THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST KYNEBURGHA CASTOR WITH UPTON AND STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON

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Details

Other names	ST KYNEBURGHA'S PCC, CASTOR, THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST KYNEBURGHA CASTOR WITH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST UPTON, Castor & Ailsworth St Kyneburgha PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2011-07-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Church of England place of worship

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Classification

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

Geography

- Peterborough City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£170,125	£157,125	-	-
2024-12-31	£162,895	£162,852	-	-
2023-12-31	£134,940	£141,288	-	-
2022-12-31	£133,090	£131,058	-	-
2021-12-31	£113,868	£150,259	-	-
2020-12-31	£115,303	£136,061	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA LOUISE MILLEN		2016-09-01
Anne Janet Megan Perkins		2014-02-01
CHRISTINE MURRELL		2016-04-22
Charlotte Loiuse Bradshaw		2022-06-01
DANIEL FITZJOHN		2011-07-07
David John Walker		2022-05-19
David Nicholas Edwards		2015-04-01
ELISABETH ANNE BROWN		2011-07-07
Elaine Margaret Wilkinson		2026-05-21
HELEN LOUISE BOULTON		2026-01-01
Jonathan Ardron		2025-05-15
Julian Keith Burton		2022-05-19
Karen Bailey		2017-04-25
MRS JAY WINFREY		2011-05-23
MRS JO MORRIS		2011-05-23
Michael John Samways		2023-05-11
Oliver James Southgate		2021-05-20
STEPHEN GRYS		2011-07-07
Susan Edwards		2023-05-11
William Manton BAXTER		2011-07-07
William Otridge		2026-05-21

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Accounts

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Aim and Purpose

Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector and clergy in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. During 2025 this responsibility was exercised firstly with Fr David Ridgeway as Rector and, following his retirement, during a period of interregnum.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Remigius Church, Water Newton; St John the Baptist Church, Stibbington; as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and considers how services can best involve those within the parish and beyond. Our services put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We aim to enable people to live out their faith through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus
- The provision of pastoral care
- Mission and outreach work

During 2025 the PCC met regularly. As well as fulfilling its statutory responsibilities, the PCC has played a particularly important role during the interregnum, ensuring continuity in governance, worship, finance and parish life.

Achievements and Performance

Following the exceptional year of the 900th anniversary celebrations in 2024, 2025 has been a year of consolidation, reflection and transition. The legacy of those celebrations continues to be felt, not only in the funds raised but also in the strengthened sense of community and engagement with the church.

By early 2025, approximately £10,000 had been raised through the anniversary events, with around £6,000 benefiting the church directly, alongside additional income from the Flower Festival. One particularly joyful legacy has been the growth of the choir, with five children joining following the operetta—something we are delighted to see continue.

However, the most significant development this year has been the retirement of Fr David Ridgeway at the end of May. David served the parish for nearly nine years and led us through many important periods, including the pandemic and the 900th anniversary celebrations. His pastoral care, work with the school, and presence in the community have been deeply valued, and he is greatly missed.

We also lost our Curate Shiloh Varughese who transferred to another parish in September – his sense of humour and enthusiasm, particularly in running youth events, was very much missed.

Interregnum and Leadership

Since Fr David's retirement at the end of May, the parish has been in a period of interregnum. This has been a significant transition for the whole parish, and the PCC would like to record sincere thanks to all those who have worked so hard to sustain and grow the life of the church during this time.

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Interregnum and Leadership (continued)

In particular, we are very grateful to those involved in the recruitment process. This has included a great deal of work behind the scenes by the churchwardens, Michael Samways and Nadia Stoney, alongside the recruitment group, interview panel, and those contributing to the Parish Profile. The process has involved Section 11 meetings, training, preparation of documentation, and engagement with the Diocese and patrons. Although no appointment has yet been made, this work continues with commitment and care.

The PCC would especially like to thank Jon Ardron, who was asked by Fr David to take on the role of PCC Chairman during the vacancy. In the absence of a Rector, the PCC carries responsibility for governance, finance, buildings, worship planning, safeguarding oversight, and the ongoing mission of the parish.

Jon's leadership has been instrumental in ensuring that the PCC has not simply maintained parish life but has moved it forward. As noted in Standing Committee reflection, "*we have not just ticked over but progressed*."

A key development has been the re-establishment of the Standing Committee, meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. These meetings have proved invaluable in enabling more agile decision-making and ensuring that work continues between PCC meetings.

The Standing Committe has also intoduced clearer structure through the creation of four working groups:

- Finance (Amanda Millen and Daniel Fitzjohn)
- Income Generation (led by David Walker)
- Worship Planning (led by Jo Morris)
- Recruitment (led by Nadia Stoney and Michael Samways)

This structure has strengthened governance and improved communication and accountability across the PCC.

The PCC can be proud of what has been achieved during this period:

- Worship has been maintained in full, despite clergy shortages
- Attendance has increased in several services, including Children's Church, 8am Communion and midweek services
- Financial stability has improved significantly
- Safeguarding compliance has strengthened
- Governance and communication within the PCC have developed positively

This reflects the commitment, teamwork and generosity of many across the parish.

A major achievement this year has been the strengthening of PCC governance. This includes:

- clearer structure through working groups
- more effective Standing Committee meetings
- improved communication and engagement
- better defined roles and responsibilities

Interregnum and Leadership (continued)
There is a growing recognition of the need to:

- recruit new PCC members
- develop succession planning
- clarify roles such as safeguarding, health & safety, and facilities management

The APCM is seen as an important opportunity to invite new people to get involved.

Finance
Finance has remained one of the most significant challenges facing the parish, particularly given the responsibility of maintaining multiple historic buildings alongside the Cedar Centre.

At the start of the year, forecasts indicated a difficult financial position, with concerns about sustainability into 2026. However, through careful management and decisive action, the position has improved considerably.

Key decisions taken during the year included:

- Reducing Parish Share payments to protect reserves
- Pausing external charitable giving temporarily
- Tightening cost control across all areas
- Developing a clearer financial structure and reporting framework

The PCC also adopted a revised Reserves Policy, targeting £50,000 (approximately six months of running costs), to ensure long-term stability and to provide a secure position for a new incumbent.

By the end of the year:

- Financial performance was ahead of expectations
- Fundraising exceeded forecasts
- Reserves had significantly improved
- The parish moved from a position of uncertainty to one of controlled sustainability

We are extremely grateful to Amanda Millen and Daniel Fitzjohn for their careful oversight of parish finances, and to Jon Ardron for his strategic leadership in financial planning.

Fundraising and Regular Giving
Fundraising has continued to be a vital part of parish life and income.

Following the intensity of the 900th anniversary celebrations, 2025 has seen a shift towards a more sustainable model based on:

- Regular smaller events
- Shared responsibility across the parish
- Better coordination through a fundraising calendar

Fundraising and Regular Giving (continued)
Chris Murrell has taken on responsibility for coordinating fundraising, bringing structure and forward planning to parish events. Events have included:

- Film nights (including the successful Sound of Music evening)
- Quiz nights
- Coffee mornings
- Christmas tree sales
- Raffles
- Fete and seasonal events

These collectively raised significant funds, with some events exceeding expectations.

Alongside fundraising, there has been a strong focus on **regular giving**:

- New giving leaflets ("Our Future Together") were produced and distributed
- QR codes were introduced to make donating easier
- Giving was promoted at services and events
- Outreach extended beyond the congregation into the wider village

David Walker has led this work with energy and persistence, supported by others including Ollie Southgate, Jo Morris and Jon Ardron.

Safeguarding
The PCC is very grateful to Chris Murrell and Anne Perkins for their continued dedication to safeguarding.

A great deal of work has taken place during 2025 to ensure compliance with safeguarding requirements, including training, policy development and implementation of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

We are pleased that our safeguarding position has improved significantly over the year. However, there is still work to be done, particularly in areas such as training completion, data protection and record keeping.

Safeguarding remains the responsibility of the whole PCC, and we are grateful for the ongoing leadership and guidance provided by Chris and Anne.

Worship and Ministry
Maintaining worship during the interregnum has required significant effort and flexibility.

Jo Morris has led worship planning, working closely with churchwardens, clergy and volunteers to ensure that services continue across the benefice. She has had support and guidance from the Rural Dean Jackie Bullen, which we are very grateful for. This has included:

- Coordinating visiting clergy and retired priests
- Supporting lay-led services where necessary
- Adapting service patterns to reflect clergy availability
- Planning for major festivals such as Christmas and Easter

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Worship and Ministry (continued)
We are very grateful to:

- Rev Bill Croft
- Rev Michael Matthews
- Rev Ray Hemingray
- Archdeacon Alison Booker
- The Rural Dean Jackie Bullen.

for their support during this period.

Despite the challenges:

- Every planned service has been delivered
- Attendance has increased in several areas
- Communication around services has improved
- Flexibility across the benefice has strengthened

Children's Church continues to be a major strength, led by Helen Boulton, with consistently strong attendance and growing engagement.

This year we have had eleven funerals, one wedding and seven baptisms at St Kyneburga. Water Newton has had one funeral. Upton has ha one funeral.

St Kyneburgha's Church and Cedar Centre
St Kyneburgha's remains at the heart of parish life, and we are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Trust for their continued support in maintaining and enhancing the building.

The Cedar Centre continues to be an important community facility, although it is currently operating at a financial loss. Work is ongoing to explore ways of improving its sustainability, marketing and use.

We are very grateful to Tracey Squires for her continued work managing the Centre and to Julian Burton for his work reviewing its future.

