 10 different groups, weekly or fortnightly, largely on Zoom
- Coffee, chat and craft group – weekly on Zoom
- Open the Book at various local schools – provided as YouTube videos

Only **Sparklers** has been able to operate in person, as group leader Tonya Butler explains:

We were able to keep running in person by reducing numbers, bringing in social distancing, mask wearing, cleaning with disinfectant, having three days between sessions to reduce risk of infections through contact with toys and changing the way we provide snack time with only one member of the team dishing up whilst parents wash the children's hands and sit them socially distanced with food taken to them.

In November we were allowing 12 parents to book on using the booking in system on ChurchSuite making sure we had all contact information for track and trace...

In January we had to change this due to new government guidelines and lockdown... Myself and only one member of the team came in on a Monday morning and ran an invite only hour session for 3 parents that needed extra support. Parents were sat down with lots of space between and only a few toys put out for the children to play with, there was no snack time available and we did not charge for these sessions... On a Thursday we ran a zoom session, but once the virus numbers had come down, we ran the Thursday session the same as the Monday session. As the virus numbers came down further, we raised the number to 5 parents...

In March once the schools returned, we were able to have the team back, all had been vaccinated, but still with restricted numbers.

Overall, we think we've supported about 50 parents and their children during this time.

Safeguarding

Liz Lang continues as our Safeguarding Officer, and Alex Bain as our DBS Officer, both liaising with our chosen professional officers at the Diocese of Winchester.

During this period the Church Council has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. As part of this the Church Council now has Safeguarding as a standing on its agenda, and on 27 April 2021 we agreed an addendum to our Safeguarding Policy that deals with Online Working, covering email, video conferencing, and social media.

We have also asked most of our leaders, and all on the Church Council and those working with children, to complete basic online safeguarding training. We have established a new recording system to track what training church members have completed.

Data Protection

Gill Godfrey continues as our Data Protection Officer.

The Church Council reviewed our Data Protection Policy, and on 17 Nov 2020 we added a section to reflect live streaming and video recordings. As a result we now have notices up that informs congregation members that we film our services, but aim never to show people except those who come to the lectern to contribute. Our live-streaming team members can blur out the image, or cut to a still image, or mute the stream entirely, if need be. We can also remove sections of a service from the YouTube recording if we realise after the fact that someone or something should not be publicly available.

Thanks

We are an active church, and its only possible because lots of us get stuck into its different ministries. So, thank you for your involvement even in this restricted period. Particular thanks to those who have been leading or coordinating activities and groups, including Alex Bain, Denise Bain, Linda Banfield, Shirah Blackwood, David Blake, Becky Cassini, Martha Clark, Josephine Childs, Maggie & Peter Chiverton, Anne Daw, Kate Dean, Brian Foster, Katie & Jim Garner, Gill Godfrey, David Josey, Doris Kay, Aidan & Katie Nickerson, Keith Lang, Liz Lang, Jan Markey, Amy Mills, Patience Ndaga, Jonathan & Rebecca Pain, Herb & Marg Payne, Howard & Sarah Roughley, Rebecca Pain, Marianne Sales, Sue Strawson, Ayliffe Taylor, Liz Williams, Val Whitbread, Jo Weineck, Jean Wilde, and Andrew Young.

Thanks too to our wonderful new Church Wardens Liz Foster and Olu Ojo-Oratokhai and staff team Liz Lang, Gill Godfrey, Tonya Butler, Brian Walker & Hayley Bedford, who in their different ways all contribute so much to our life and ministry.

But most of all, "thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:57).

Jonathan Clark

Mission Partnerships

It with thankfulness that we have been able to maintain our donations and support through prayer despite the challenges of the last year and our Mission Partners have continued to maintain their Christian witness at home and abroad during the pandemic. The Mission Partnership are glad that we have all been upheld through prayer and God's grace. For more information regarding our Mission Partners please refer to the link person below, the magazine and the noticeboard in the welcome area.

