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in every way'



Annual Report for 2021/22

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covering May 2021 to May 2022.

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) |
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| 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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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 |
| Total Voluntary income: | £143,678 | £143,013 |
| <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 |
| Total Voluntary Appeals income: | £43,168 | £7,082 |
| <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 |
| | £3,109 | £3,017 |
| 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 |
| Total Charitable Activities: | £151,372 | £167,018 |
| <u>Appeals Charitable Expenditure</u> | | |
| Screens, dishwasher and video streaming appeals | | £5,330 |
| Expenditure from HCC grant | | £800 |
| Expenditure from BDBC grant | £41,917 | |
| Total Appeals / Charitable exp: | £41,917 | £6,130 |

| 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

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