Upton, Water Newton and Stibbington
At Upton, the closure process has completed thanks to the hard work of William Baxter (and a substantial donation from Milton Estate for essential repairs). Formal confirmation was received from the Church Commissioners in October 2025. in The Churchyard is being kept in good condition by a young local volunteer, Samuel Burton, and we are very grateful for his efforts.

At Water Newton and Stibbington, services and events continue to be held, albeit on an ad hoc basis, and are valued by the local communities. We are grateful to all those who help maintain the life of these churches.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £121,701 of which £63,613 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations.

We are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme this year.

Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £32,303 in 2025. A huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year as these events and fundraising initiatives make a real difference to our income levels and without those who work tirelessly to deliver, them they would not happen.

We have reignited our Stewardship campaign this year with the hope of boosting our funds through giving and this is something David Walker will continue to work on next year.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £75,117 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £7,421 (fundraising costs), £600 charitable giving and £22,098 on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenses of £16,465 on unrestricted funds.

This profit was due in large to not making the Parish Share payment in full (underpayment of approx. £14k). It was agreed that towards the end of 2025 we would review the finances and look at whether it would be possible to pay the Parish Share in full for 2025. We agreed to pay as much as we could without dipping into our reserves as these are still below the requisite level to fulfil our Reserves Policy.

As always the Finance Committee have reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2026. Towards the end of 2026 we will review the finances and look at whether it will be possible to pay the Parish Share in full in 2026.

Reserves policy

During the year the Policy was reviewed in light of our over-reliance on substantial fund-raising events (and the substantial risks this raised. The PCC adopted the new Reserves Policy, targeting £50,000 (approximately six months of running costs and a £5k contingency).

Parochial fees

The locally levied fees were reviewed in November.

Parochial fees are the fees for weddings and funerals. One set of fees is set nationally, and one set are local fees for facilities we offer to enhance the services we provide, such as organists bells and choir. We review them annually.

Parochial fees (continued)

The local fees are reviewed and figures are as follows:

The PCC decided to set the fees as follows (only one change):

Weddings and Funerals

The Cedar Centre wedding fees would remain at £45
The choir fee would remain at £120
The bell ringing fee for weddings would remain £275
The bell ringing fee for funerals was increased to £220 from £210
The bell ringing fee at Water Newton would remain at £120
The organist's fee would remain £140
The vergers fee would remain at £70

Cedar Centre

The current booking fee is £15 per hour for local bookings and £18 for local business. Outside bookings are £21 per hour

It was agreed to wait until the Village Hall Committee had finished their discussions as historically the two sets of fees had been aligned.

Mission and Community

We continue to be proud of our work with children and families, and of our wider engagement with the community.

Links with Castor School remain strong, and our ministry at Castor Lodge Care Home continues.

We also continue to support local charities and community initiatives, reflecting our commitment to serving those around us.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to thank all volunteers who contribute to the life of the parish.

This includes churchwardens, clergy, treasurer, secretary, safeguarding officers, children's leaders, musicians, bell ringers, fundraisers, and all those who serve in many different ways.

This has been a year where many have taken on additional responsibilities, and we are deeply grateful for this.

Electoral Roll

The numbers on the electoral roll are 135 as of April 12th 2026.

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Administrative information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Conclusion
2025 has been a year of transition, challenge and resilience.

Despite the uncertainties of interregnum, the parish has remained strong, worship has continued, finances have stabilised, and the community has continued to flourish.

We give thanks for all that has been achieved and look forward with hope to the appointment of a new Rector.

PCC Members 2025
PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting are:

Clergy:
David Ridgeway
Shiloh Varughese

Ex-officio Members

Children's Church: Helen Boulton

Churchwardens
Michael Samways
Nadia Stoney (stepped down April 2026)

Deputy Wardens
Stibbington: Charlotte Bradshaw
Water Newton: Vacant
Upton: Claire Harris (until closure of Upton church in November 2025)
Upton: Lynne Bell (until closure of Upton church in November 2025)

Deanery Synod Representatives
Anne Perkins
Chris Murrell
Jon Ardron

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Elected Members (by year)

Due for re-election 2026:
David Edwards
Steve Grys
Daniel Fitzjohn
Jo Morris

Due for re-election 2027:
Elisabeth Brown
Julian Burton
Ollie Southgate
William Baxter

Due for re-election 2028:
Jay Winfrey
David Walker
Sue Edwards

Co-opted Members
Karen Bailey (Secretary)
Amanda Millen (Treasurer)

Approval and Sign-off
Approved by the PCC on: 21st MAY 2026

Signed:

Chair: JON ARDRON

Secretary: K Bailey Karen Bailey

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

Respective responsibilites of Members and Examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Independent examiner's statement
In Connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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



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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	**2.1**	63,613	48,424	112,037	92,753
Other trading activities	**2.2**	32,303	-	32,303	39,151
Income from investments	**2.3**	1,262	-	1,262	1,581
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	7,456	-	7,456	6,559
Income from church activities	**2.5**	17,067	-	17,067	22,851
Total Income		121,701	48,424	170,125	162,895
Expenditure on:					
Church activities	**3.1**	97,815	51,889	149,704	143,152
Fundraising costs	**3.2**	7,421	-	7,421	19,700
Total Expenditure		105,236	51,889	157,125	162,852
Net Income before Transfers		16,465	(3,465)	13,000	43
Transfer between funds		777	(777)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		17,242	(4,242)	13,000	43
Total Funds brought forward		100,279	225,712	325,991	325,948
Total Funds Carried Forward		117,521	221,470	338,991	325,991

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		288,827		288,827
Current assets					
Debtors	7	3,170		4,820	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,250		58,233	
			59,420		63,053
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8		9,256		25,889
Net current assets			**50,164**		**37,164**
Net Assets	9		**338,991**		**325,991**
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted funds	10	117,521		100,279	
Restricted funds	10	221,470		225,712	
			338,991		325,991
Total Funds			**338,991**		**325,991**

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

Amanda Millen
Treasurer

Date: 12/5/2026

Jon Ardron
Chair

Date: 12/5/2026

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

1.1 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

1.2 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recongnised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recongised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.3 Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.4 Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.

No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2.1 Donations and Legacies				
Collections	11,498	-	11,498	12,795
Donations	48,108	7,500	55,608	73,969
Grants	4,007	40,924	44,931	5,989
	63,613	48,424	112,037	92,753
2.2 Other Trading Activities				
Events - Summer	31,718	-	31,718	38,483
Magazine sales and advertising	10	-	10	10
Sales of candles and postcards	575	-	575	658
	32,303	-	32,303	39,151
2.3 Income from Investments				
Bank Interest Received	1,262	-	1,262	1,581
2.4 Income From Charitable Activities				
Cedar Centre	7,456	-	7,456	6,559
2.5 Income from Church Activities				
Wedding and funeral	9,803	-	9,803	13,236
Bells, organ and choir	7,264	-	7,264	9,615
	17,067	-	17,067	22,851

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3.1 Church Activities				
Charitable Giving:				
Light Project Peterborough	-	-	-	100
Nene Valley Care Trust	300	-	300	600
Nakuru Children's Project	300	-	300	600
	600	-	600	1,300
Christian ministry:				
Diocesan Parish share	36,000	-	36,000	59,016
Church running and maintenance	15,835	51,795	67,630	23,220
Rector's expenses	1,882	-	1,882	4,412
Sacristy and vestments	3,545	-	3,545	4,478
Churchyard expenses	2,945	-	2,945	5,227
Music expenses	402	-	402	433
Parish admin costs	14,133	-	14,133	13,764
Miscellaneous	375	-	375	4,571
	75,117	51,795	126,912	115,121
Other:				
Diocese fees	3,974	-	3,974	6,111
Cedar Centre expenses	8,622	-	8,622	7,830
School expenses	372	-	372	548
Bells, organ and choir expenses	7,264	-	7,264	9,643
Youth work	-	-	-	500
Youth club	-	94	94	
Accountancy	1,866	-	1,866	1,844
Guidebooks	-	-	-	255
	22,098	94	22,192	26,731
	97,815	51,889	149,704	143,152
3.2 Fundraising Activities				
Event Expenses	7,421	-	7,421	19,700

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2025	288,827
At 31 December 2025	288,827
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 January 2025	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2025	-
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	**288,827**
At 1 January 2025	288,827

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax recoverable	2,472	2,899
Other debtors and prepayments	698	1,921
	3,170	4,820

8. CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors and accruals	9,256	25,889

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	49,877	9,543	59,420
Current liabilities	(9,256)	-	(9,256)
Net assets at 31 December 2025	116,744	222,247	338,991

10. FUNDS

	1 January 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Transfers/ Expenditure £	31 December 2025 £
Restricted funds				
Cedar Centre	212,704	-	-	212,704
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth Worker	3,305	-	-	3,305
Youth Club	240	-	(94)	146
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church Restoration	2,430	-	(528)	1,902
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Water Newton	3,620	-	(3,620)	-
Upton Church	1,676	48,424	(48,424)	1,676
Total Restricted Funds	225,712	48,424	(52,666)	221,470
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	84,279	121,701	(104,459)	101,521
Major repairs fund	16,000	-	-	16,000
Total unrestricted funds	100,279	121,701	(104,459)	117,521

Purpose of restricted funds

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover any youth worker costs incurred.

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016, £3,000 was received from the Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church. A further £2,000 was received in 2022.

Water Newton:
A fund to just be used for Water Newton Church from a Water Newton VAT reclaim in 2022.