CCC Mission Partners List (last updated 25.3.2021):

Partner	Type	Link	Next Review
URC Youth and Community Café	Local support + Mission	Liz Foster	2021
Street Pastors	Local support	Eddie Izzard	2022
Town Chaplaincy	Local support	Eddie Izzard	2022
Junction 5	Local support	Helen Price	2020
Flavel Church	UK Mission	Liz Foster	2021
SMILE Uganda	Overseas Support + Mission	Denise Bain	2022
Cathy Bartram / Wycliffe	Overseas Mission	Jonathan Clark	2023
Angoon / Compassion	Overseas support	Jemima Lowe	2023
EAB	Overseas Support + Mission	Jean North	2023

Previous Partners, for information:

Partner	Type	Until
Duncalfes / Mission Aviation Fellowship	Overseas Mission	Ceased 2019
House Of Hope, India	Overseas Education	Ceased 2020

The Youth and Community Café at the URC, under COVID guidelines, closed in March 2020. It adapted to the pandemic by providing meals on wheels to be delivered to those isolating and/or in need of support. The café team has also been working with the Community Food Link to take food donated by their partner supermarkets to make and provide food for the Community Food Table. This table operates outside the URC church daily from 12-1pm. The Community Food Table is seen as an outreach project not only supplying food for those in need but words of encouragement/help to those passing the church. During the spring term a similar Youth Cafe table has been trialled, operating again daily 3-4 pm. This table is seen as an outreach project aimed at school and college pupils.

Smile Uganda: continue to provide a variety of evangelism and outreach support programmes for the people in Kampala. They had a particularly hard time during the elections when riots and street violence made it so unsafe that Alex, Bennie and the family had to find refuge in the north of the country where it was safer for them. The local team kept the work going conscious at all times of balancing safety and witness. As soon as it was safe for them the family returned to continue their work taking God's word and practical help to those in need. Smile Uganda is suffering from a fluctuating income and appreciate all that we can do for them to reach out in love to help those in need.

Street Pastors and Chaplaincy: reach out and witness to the people in Basingstoke. Street pastors providing a life-line for many who emerge after a night on the town in need of friendly support and kindness. The Chaplaincy is a Christian presence in the town witnessing and supporting workers and visitors during the day. During the restrictions of the pandemic work has continued from home to set up plans for the lifting of lockdown. David Grant is now Coordinator of Basingstoke Street Pastors and has mentioned the following points for prayerful consideration: that more volunteers will come forward. for prayer partners for the different teams as they start their walk

- for volunteer to take on the role of street pastors to relieve the teams
- for prayer supporters
- for financial support

Cathy Bartram and the Wycliffe Bible College Translators: thy is a recently-added mission partner. She is on the teaching staff at Moorlands College in Dorset, training the next generation of linguists to translate the Bible into new "heart languages" for small people/groups around the world. In normal years she also spends some time abroad helping locals develop suitable alphabets and writing systems, as the Bible will often be the first time the language needs to be written down. Please keep praying for Cathy delivering lessons on line and for the major African conference in 2022.

Flavel Church in Dartmouth: Deborah and Karl Stone continue the work of spreading the word of the Lord and reaching out to the community in Dartmouth. Their mission to revitalise the church in the centre of the town continues through the weekly services, children's outreach, the Dartmouth Pantry and the Flavour Coffee Lounge. The lounge provides a safe place to meet and extends a warm welcome to all and has opened where possible during 2020. The pantry has continued throughout the pandemic providing food for those in need. These practical witnesses for the love of Jesus in Dartmouth have helped to connect with the local community and to demonstrate God's love. The children's work has grown during the lockdown even on Zoom and now 18 children regularly join Word Warriors, which is the children's Zoom worship before the main Sunday Gathering. It is hoped, going forward, to continue in person and via Zoom. Karl and Deborah

continue to work hard for the Lord and their efforts in the name of Jesus continue to bear fruit in the lives of those they touch. Please continue to pray for them and the church in Dartmouth.