Upton Church:
A fund for the repair of the church roof.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council presents the annual report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Aim and purposes
Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Fr David Ridgeway, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Regimus Church, Water Newton, and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve as many different people as possible who live within our parish and beyond. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

We aim 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.
• Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
• Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and the Cedar Centre Hall. During 2024 there were seven meetings of the PCC. All meetings were conducted with most members present. Minutes are made available by the PCC Secretary and are agreed by the PCC at the following meeting.

As PCC members, we each seek to exercise both our spiritual and legal responsibilities seriously and in love, working together as a team to best serve Christ, our church fellowship, and our community. When needed, we have invited people from our community to join our PCC meetings to provide information and advice to assist the Council's work. We are lucky to have a dedicated team working on the PCC who all play a valuable role in helping with the smooth running of our churches.

Achievements and Performance
2024 was a huge year for us. A 900th birthday to be exact! This year was St Kyneburgha's 900th anniversary. The dedication of the only Kyneburgha church was on the 17th of April 1124, the date carved above the priest's door. Incidentally this is one of the few ancient churches where the exact date of consecration is known. The celebrations started on the same date just 900 years later with a service, refreshments, lighting of the beacon and bell ringing. There was a very successful flower festival held the previous September which raised over £5,000 and a Saxon versus Viking evening.

The amazing celebrations which we enjoyed during this special anniversary year are the result of much imaginative thought along with a considerable amount of time and effort contributed by many different people over quite a few years. We are truly grateful for all their hard work and talent! There were four organisations involved - the church, village hall, CASPRA and the Trust. The monies raised were shared between the church, the village hall and CASPRA.

A big programme of events was held over the year culminating in Festival Fortnight starting on the 22nd of June. This was in place of our annual St Kyneburgha festival usually held in July. The fortnight was packed with events finishing off with the big day on our patronal festival day, 6th July with the afternoon Saxon sports day, themed

Achievements and Performance continued...
stalls, and food and in the evening, a specular Saxon Ibiza party! There really was something for everyone over festival fortnight including a village variety show, a children's historical re-enactment, a Beating of the Bounds parish walk and a talk from the BBC's Dr Jonathan Foyle.

The celebrations continued later into the year with the very popular comic operetta, the "The Legend of the Flowers and Brigands", a specially commissioned piece with music composed by Jon Graham and a libretto by Ian Winfrey. This was crafted with professionalism, care and commitment. We have a very generous community. The event also drew in people from wider afield, including the cast. Many had not been to the church before and were really taken with its beauty. Some saying that they would come back to a Sunday service. Many thanks to Ian Winfrey and John Graham for putting this together. It was a real celebration of our building and of St Kyneburgha. An offshoot of the success is that we now have 5 children in the church choir which we should also celebrate. This operetta was performed in the church itself in early October and delighted its audiences. Later in November, the "Work of Many Hands" collaborative textile artwork was unveiled in church. Depicting the church and the landscape around the parish, the artwork is a celebration of 900 years of continuity and community since the foundation of the church in 1124 and will be enjoyed by many for years to come, serving as a wonderful reminder of our celebrations. Bishop John came to bless the tapestry on the first Sunday in December.

Finally, to mark this special anniversary an Icon of St Kyneburgha was commissioned from a local artist Gabrielle Boyle. This was dedicated during the anniversary service in April and hangs at the front of the nave as a gift to the building from its current community.

We continue to try and find new ways to fundraise and increase our income. The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank those people who have worked very hard to fundraise. Some people have continued in familiar roles, and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work. We are also very grateful for the new members who have joined us with fundraising this year. We are always delighted to get new people getting involved with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The 900 years celebrations have seen about £6,000 being raised for the church with a further £5,000 being raised by the Flower festival as part of this. Our other regular fundraising events took place such as the Christmas tree sales in December and Julie Taylor's coffee mornings.

Finance has always been a challenge for our Benefice as we have four medieval churches to maintain. In the past we have relied heavily on fundraising to cover our costs and have been just about getting by in this way for a number of years. In the past few years however, we have seen that income from regular giving barely covers expenditure. Our treasurer, Amanda Millen, with support from Daniel Fitzjohn, have worked hard to ensure that costs are as low as can be. Even though costs are as streamlined as they can be, we are budgeted to make a considerable loss this year of £17,000. Just like the past few years, we need to increase income and we know we raise a lot from fundraising already. The 900 years celebrations were seen as an opportunity to sign up to regular contributions via the "Parish Giving Scheme". It is an ideal way for people to donate as the church can claim Gift Aid from it and the admin involved is low. The Parish Angels were released with gold pin angel badges for those who wanted to take part with an information card detailing the costs involves in running the church and how we need support. Take up was unfortunately low. This has prompted the PCC to look at new ways at encouraging regular donations with the stewardship group now meeting regularly to work on this. The new group is coordinated by David Walker and involving David Edwards, Jo Morris, Daniel Fitzjohn, Steve Grys, Olly Southgate and Michael Samways.

We continue to have strong links with Castor school. The news from the school has been good news this year after a couple of unsettled years. In November Susie Phillips was appointed headteacher and was welcomed by the church community at a Sunday service also in November. Suzie's appointment was hugely celebrating by everyone involved with the school and it is felt that staff are now happy and settled and the parent community and children are also very happy. The Ofsted inspection in the summer delivered a good outcome and the SIAMS inspection (The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools which assesses the way in which the school lives up to its foundation as a Church school) was excellent with the inspector loud in his praise for the school/church relationship. Well done and thank you to everyone involved in particular for Helen Blouldton's support here.

Achievements and Performance continued...
We are very grateful to Chris Murrell and Anne Perkins who continue to do a sterling job making sure we are fully compliant with all things safeguarding. They have worked tirelessly making sure that everyone who needs one has their DBS check completed and receives any training required. This includes all PCC members, bell ringers and Children's Church volunteers – so a lot of people! We are lucky we have a vibrant community of volunteers and people involved in our church community joining all the time, but it is a big task for our safeguarding officers to ensure all checks are in place and everyone is kept safe. Chris and Anne have also provided much welcomed support to the safeguarding officers at our Benefice's other churches. This is very important work, and the PCC are very grateful for all that they have been doing. Things are moving forward with the church's national work on Safeguarding. Chris and Anne will be working on introducing the new Benefice Safeguarding Dashboard soon as well as the Church's new Book of Guidance for Safeguarding which will hopefully be out in May. One big message from Chris and Anne recently is that safeguarding is the responsibility of all PCC members, not just the safeguarding officers. This is especially important to remind ourselves of as we enter a period of interregnum.

Worship and Prayer
The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, on Sundays we offer quiet and reflective services at 8.00am each week at St. Kyneburgha's. These are followed by the main sung service with hymns at 10.15am. Services also take place in the other three churches of the parish.

This year we have continued to welcome young families into our church at Castor especially at the Family Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and the Family Praise service on the third Sunday. Our Children's Church team led by Helen Boulton continue their fun and exciting work with our children. Our Children's Church sessions are more popular than ever with us often having 20 - 30 children attending these sessions on a Sunday. We are pleased to have had many new families join us this year. We are proud of our work with children – the sessions are fun and vibrant and very popular. The success of these sessions has seen the number of young children wanting to make their First Holy Communion increase. Going forward we are now in a position to develop ways of engaging our older children. We did have a popular St K youth group a few years back but unfortunately this has not run for a couple of years. Our curate Father Shilo is currently introducing the youth group starting with a Friday evening pizza and quiz evening at the Cedar Centre recently. We will also be investing in a youth intern to support with our youth service and worship. The junior choir continues to be popular and well attended. The success of the operetta in October now has a legacy of five children joining the choir in church and singing in Mass on Sundays which is excellent news.

This year in our Benefice there have been eleven Baptisms, one wedding and one wedding vow renewal service. There have been nine funerals.

Deanery Synod
Chris Murrell and Anne Perkins represent the parish on the Peterborough Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. In 2024 there were various meetings held by the Synod including a meeting led by Bishop Debbie at The Emmanuel Church, Werrington in November. Thank you to Chris for representing Castor and for keeping us informed on all Synod matters. The Deanery Synod are always open to anyone who wants to attend, and Chris keeps the PCC informed well in advance on where and when these meeting are. She also provides summaries on speakers and discussions held at the meetings so the PCC can be kept up to date.

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre
The PCC are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust for the support they provide in helping to fund repair work. They continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes on the preservation and upkeep of the fabric of our historic church building at St Kyneburgha and its grounds and also to raise awareness of the rich and varied history of this important site. The Trust held numerous popular events this year including the Saxon weekend in July and the operetta held in October. There were talks organised by the Trust including a talk on Henry 1st by Stephen Church and a talk on John Clare by Sam Ward. Regular events continued such as the Trust's carols at Milton Hall and the ever-popular Garden Safari evenings. This was a special year for the Trust

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre continued...
as they gave grateful thanks to their chairman of the past fourteen years, Antonia Pounsett. She steps down after an extraordinary period of growth and achievement in maintaining our church building and raising funds. Antonia has been behind many events that have helped our community to make many cherished memories as well as preserve our church for future communities. The Trust and the PCC thank her for excellent leadership and skill. Andrew Boulton has kindly agreed to act as temporary chairman for one year.

The Cedar Centre Hall adjacent to the church continues to be well used by several community groups. The PCC are very grateful to Tracey Squires for her commitment and attention to detail to ensure the smooth day to day running of this facility. It was raised by the new stewardship group that we could be missing opportunities to raise income by not advertising the Cedar Centre as well as we could. This is an area that the stewardship group will continue to investigate.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton
This small Grade 1 listed church has been a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the Hamlet of Upton for many centuries. Regular worship before the pandemic took place on one Sunday each month and to mark festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, and Easter. There were about 16 services a year held in Upton church before the Covid pandemic in 2021.