Junction 5: J5 has continued to support people with debt management and have reported good links with a women's refuge with five clients. The team ask for continued prayers for their advisors and clients. They also ask for prayers for one or two more people to be led to train as advisers (as one of the previous three being trained has had to move onto other work post lockdown). They also have a senior advisor on court case training at present so please pray for that advisor too.

EAB: John and Liz North are working in the NE of Brazil in a semi-arid region where the Covid pandemic is rampant. The EAB evangelises, plants churches and trains leaders. It runs the Green Pastures Nature Reserve & Christian Conference Centre which seeks to shine as an environmental light amidst much destruction. EAB carries on with its work of community development drilling wells, constructing toilet/shower units, distributing goats, constructing chicken coups, setting up market gardens, establishing bee keeping and equipping women to create income through bread baking and cookery. EAB is grateful for all that can be done to help them help the poor help themselves.

Child Sponsorship: We continue to sponsor Angoon in Thailand and he has written to us to tell us of his school and learning about Jesus. One of our young people has written to tell Angoon a little about us here in Christ Church and we are looking to keep this exchange going as it will encourage our young people to think of others and hopefully give them some real connection with this partnership. Please continue to pray for young people everywhere.

Thank you all again for your support and prayers for this very important outreach.

MP Group: Denise Bain, Liz Foster, Eddie Izzard, Jean North, Jonathan Clark

Buildings & Facilities

Facilities have been quieter this year due to the current restrictions, resulting in less use of the building for services and by hirers.

In order to enable the church to support and increase access from the wider community and improve its environmental sustainability, an application was made for an award from Bid S106 developers contribution to enable upgrades to be made to the building. Our thanks go to David Josey for all his work in organising quotes and submitting documentation to the council.

We were successful in securing £42,548 towards specific identified projects:

- replacing all lighting in the building with modern low wattage devices (excluded worship area)
- upgrading areas of the car park to permeable block paving to address current deficiencies especially with drainage
- new portable hearing loop

Our thanks go to Tim Winkle and Olu Ojo-Oratokhal who obtained revised quotes, awarded contracts and oversaw the projects for lighting and car park respectively. There is still a small amount of funding left which we are looking towards the replacement of the bench.

Other main works include:

- Drain clearance and essential maintenance to sump pump
- Fire Safety equipment inspection
- Annual door and shutter maintenance
- Painting of communal areas

As we move forward, we continue to explore further funding opportunities as well as the need to consider costs for other essential building and maintenance works. These include:

- repair / replace velux windows in Wesley Hall
- changing place toilet
- re-configuration of rooms in Wesley Hall
- repair to fire escape door and stairs Wesley Hall
- replacement of main light switch panels in main worship area

We would like to mention Brian Walker, Christ Church's caretaker whose work goes unnoticed most of the time but is key to the upkeep of the building and grounds. The decision was made to furlough Hayley Bedford, our cleaner until restrictions and usage of the building increased.

Liz Lang

Lettings

In my summary for October, we were anticipating a return by some of our regular groups, with many more expecting to be fully up and running by January 2021. We know now that COVID-19 had other ideas and we found ourselves in another lengthy lockdown. Willowdene Club ceased completely during January and February, resuming normal service in early March as schools reopened and they have remained our only regular source of rental income. In November we hosted two music exam sessions, and just recently the church became one of the two Chineham venues for local elections. We have received very positive feedback from Electoral Services and we hope that they will want to make the church building a permanent home, along with the village hall. I am in touch with all our regular hirers, some of whom will be resuming their activities this coming week or plan to after half term.

In total over the whole Pandemic there have been around 35 cancelled ad-hoc events such as AGMs, training sessions, weddings, blood donor sessions as well as birthday parties and other family social events. One would imagine there must be many people out there who will be eager to celebrate milestone occasions that have gone uncelebrated so perhaps we should expect a barrage of enquiries after 21 June!

Gill Godfrey

Administrative Information

Christ Church is located in Chineham, Basingstoke. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 8LT.