This year the process of 'closure' for Upton church progressed further. Upton church is in a poor state of repair and a portion of the Collyweston Slate the roof has slipped off. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure the financial help needed to maintain Upton church, so the PCC had to reinitiate closure plans. The long-term hope is to entrust it to a church conservation group although this is by no means a foregone conclusion. It is very much hoped that the building will remain consecrated as a church and available for a limited number of services each year, plus baptisms, funerals and by special arrangement, weddings. Closure will mean that the financial burden of caring for the building will no longer fall upon the PCC. The notices for closure were placed in the church porches to let the community know of the plans for Upton church. We are very grateful that the Fitzwilliam trustees have offered to pay up to £50,000 to repair the roof. Having the roof repaired may help make the building less of a challenge for the church conservation groups to take on. It is expected that the process of church closure will be completed by the end of 2025.

St. Remigius Church, Water Newton
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the Hamlet of Water Newton. Approximately six services and events take place in the church each year and these are well supported by villagers and those from further afield. The church has a Friends group who are actively trying to raise funds to carry out much needed repair work on the building and to help ensure that it can remain open as a place of prayer and meeting space for the village. New people continue to get involved with the Friends group this year which is great news. Water Newton found out this year that they are eligible for funding for repair work on the roof and guttering which has been needed for a while.

The Water Newton annual musical festival is a very popular event which is attended by families from all the surrounding villages. It went ahead this year on August 25th. It will have a break next year but will hopefully return. Water Newton held another successful Harvest Festival service this year.

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Stibbington. Worship takes place at festival occasions: Patronal Festival in June, Harvest, Carol Service, a Pancake Service and Eucharist on Easter Sunday evening. We are grateful for Charlotte Bradshaw for working as church warden at Stibbington this year.

Mission and Evangelism
We continue to be proud of our work with children and young families. Our Children's Church is vibrant and extremely well attended. We are very grateful for the fantastic work of our children's minister, Helen Boulton. We have many very well-attended Sunday children's Church sessions as well as the ever-popular, monthly Family Praise sessions as well as special sessions throughout the year such as the Good Friday craft session.

Mission and Evangelism continued...
Helen also helps our youngsters prepare for First Holy Communion. Another success from Children's Church is the growing number of children wanting to take First Communion and we have also ran Confirmation preparation classes this year. This year we paid for a Deanery Youth intern to work with our older youngsters. Fr Shilo has set up a new youth group with sessions taking place on Friday evenings throughout the year. We have continued with our ministry to the residents of the newly established Castor Lodge Care Home in the village. A good working relationship with the home has now been established and regular monthly services now take place there. In addition, residents from the home also attend services in the church from time to time and we are very grateful to those who assist with transport for this. We also continue to support those in our local area who need it such as our donations to the Light Project from the Christmas post boxes in the villages as well as donations to the food bank and support for prisoners.

Financial Review
Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £161,115 of which £90,973 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations.

Voluntary donations are essential for the health of our finances and we are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme this year. As donations are our lifeline if you are a regular donor to the church, and have not reviewed your giving recently please may we ask you to consider whether you can increase it.

Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £39,151 in 2024. A huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year as these events and fundraising initiatives make a real difference to our income levels and without those who work tirelessly to deliver them, they would not happen.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £114,890 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £19,700 (fundraising costs) and £26,231 on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of expenses over receipts of £1,006 on unrestricted funds.

Unfortunately, this means we have made a loss in 2024 of £1,006 although we did pay the Parish Share in full this year. However, we will need to review the finances mid-way through the year and look at whether it will be possible to pay the Parish Share in full at the end of 2025. We will pay as much as we can without dipping into our reserves. In light of rising costs, it is prudent to try and maintain the reserves that have been ever decreasing over the last few years.

We are hopeful that following the stewardship campaign currently underway regular giving and donations will increase to enable us to comfortably meet all our expenses now and in the future.

As always, the Finance Committee has reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2025.

Reserves policy
The policy is reviewed every year.

Parochial fees
The locally levied fees were reviewed in November.
Parochial fees are the fees for weddings and funerals. One set of fees is set nationally, and one set are local fees for facilities we offer to enhance the services we provide, such as organists bells and choir. We review them annually. The local fees and reviewed figures are as follows:

The PCC decided to set the fees as follows:

Weddings and Funerals:

The Cedar Centre wedding fees would remain at £45
The choir fee was increased to £120 from £110
The bell ringing fee for weddings was increased to £275 from £250
The bell ringing fee for funerals was increased to £210 from £190
The bell ringing fee at Water Newton was increased to £120 from £110
The organist's fee was increased to £140 from £135.
The vergers fee was increased to £70 from £65

Cedar Centre:
The current booking fee is £15 per hour for local bookings and £18 for local business. Outside bookings are £21 per hour

It was agreed to wait until the Village Hall Committee had finished their discussions as historically the two sets of fees had been aligned.

Volunteers
The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities which they are. We want to mention our churchwardens, treasurer, and secretary, children's minister as well as our verger and benefice administrator.

There is a large team of volunteers who plan, prepare, and run the St Kyneburgha festival. The PCC would like to thank all those involved in planning for the festival and all the newcomers helping with this. Again, we would like to thank all those who are involved with the many fundraising events. We are lucky to be part of a such a talented and creative community.

Father David
Finally we come to the rector's retirement. In the Autumn, Father David wrote to the bishop informing him of his intention to retire come the end of May 2025. Ascension Thursday (May 29th) will be David's last service at St Kyneburgha with a farewell party planed afterwards in the school hall. David has been with us at Castor for almost ten years now, starting in November 2015. He has seen us through some huge events such as a global pandemic and a 900-year anniversary! His guidance has been hugely valuable and truly appreciated by us all. His work with the school has been excellent and he has been very supportive to the school staff and loved by the pupils. He has a natural affinity with children and knows how to make them laugh as has often been the case during his sermons in Mass. Conversely he understands grief and how to comfort people in their distress, he has been there for our community at very important times for people. People know he has particular skills with gardening and has worked as a judge for the RHS and this made him a very welcome member of the local gardener's society. All these points illustrate how integrated David has become with our community plus how much he will be missed! As David himself has reminded us at times of change and sadness over his time here, the whole Christian Gospel is about death and resurrection. Things come to an end and new shoots grow. We wish him well on his new chapter in Durham.

We are glad that our curate , Father Shilo, will remain with us at this time which will help with continuity plus also Father Ray is around for advice. The PCC, steered by Michael, are working on redrafting the Parish Profile which is a document which tells prospective candidates who we are and what we do as well as detailing what we would look for in a new rector. This will be completed soon and then made available for the PCC and patrons to look over.

Structure, governance, and management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met seven times during the year.

As there are so many church buildings within the parish the PCC has delegated responsibility for matters relating to St Remigius Church, Water Newton, and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington to a District Church Council whose terms of reference are set out in the Parish Constitution.

Electoral Roll
The numbers on the electoral roll are 135 as of April 14th, 2025.

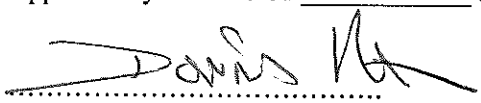
Administrative information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting are:

Ex-officio Members -	
Rector -	David Ridgeway
Curate	Shilo Varhughese
Childrens' Minister	Helen Boulton
Co-opted Members	Karen Bailey
	Amanda Millen
	Ben Squires
Elected Members -	
Two Church Wardens -	Nadia Stoney
Elected each year	Michael Samways
St. John the Baptist Upton Deputy Wardens -	Lyn Bell
Elected each year	Claire Harris
St. John the Baptist Stibbington Deputy Wardens -	Charlotte Bradshaw
Elected each year.	
St. Remigius Water Newton -	
Elected each year	Vacant
Three Deanery Synod Representatives -	
Elected for a period of three years	Anne Perkins
Due for re-election in 2026	Chris Murrell
	Vacant
Twelve Other Elected Members -	
Elected for a period of three years.	
Due for re-election in 2025	Jay Winfrey
	Peter Thompson
	David Walker
	Susan Edwards

Due for re-election in 2026	David Edwards Steve Grys Daniel Fitzjohn Jo Morris
Due for re-election in 2027	Elisabeth Brown Julian Burton Ollie Southgate William Baxter

Approved by the PCC on _____ and signed on their behalf by: The Fr David Ridgeway PCC Chairman



Fr David Ridgeway

PCC Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Castor With Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton Parochial Church Council

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I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	90,973	1,780	92,753	63,611
Other trading activities	2(b)	39,151	-	39,151	44,667
Income from investments	2(c)	1,581	-	1,581	1,205
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	6,559	-	6,559	7,952
Income from church activities	2(e)	22,851	-	22,851	17,505
TOTAL INCOME		161,115	1,780	162,895	134,940
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Church activities	3(a)	134,848	731	143,152	116,551
Fundraising costs	3(b)	19,700	-	19,700	24,737
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		162,121	731	162,852	141,288
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(1,006)	1,049	43	(6,348)
Transfer between funds		(3,620)	3,620	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(4,626)	4,669	43	(6,348)
Total funds brought forward		104,905	221,043	325,948	332,296
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		100,279	225,712	325,991	325,948

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		288,827	288,827
Current assets				
Debtors	7	4,820		3,484
Cash at bank and in hand		58,233		41,333
		63,053		44,817
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	25,889		7,696
Net current assets			37,164	37,121
Net assets	9		325,991	325,948
Parish funds				
Unrestricted funds	10		100,279	104,905
Restricted funds	10		225,712	221,043
Total funds			325,991	325,948

Approved by the PCC on 15-5-2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Amanda Millen
Treasurer

Fr David Ridgeway
Rector

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.
No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. **INCOME ON:**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a)	**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**				
	Collections	12,795	-	12,795	9,575
	Donations	72,189	1,780	73,969	50,347
	Grants	5,989	-	5,989	3,689
		90,973	1,780	92,753	63,611
2(b)	**OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**				
	Events - Summer Festival etc	38,483	-	38,483	44,377
	Magazine sales and advertising	10	-	10	10
	Sales of candles and postcards	658	-	658	280
		39,151	-	39,151	44,667
2(c)	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**				
	Bank interest received	1,581	-	1,581	1,205
2(d)	**INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**				
	Cedar Centre	6,559	-	6,559	7,952
2(e)	**INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES**				
	Wedding and funeral fees	13,236	-	13,236	10,361
	Bells, organ and choir fees	9,615	-	9,615	7,144
		22,851	-	22,851	17,505

3.	EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3(a)	**Church Activities**				
	Charitable giving:				
	DEC Ukraine Appeal	-	-	-	-
	Light Project Peterborough	100	-	100	-
	Nene Valley Care Trust	600	-	600	600
	Nakuru Children's Project	600	-	600	600
		1,300	-	1,300	1,200
	Christian ministry:				
	Diocesan Parish share	59,016	-	59,016	38,500
	Church running and maintenance	22,989	231	23,220	25,906
	Rector's expenses	4,412	-	4,412	5,441
	Sacristy and vestments	4,478	-	4,478	4,428
	Churchyard expenses	5,227	-	5,227	5,240
	Music expenses	433	-	433	630
	Parish admin costs	13,764	-	13,764	13,213
	Miscellaneous	4,571	-	4,571	410
		114,890	231	115,121	93,768
	Other:				
	Diocese fees	6,111	-	6,111	4,772
	Parish magazine costs	-	-	-	-
	Cedar Centre expenses	7,830	-	7,830	7,530
	School expenses	548	-	548	243
	Bells, organ and choir expenses	9,643	-	9,643	7,364
	Youth work	-	500	500	44
	Accountancy (inc. prior under-provision)	1,844	-	1,844	1,630
	Guide books	255	-	255	-
		26,231	500	26,731	21,583
		142,421	731	143,152	116,551
3(b)	**Fundraising costs**				
	Event expenses	19,700	-	19,700	24,737

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2024	288,827
Additions	-
At 31 December 2024	288,827
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 January 2024	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2024	-
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2024	288,827
At 1 January 2024	288,827

7. **DEBTORS:**

	2024 £	2023 £
Tax recoverable	2,899	2,483
Other debtors and prepayments	1,921	1,001
Total	4,820	3,484

	2024 £	2023 £
8. **CREDITORS:** Amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors and accruals	25,889	7,696

9. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	50,045	13,008	63,053
Current liabilities	(25,889)	-	(25,889)
Net assets at 31 December 2024	100,279	225,712	325,991

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	1 January 2024 £	Income £	Funds Transfer/ Expenditure £	31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Cedar Centre	212,704	-	-	212,704
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth worker	3,805	-	(500)	3,305
Youth Club	240	-	-	240
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church restoration	2,430	-	-	2,430
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Water Newton	-	-	3,620	3,620
Upton Church	127	1,780	(231)	1,676
Total restricted funds	221,043	1,780	2,889	225,712

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Funds Transfer/ Outgoing Resources £	31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	90,905	155,495	(162,121)	84,279
Major repairs fund	14,000	2,000	-	16,000
Total unrestricted funds	86,190	157,495	(162,121)	100,279

Purpose of restricted funds:

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover the youth worker for 3 years.

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016 £3,000 was received from The Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church. A further £2,000 was received in 2022.

Water Newton:
A fund to just be used for Water Newton Church from a Water Newton vat reclaim in 2022.

Upton Church:
A fund for the repair of the church roof.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council presents the annual report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Aim and Purposes
Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Fr David Ridgeway, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Regimus Church, Water Newton, and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve as many different people as possible who that live within our parish and beyond. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

We aim 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.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and the Cedar Centre Hall. During 2023 there were seven meetings of the PCC. All meetings were conducted with most members present. Minutes are made available by the PCC Secretary and are agreed by the PCC in the following meeting.

As PCC members, we each seek to exercise both our spiritual and legal responsibilities seriously and in love, working together as a team to best serve Christ, our church fellowship, and our community. When needed, we have invited people from our community to join our PCC meetings to provide information and advice to assist the Council's work. We are lucky to have a dedicated team working on the PCC who all play a valuable role in helping with the smooth running of our churches.

Achievements and Performance
We continue to try and find new ways to fundraise and increase our income. The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank those people who have worked very hard to fundraise. Some people have continued in familiar roles, and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work. We are also very grateful for the new members who have joined us with fundraising this year. We are always delighted to get new people getting involved with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We have a Fundraising working group, David Ridgeway, Chris Murrell, Ben Squires and Anne Perkins. They meet to discuss possible fundraising plans. The Saint Kyneburgha festival was again very successful this year Events continued to take place to raise money such as St Kyneburgha Trusts' Garden safaris, the plant sale raised over £1000, two fine dining experiences in the village hall organised by Jo Morris and Ben Squires which raised about £2000, tea at Castor House, and many others. The Flower Festival held in September was a very popular event and raised just over £5000.

It continues to be the case that income from regular giving barely covers expenditure. Our treasurer, Amanda Millen, with support from Daniel Fitzjohn, have worked hard to ensure that costs are as low as can be. We need to increase income and we know we raise a lot from fundraising already. We are trying to raise the amount given in regular donations as this is an area that has remained static over the past few years. We will be using the 900th Anniversary celebrations in 2024 to encourage our parishioners to donate regularly. At the Anniversary service

Achievements and Performance (cont.)

due to take place in April we plan to launch the "St Kyneburgha Angels" campaign. This will invite people to donate regularly. The campaign will highlight how important our church has been to our community for hundreds of years and it is vital that we preserve and maintain it for future generations, but we need financial support to do so.

We continue to have strong links with Castor school. Alan Turner retired as Chair of Governors at the end of last year. The PCC are very grateful for his hard work during his tenure. Our Children's Minister, and PCC member Helen Boulton provides a very key link between the church and school community and she has recently moved from being an Associate Governor to a full Governor. To help foster the already strong links with Castor School we are continuing to develop the church/school agreement. Our Rector came to the end of his term of office as a Governor at the end of this year but he continues his involvement with the school in other ways.

We are very grateful to Chris Murrell and Anne Perkins who continue to do a sterling job making sure we are fully compliant with all things safeguarding. They have worked tirelessly making sure that everyone who needs one has their DBS check completed and any training required. This includes all PCC members, bell ringers and Children's Church volunteers – so a lot of people! They have also provided much welcomed support to the safeguarding officers at our Benefice's other churches. This is very important work, and the PCC are very grateful for all that they have been doing.

We are very excited that our 900th anniversary of the consecration of St Kyneburgha -the17th of April- is almost upon us. We have been preparing for this special event for a few years now with many people working on this very special celebration. We want to celebrate our wonderful St Kyneburgha Church and its history in our community. There is a whole K900 celebration programme planned.

The dedication of the church was on the 17th of April 1124, the date carved above the Priest's door and is one of the few ancient Churches where the exact date is known. So, Wednesday 17thApril next year is when we plan to commence our celebrations with a special service in church followed by refreshments. The beacon will be lit and we will hopefully be joined by children from the school dressed as nuns, monks or angels. We are also hoping for a return visit from Bishop Alexander who was Bishop of Lincoln in 1124 and is the most likely Bishop to have carried out the consecration. To mark this special anniversary and Icon of St Kyneburgha has been commissioned from a by local artist Gabriella Boyle and this will be dedicated during the anniversary service.

The celebrations will continue until December 2024. This year already we have held a very successful and popular flower festival. This was a well-attended event and people visited from all over to see our church wonderfully decorated. There was also an exciting Saxon evening which took place near the church and on the school field. This was organised by the Preservation Trust and proved to be a very popular and well attended event. We are very grateful to all those playing a part in organising the various anniversary events, whether shaping activities or providing much needed support in the background. Again, this is an example of our wonderful community working together to celebrate and also fundraise, helping to preserve our wonderful church for future generations.

As part of the K900 celebrations, there will be an exciting community operetta written by Ian Winfrey and John Graham which will hopefully be staged in October 2024 and will be a light-hearted retelling of the story of St Kyneburga. Auditions take place in June.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Worship and Prayer

The CC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, on Sundays we offer quiet and reflective services at 8.00am each week at St. Kyneburgha's. These are followed by the main sung service with hymns at 10.15am. Services also take place in the other three churches of the parish.

This year we have continued to welcome young families into our church at Castor especially at the Family Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and the Family Praise service on the third Sunday. Our Children's Church team led by Helen Boulton continue their fun and exciting work with our children. Our Children's Church sessions are more popular than ever with us often having 20 plus children attending these sessions on a Sunday. We are pleased to have had many new families join us this year. We are proud of our work with children – the sessions are fun and vibrant and very popular, going forward we know we need to develop ways of engaging our older children. We did have a popular St K youth group a few years back but unfortunately this has not run for a couple of years. It is hoped that our curate Father Shilo, may be able reintroduce a youth group and with the support of a Diocesan intern as part of a mission project he will be undertaking as part of his training. The junior choir continues to be popular and well attended. They meet once a week on Mondays and are often involved in services at church.