The Church Council is a charity registered with the UK Charity Commission, number 1142640.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council of Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC (formally, a subset of the Church Council) is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Christ Church building complex on Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT.

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community. The Council maintains an overview of worship in the parish where we aim to put our faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (See earlier sections for details.)
- Provision of pastoral care for people of all ages living in the parish. (Including many of our regular groups.)
- Support community life by provision of community centre space for local groups to use. (In particular we continue to be pleased to host before- and after-school childcare run by the local Willowdene business.)
- Missionary and outreach work – by giving prayer and financial support.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the buildings and facilities of Christ Church and the Church Centre complex. (See earlier sections for details.)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of Church Council 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 Church Council.

Church Council members who served between 4 October 2020 and 23 May 2021 were:

Title/Role	Name	Dates (if different)
Denominational Ministers (ex officio)	Jonathan Clark (Chair, Anglican) Valerie Fisher (Methodist) Kay Blackwell (URC)	
Church Wardens (ex officio)	Liz Foster Olu Oju-Oratokhai	
Treasurer	Anne Daw	

Ordinary Members	Katie Garner Patience Ndaga Jim Garner Andrew Young Herb Payne	
Deanery Synod Representatives (PCC ex officio)	Jonathan Pain Rebecca Pain	
Denominational Representatives	Marianne Sales (Methodist)	

The Lead Minister and two members of the Council also sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the ecclesiastical parish and the wider structures of the Church of England.

The Lead Minister, Methodist Minister and Methodist representative are members of the management team of the local Circuit and Connexion.

The Lead Minister and URC Minister are also voting members of the local Wessex Synod.

Financial Review

The annual accounts for 2020 have been approved by the Church Council and have been independently examined by Christine Holland. **The full details of the finances for 2020 can be found in the separate 2020 Financial Report**, including thanks to the team, and details of our tithing to our mission partners.

Common Mission Fund: Each month we give a general mission contribution to each of the four denominations that constitute Christ Church. The amount of giving is set yearly by the Church Council, and we aim to give generously to each, more than covering their costs in providing ministry through Christ Church.

Reserves Policy: We “aim to hold sufficient reserves to guard against unforeseen emergencies — three months running costs (including staff salaries and building maintenance) — and review this at least every 2 years.”

The Council maintains a wider set of **Financial Principles and Practices** in our “How We Work” document.

Anne Daw & Jonathan Clark

Looking Ahead

During the coming year I want to work with the new Church Council and Leadership team to:

- Simply getting back to **being together again** is going to be a big challenge. It's clear that between us we have very different reactions to the end of lockdown, and like any family with very different instincts, we will need to be generous and understanding. We all know online versions of 'being together' are literally thin 2D to the rich 3D of what we should be enjoying. For all of us it will mean getting out of comfort zones, making a fresh undertaking to gather together with God and his people each week.
- **Work out the best pattern of gatherings for worship and discipleship for the next year.** The one thing we know isn't possible is simply to return to exactly the same pattern of services from 2019. Some of the key questions are:
 - what's the best mix of days of the week and times for families, shift workers, retired?
 - which should be streamed or recorded?
 - when will our musicians and techies be ready for live music again?
 - how do we best cater for children and families? The Sunday 4pm time has been good, but we need our children to be with the rest of the church family in worship, at least some of the time.
 - are there ways we can be more inclusive for those with physical disabilities, neuro-diversity etc.?
- How do we provide **support and company for older people** in our wider community, not just our church family? What else might our planned Mission Audit reveal, alongside other churches in **OneChurch Basingstoke**?
- How could we adapt our building to incorporate a **Changing Places Toilet**, if our second attempt at securing funding pays off?
- What are our **staffing** needs into 2022 and beyond?

As we do this, we will continue to follow Jesus by praying, learning, worshipping, supporting, being green, having church family time together, and spreading his good news beyond the church walls and our YouTube channel.

Jonathan Clark

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Christ Church Chineham Ecumenical Church Council - Charity No. 1142640

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set on pages 1 and 2, and pages 4 to 7.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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: 17 February 2021