We continued to give Communion at the front of the nave until Easter of 2024 when we reintroduced communion rail at the high altar. We were glad to be able to reinstate this as many appreciate the journey involved in travelling up to the high altar to receive Communion.

Deanery Synod

Chris Murrell and Anne Perkins represent the parish on the Peterborough Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. In 2024 St Kyneburgha's has been asked to host the Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist which is due to be attended by Bishop Debbie.

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre

The PCC are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Preservation Trust for the support they provide in helping to fund repair work.

The Trust held numerous popular events this year including a talk about Richard Third of Fotheringhay, a family orientated Saxon night held in church in October and a very popular and well-attended talk by William Burke in November. The PCC are very grateful to the Trust for their support with the challenging role of overseeing the repair and maintenance of our beautiful church.

The Cedar Centre Hall adjacent to the church continues to be well used by several community groups. The PCC are very grateful to Tracey Squires for her commitment and attention to detail to ensure the smooth day to day running of this facility.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton

This small Grade 1 listed church has been a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Upton for many centuries. Regular worship before the pandemic took place on one Sunday each month and to mark festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, and Easter. There were about 16 services a year held in Upton church before the Covid pandemic in 2021.

We did pause the process of 'closure' for Upton church this year. Upton church is in a poor state of repair and a portion of the Collyweston Slate the roof has slipped off. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure the

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton (cont.)

financial help needed to maintain Upton church, so the PCC had to reinitiate closure plans. The long-term hope is to entrust it to a church conservation group although this is by no means a foregone conclusion. Tt is very much hoped that the building will remain consecrated as a church and available for a limited number of services each year, plus baptisms, funerals and by special arrangement, weddings. Closure will mean that the financial burden of caring for the building will no longer fall upon the PCC. We are still in the early stages of this long process. The Church Buildings Council has been to survey the building and have submitted a report relating to its future use.

St. Remigius Church, Water Newton

This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Water Newton. Approximately six services and events take place in the church each year and these are well supported by villagers and those from further afield. The church has a Friends group who are actively trying to raise funds to carry out much needed repair work on the building and to help ensure that it can remain open as a place of prayer and meeting space for the village. New people continue to get involved with the Friends group this year which is great news. The Water Newton annual musical festival is a very popular event which is attended by families from all the surrounding villages.

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington

This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Stibbington. Worship takes place at festival occasions: Patronal Festival in June, Harvest, Carol Service, a Pancake Service and Eucharist on Easter Sunday evening. We are grateful for Charlotte Bradshaw for working as church warden at Stibbington this year.

Mission and Evangelism

We continue to be proud of our work with children and young families. Our Children's Church is vibrant and extremely well attended. We are very grateful for the fantastic work of our children's minister, Helen Boulton. We have continued with.
our ministry to the residents of the newly established Castor Lodge Care Home in the village. A good working relationship with the home has now been established and regular monthly services now take place there. In addition, residents from the home also attend services in the church from time to time and we are very grateful to those who assist with transport for this. We hosted the Deanery Synod in September.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £129,940 of which £58,611 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations.

Voluntary donations are essential for the health of our finances and we are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme this year. As donations are our life line if you are a regular donor to the church, and have not reviewed your giving recently please may I ask you to consider whether you can increase it.

Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £44,667 in 2023. A huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year as these events and fundraising initiatives make a real difference to our income levels and without those who work tirelessly to deliver them, they would not happen.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £86,325 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the

Financial Review (cont.)

churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £24,737 (fundraising costs) and £21,583 on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of expenses over receipts of £3,905 on unrestricted funds.

Unfortunately this means we have made a loss in 2023 of £3,905. We tried to minimise the loss by not paying the Parish Share payment in full again (underpayment of approx. £18k). It was agreed that towards the end of 2023 we would review the finances and look at whether it would be possible to pay the Parish Share in full. We agreed to pay as much as we could without dipping into our reserves. In light of rising costs and the still high energy prices we thought it prudent to try and maintain the reserves that have been ever decreasing over the last few years.

As always the Finance Committee have reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2024. Towards the end of 2024 we will review the finances and look at whether it will be possible to pay the Parish Share in full in 2024.

Reserves policy
The policy is reviewed every year.

Parochial fees
The locally levied fees were reviewed in November.
Parochial fees are the fees for weddings and funerals. One set of fees is set nationally, and one set are local fees for facilities we offer to enhance the services we provide, such as organists bells and choir. We review them annually. The local fees and reviewed figures are as follows:
The PCC decided to set the fees as follows:

Weddings and funerals:
The Cedar Centre weddings fee was increased from £40 to £45.
The choir fee will remain at £110.
The bell ringing fee for weddings will be kept at £250.
The bell ringing fee for funerals was increased from £180 to £190.
The bellringing fee at Water Newton will remain at £110.
The organist fee was increased from £130 to £135.
The Verger's fee was increased from £60 to £65.

Cedar Centre:
Last year the regular bookings fee was increased to £15 per hour and the business rate was set at £20 per hour.

It was decided that we will review the Cedar Centre fess after consultation with Tracey and Village Hall to keep the fees in line in line with their fees. We will we still be discounting for a local rate.

Volunteers
The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities which they are. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, treasurer, and secretary as well as our verger and benefice administrator.

Volunteers (cont.)

There is a large team of volunteers who plan, prepare, and run the St Kyneburgha festival. The PCC would like to thank all those involved in planning for the festival and all the newcomers helping with this. Again, we would like to thank all those who are involved with the many fundraising events. We are lucky to be part of a such a talented and creative community.

Structure, governance, and management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met five times during the year.

As there are so many church buildings within the parish the PCC has delegated responsibility for matters relating to St Remigius Church, Water Newton, and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington to a District Church Council whose terms of reference are set out in the Parish Constitution.

Electoral Roll
The numbers on the electoral roll are 152 as of April 18th, 2024.

Administrative information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting until we will be able to re-elect new members when social distancing guidelines allow are:

Ex-officio Members:

Rector -	David Ridgeway
Curate	Shilo Varhughese
Childrens' Minister	Helen Boulton

Co-opted Members:	Karen Bailey
	Julian Burton
	Ben Squires

Elected Members:

Two Church Wardens -	Lucinda James
Elected each year	Michael Samways
St. John the Baptist Upton Deputy Wardens -	Lyn Bell

Administrative Information (cont.)

Elected Members:

Elected each year	Claire Harris
St. John the Baptist Stibbington Deputy Wardens - Elected each year.	Charlotte Bradshaw
St. Remigius Water Newton - Elected each year	Vacant
Three Deanery Synod Representatives - Elected for a period of three years Due for re-election in 2026	Anne Perkins Chris Murrell Vacant
Twelve Other Elected Members - Elected for a period of three years.	
Due for re-election in 2024	Amanda Millen Elizabeth Brown Ollie Southgate William Baxter
Due for re-election in 2025	Jay Winfrey Peter Thompson David Walker Susan Edwards

Approved by the PCC on 16th May 24 signed on their behalf by: the Fr David Ridgeway PCC Chairman

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Fr David Ridgeway

PCC Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Castor With Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton Parochial Church Council

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I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

29 May 2024

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	58,611	5,000	63,611	69,389
Other trading activities	2(b)	44,667	-	44,667	33,624
Income from investments	2(c)	1,205	-	1,205	386
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	7,952	-	7,952	7,009
Income from church activities	2(e)	17,505	-	17,505	22,682
TOTAL INCOME		129,940	5,000	134,940	133,090
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Church activities	3(a)	109,108	7,443	116,551	114,492
Fundraising costs	3(b)	24,737	-	24,737	16,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		133,845	7,443	141,288	131,058
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(3,905)	(2,443)	(6,348)	2,032
Transfer between funds		18,164	(18,164)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		14,259	(20,607)	(6,348)	2,032
Total funds brought forward		90,646	241,650	332,296	330,264
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		104,905	221,043	325,948	332,296

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		288,827	288,827
Current assets				
Debtors	7	3,484		7,375
Cash at bank and in hand		41,333		49,356
		44,817		56,731
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	7,696		13,262
Net current assets			37,121	43,469
Net assets	9		325,948	332,296
Parish funds				
Unrestricted funds	10		104,905	90,646
Restricted funds	10		221,043	241,650
Total funds			325,948	332,296

Approved by the PCC on 16th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Amanda Millen
Treasurer

Fr David Ridgeway
Rector

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.
No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. **INCOME ON:**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(a)	**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**				
	Collections	9,575	-	9,575	7,346
	Donations	45,347	5,000	50,347	52,959
	Grants	3,689	-	3,689	9,084
		58,611	5,000	63,611	69,389
2(b)	**OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**				
	Events - Summer Festival etc	44,377	-	44,377	33,189
	Magazine sales and advertising	10	-	10	17
	Sales of candles and postcards	280	-	280	418
		44,667	-	44,667	33,624
2(c)	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**				
	Bank interest received	1,205	-	1,205	386
2(d)	**INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**				
	Cedar Centre	7,952	-	7,952	7,009
2(e)	**INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES**				
	Wedding and funeral fees	10,361	-	10,361	13,541
	Bells, organ and choir fees	7,144	-	7,144	9,141
		17,505	-	17,505	22,682

3.	EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3(a)	**Church Activities**				
	Charitable giving:				
	DEC Ukraine Appeal	-	-	-	100
	Helping Empower Lives in Peterborough	-	-	-	180
	Nene Valley Care Trust	600	-	600	600
	Nakuru Children's Project	600	-	600	600
		1,200	-	1,200	1,480
	Christian ministry:				
	Diocesan Parish share	38,500	-	38,500	47,100
	Church running and maintenance	18,463	7,443	25,906	14,658
	Rector's expenses	5,441	-	5,441	9,402
	Sacristy and vestments	4,428	-	4,428	2,372
	Churchyard expenses	5,240	-	5,240	2,909
	Music expenses	630	-	630	720
	Parish admin costs	13,213	-	13,213	11,440
	Miscellaneous	410	-	410	70
		86,325	7,443	93,768	88,671
	Other:				
	Diocese fees	4,772	-	4,772	5,575
	Parish magazine costs	-	-	-	-
	Cedar Centre expenses	7,530	-	7,530	7,614
	School expenses	243	-	243	604
	Bells, organ and choir expenses	7,364	-	7,364	8,928
	Youth work	44	-	44	-
	Accountancy (inc. prior under-provision)	1,630	-	1,630	1,620
	Guide books	-	-	-	-
		21,583	-	21,583	24,341
		109,108	7,443	116,551	114,492
3(b)	**Fundraising costs**				
	Event expenses	24,737	-	24,737	16,566

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2023	288,827
Additions	-
At 31 December 2023	288,827
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 January 2023	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2023	-
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2023	288,827
At 1 January 2023	288,827

7. DEBTORS:

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	2,483	1,664
Other debtors and prepayments	1,001	5,711
Total	3,484	7,375

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors and accruals	7,696	13,262

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	36,478	8,339	44,817
Current liabilities	(7,696)	-	(7,696)
Net assets at 31 December 2023	104,905	221,043	325,948

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	1 January 2023 £	Income £	Funds Transfer/ Expenditure £	31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds:				
Cedar Centre	230,868	-	(18,164)	212,704
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth worker	3,805	-	-	3,805
Youth Club	240	-	-	240
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church restoration	5,000	-	(2,570)	2,430
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Water Newton Church restoration	-	-	-	-
Upton Church	-	5,000	(4,873)	127
Total restricted funds	241,650	5,000	(25,607)	221,043

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Funds Transfer/ Outgoing Resources £	31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	78,646	129,940	(117,681)	90,905
Major repairs fund	12,000	-	2,000	14,000
Total unrestricted funds	90,646	129,940	(115,681)	104,905

Purpose of restricted funds:

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover the youth worker for 3 years.

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016 £3,000 was received from The Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church. A further £2,000 was received in 2022.

Water Newton Church Restoration:
During the prior year £5,710 was received towards the cost of restoration works to be undertaken at Water Newton Church. The work was fully completed in the prior year.

Upton Church:
A fund for the repair of the church roof.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council presents the annual report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Aim and Purposes
Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Fr David Ridgeway, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Regimus Church, Water Newton and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve as many different people as possible who that live within our parish and beyond. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

We aim 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.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and the Cedar Centre hall. During 2022 there were seven meetings of the PCC. All meetings were conducted with most members present. Minutes are made available by the PCC Secretary and are agreed by the PCC in the following meeting.

As PCC members, we each seek to exercise both our spiritual and legal responsibilities seriously and in love, working together as a team to best serve Christ, our church fellowship, and our community. When needed, we have invited people from our community to join our PCC meetings with Roger Ashman attending and giving a presentation in November to help with our plans to work towards becoming carbon neutral and our school's new headteacher, Alice Edwards, attended in January to discuss the new church/school agreement.

We are delighted to welcome new members this year; Charlotte Bradshaw, David Walker, Ben Squires and Susan Edwards are our newest members and have already played valuable roles in helping with the smooth running of our churches.

Achievements and Performance
Although we started 2022 with the shadow of Covid still hanging over us, as the year progressed all restrictions were eased and by the end of the year all are activities had returned to something like normal. Since the Growth Action Plan was adopted in 2016, outward donations continue to be very positive although the total amount of fundraising income is something we are looking to increase. The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank those people who have worked very hard to fundraise. Some people have continued in familiar roles, and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work. We are also very grateful for the new members who have joined us with fundraising this year. We are always delighted to get new people getting involved with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Achievements and Performance (cont.)

We have a new Fundraising working group, David Ridgeway, Chris Murrell, Ben Squires and Anne Perkins. They meet to discuss possible fundraising plans. The Saint Kyneburgha festival was again very successful this year with a slightly different format with a fete on the Saturday and party on the Saturday evening with live music. There was just over £13000 raised (£8000 will come to the church) which was up on the previous year. The festival committee hope that next year's event can revert to the previous format with a party night on the Friday and fete on Saturday. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations took place in June with good numbers attending all the events. The proceeds were split three ways (the church, the village hall and CASPRA). Events continued to take place to raise money such as St Kyneburgha Trusts' Garden safaris, the plant sale raised over £1000, a fine dining experience in the village hall organised by Jo Morris and Ben Squires, tea at Castor House, and many others.

This year it seems we are not doing as bad as expected financially. This is largely due to fundraising efforts as we have seen costs rising considerably. We continue to try and find new ways to fundraise and increase our income. We have bought a contactless card plate for donations in church and are renewing our efforts with the plate collection and the Children's Church services in the Cedar Centre.

We have started looking into reducing energy use at church with the help of Roger Ashman. The Church of England has committed itself to reaching net zero with carbon emissions by 2030. Roger is an architect with expertise on reducing carbon emissions who came to talk to the PCC about ways in which we can achieve this. Our first steps will be to establish a net zero working group and to create a Net Zero action plan.

We continue to have strong links with Castor school. Chris Murrell retired as foundation governor at the end of the year after many years of service. The PCC are very grateful for her hard work and realised how lucky we were to have someone of Chris' knowledge and expertise in this role. To continue forging strong links with Castor School we have developed a church/school agreement. The PCC agreed to adopt this formally in January.

Considerable progress has been made this year with making sure we a fully compliant with all things safeguarding. We are very grateful to Anne Perkins and Chris Murrell who have taken over this role this year. They have worked tirelessly making sure that everyone who needs one has their DBS check completed and any training required. This includes all PCC members, bell ringers and Children's Church volunteers – so a lot of people! They have also provided much welcomed support to the safeguarding officers at our Parish's other churches. This is very important work, and the PCC are very grateful for all that they have been doing.

An exciting new project commenced last year with the preparations for the 900th anniversary of the consecration of St Kyneburgha which will be the 17th of April 2024. The working group is Simon Woolley, Fr David, Antonia Pounsett, Martin Chillcott and Tracey Blackmore. The celebrations will start in 2023 with the full celebrations in 2024. They have met this year to work on the plans which include an exciting community operetta written by Ian Winfrey and John Graham hoping to be staged in October 2024 and will be a light-hearted retelling of the story of St Kyneburga.

Worship and Prayer
This year has seen us return to our usual pre-Covid pattern of worship. The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, on Sundays we offer quiet and reflective services at 8.00am each week at St. Kyneburgha's. These are followed by the main sung service with hymns at 10.15am. Services also take place in the other three churches of the parish.

Worship and Prayer (cont.)

This year we have continued to welcome young families into our church at Castor especially at the Family Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and the Family Praise service on the third Sunday. Our Children's Church team led by Helen Boulton continue their fun and exciting work with our children. Children's church had a relaunch in September. Our Children's Church sessions are more popular than ever with us often having 20 plus children attending these sessions of a Sunday. We are pleased to have had many new families join us this year. The junior choir continues to be popular and well attended. They meet once a week on Mondays and are often involved in services at church. Helen along with choirmaster Ollie, have also had discussions with school to explore opportunities for collaboration.

We have seen the return of the chalice at Communion in October. At present this is at the front of the nave as a first step and hopefully at the Communion rail later.

At present there are 134 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

Weekly attendance at church is 60 in St Kyneburgha.
(This is figure is for April 22 - April 23 and is for Sunday 10:15 services)

During the year we have continued to benefit from the ministry of Fr Ray Hemingray, our retired priest who generously gives up so much of his time to assist throughout the benefice. Fr Ray has unfortunately been unwell this year but is hopefully now recovering sufficiently to enable him to conduct services once again. He is continuing to provide support and worship online by preparing and leading Zoom Evening Prayer each Sunday. We are also very lucky this year to add to our team with the arrival of Fr Shilo Varughese who was ordained Deacon last June and is due to be ordained priest in June of 2023. Shilo and his family have settled into our church community very well and their presence among us is greatly valued.

Deanery Synod
Chris Murrell, PCC member, sits on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre
The PCC are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Preservation Trust for the support they provide in helping to fund repair work.

The Trust held numerous popular events this year including a lecture from Stephen Upex. The Trusts' Jubilee event was a success and raised £400. There was a champagne tea party arranged for regular donors with Susan Kilby present as a speaker. Milton Carols was held again this year. there were three talks held this year – tracing family history back to the Tudors, Murder, Sex Mayhem in the church and The Romans in Nene Valley. The PCC are very grateful to the Trust for their support with the challenging role of overseeing the repair and maintenance of our beautiful church.

The Cedar Centre Hall adjacent to the church continues to be well used by several community groups. The PCC are very grateful to Hazel and Steve Jeffrey for their commitment and attention to detail to ensure the smooth day to day running of this facility for us recently. They decided to step down this year and we are very grateful for all they have done. Tracy Squire has kindly agreed to take on the role of booking secretary at the Cedar Centre. A small management group is in the process of being convened who can assist Tracy with the tasks associated with the day to day running of the centre.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton
This small Grade 1 listed church has been a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Upton for many centuries. Regular worship before the pandemic took place on one Sunday each month and to mark festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, and Easter. There were about 16 services a year held in Upton church before the covid pandemic in 2021.

We have initiated the process of 'church closure' with Upton. This means that Upton church will no longer be under the care of the PCC. Although the fate of the building would then be in the control of other agencies it is very much hoped that it will remain consecrated as a church and available for a limited number of services each year, plus baptisms, funerals and by special arrangement, weddings. It means the financial burden of caring for the building will no longer fall upon the PCC. We are still in the early stages of this long process. The Church Buildings Council has now been to survey the building and have submitted a report relating to its future use. A meeting was held in November for the community to hear about the process of closure. Unfortunately, there has been a major slippage of collyweston slates. The architect Stephen Oliver has recently inspected the building and produced an up to date QI Survey report.

Opportunities for seeking grant funding for repair works will be explored before proceeding to the next stage of the closure process.

St. Remigius Church, Water Newton
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Water Newton. Approximately six services and events take place in the church each year and these are well supported by villagers and those from further afield. The church has a Friends group who are actively trying to raise funds to carry out much needed repair work on the building and to help ensure that it can remain open as a place of prayer and meeting space for the village. New people have got involved with the Friends group this year which is great news.

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Stibbington. Worship takes place at festival occasions: Patronal Festival in June, Harvest, Carol Service, a Pancake Service and Eucharist on Easter Sunday evening. We are grateful for Charlotte Bradshaw for becoming a church warden at Stibbington this year.

Mission and Evangelism
In recent months the church community has focused on seeking to reinvigorate the many aspects of church life which had become seriously depleted due to the Covid pandemic. A particular focus is our work with children and young families. Following a number of attempts last year to re-establish our Children's Church our efforts have finally paid off and since Christmas this area of church life has started to flourish once again.
Another area of focus has been our ministry to the residents of the newly established Castor Lodge Care Home in the village. A good working relationship with the home has now been established and regular monthly services now take place there. In addition, residents from the home also attend services in the church from time to time.
It has also been good to reinstate our former pattern of Lent study meetings this year.

Financial Review
Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £124,081 of which £67,389 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations.
We are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme this year.

Financial Review (cont.)
Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £33624 in 2022. A huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year as these events and fundraising initiatives make a real difference to our income levels and without those who work tirelessly to deliver, them they would not happen.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £88,671 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £16,566 (fundraising costs) and £16,727 on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over expenses of £637 on unrestricted funds.

We just broke even and this was due to not making the Parish Share payment in full (underpayment of approx. £10k). It was agreed that towards the end of 2022 we would review the finances and look at whether it would be possible to pay the Parish Share in full. We agreed to pay as much as we could without dipping into our reserves. In light of rising costs especially energy prices we thought it prudent to try and maintain the reserves that have been ever decreasing over the last few years.

As always the Finance Committee have reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2023. Towards the end of 2023 we will review the finances and look at whether it will be possible to pay the Parish Share in full in 2023.

Reserves Policy
It is the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' general running costs together with six months' salary costs. The policy is currently under review.

Parochial fees
These fees were reviewed in September.
Parochial fees are the fees for weddings and funerals. One set of fees is set nationally, and one set are local fees for facilities and services we provide to enhance the services we provide, such bells and choir. We review them annually. The local fees and reviewed figures are as follows:

Cedar Centre fee for weddings, was kept at £30 last year, the PCC decided to increase to £40 this year.
Choir fee was increased from £100 to £105 last year and will increase to £110 this year.
The fees for bells increased from £240 to £250 last year and will be kept at £250 this year.
Julian stated that the fee for funerals is £180 and will be kept the same this year.
At Water Newton the bell fee is £100, this fee will increase to £110.
The organist fee increased from £120 to £125 last year and will increase to £130 this year.
The Verger fee increased from £55 to £58 last year and will increase to £60 this year.

Cedar Centre Letting Fees - The current fees are £12 per hour for local groups, £18 for businesses and £15 for fee charging groups such as Yoga classes. There is a 10% discount available for regular bookings.
It was proposed to increase the regular booking rate from £12 to £15 per hour and the business rate from £18 to £20 per hour and to increase the £15 rate to £18 per hour. The PCC were happy for those involved to negotiate and discuss fees and increases with the village hall first and the to adjust the prices accordingly.

Volunteers
The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities which they are. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, treasurer, and secretary as well as our verger and benefice administrator.

Volunteers (cont.)

There is a large team of volunteers who plan, prepare, and run the St Kyneburgha festival. The PCC would like to thank all those involved in planning for the festival and all the newcomers helping with this. Again, we would like to thank all those who are involved with the many fundraising events. We are lucky to be part of a such a talented and creative community.

Structure, Governance and Management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met five times during the year.

As there are so many church buildings within the parish the PCC has delegated responsibility for matters relating to St Remigius Church, Water Newton, and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington to a District Church Council whose terms of reference are set out in the Parish Constitution.

Administrative Information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting until we will be able to re-elect new members when social distancing guidelines allow are:

Ex Officio members:

Rector -	David Ridgeway
Curate -	Shilo Varhughese

Co-opted Members:

	Karen Bailey
	Julian Burton
	Ben Squires

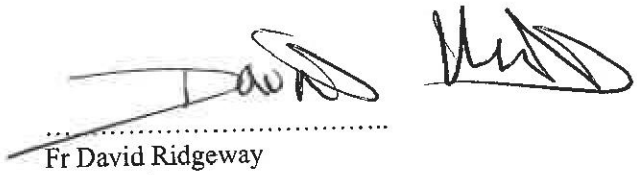
Elected members:

Two Church Wardens - Elected each year	Lucinda James Simon Woolley
St. John the Baptist Upton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Lyn Bell Claire Harris

Administrative Information (cont.)

St. John the Baptist Stibbington Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Charlotte Bradshaw
St. Remigius Water Newton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Tony Capon Vacant
Three Deanery Synod Representatives	Anne Perkins Chris Murrell Vacant
Twelve Other Elected members: Elected for a period of three years	
Due for re-election in 2023	Steve Grys Daniel Fitzjohn David Edwards Jo Morris
Due for re-election 2024	Amanda Millen Elizabeth Brown Ollie Southgate William Baxter
Due for re-election in 2025	Jay Winfrey Peter Thompson David Walker Susan Edwards

Approved by the PCC on 11 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Fr David Ridgeway
PCC Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Castor With Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton Parochial Church Council

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

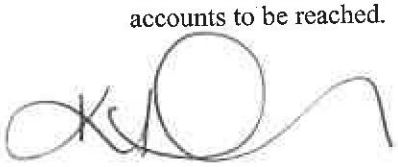
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



9/6/2023

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	67,389	2,000	69,389	65,192
Other trading activities	2(b)	33,624	-	33,624	29,004
Income from investments	2(c)	386	-	386	24
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	-	7,009	7,009	4,065
Income from church activities	2(e)	22,682	-	22,682	15,583
TOTAL INCOME		124,081	9,009	133,090	113,868
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Church activities	3(a)	106,878	7,614	114,492	137,162
Fundraising costs	3(b)	16,566	-	16,566	13,097
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		123,444	7,614	131,058	150,259
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		637	1,395	2,032	(36,391)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		637	1,395	2,032	(36,391)
Total funds brought forward		90,009	240,255	330,264	366,655
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		90,646	241,650	332,296	330,264

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		288,827	288,827
Current assets				
Debtors	7	7,375		4,188
Cash at bank and in hand		49,356		42,557
		56,731		46,745
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	13,262		5,308
Net current assets			43,469	41,437
Net assets	9		332,296	330,264
Parish funds				
Unrestricted funds	10		90,646	90,009
Restricted funds	10		241,650	240,255
Total funds			332,296	330,264

Approved by the PCC on 11 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Amanda Millen
Treasurer

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Fr David Ridgeway
Rector

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.
No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. INCOME ON:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2(a)	**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**				
	Collections	7,346	-	7,346	6,319
	Donations	50,959	2,000	52,959	45,248
	Grants	9,084	-	9,084	13,625
		67,389	2,000	69,389	65,192
2(b)	**OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**				
	Events - Summer Festival etc	33,189	-	33,189	28,418
	Magazine sales and advertising	17	-	17	-
	Sales of candles and postcards	418	-	418	586
		33,624	-	33,624	29,004
2(c)	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**				
	Bank interest received	386	-	386	24
2(d)	**INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**				
	Cedar Centre	-	7,009	7,009	4,065
2(e)	**INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES**				
	Wedding and funeral fees	13,541	-	13,541	9,020
	Bells, organ and choir fees	9,141	-	9,141	6,563
		22,682	-	22,682	15,583

3.	EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3(a)	**Church Activities**				
	Charitable giving:				
	DEC Ukraine Appeal	100	-	100	-
	Helping Empower Lives in Peterborough	180	-	180	-
	Mother of peace	-	-	-	100
	Nene Valley Care Trust	600	-	600	600
	Nakuru Children's Project	600	-	600	600
		1,480	-	1,480	1,300
	Christian ministry:				
	Diocesan Parish share	47,100	-	47,100	56,953
	Church running and maintenance	14,658	-	14,658	39,818
	Rector's expenses	9,402	-	9,402	3,626
	Sacristy and vestments	2,372	-	2,372	2,347
	Churchyard expenses	2,909	-	2,909	3,490
	Music expenses	720	-	720	605
	Parish admin costs	11,440	-	11,440	10,730
	Bank charges	-	-	-	6
	Miscellaneous	70	-	70	90
		88,671		88,671	117,665
	Other:				
	Diocese fees	5,575	-	5,575	3,395
	Parish magazine costs	-	-	-	-
	Cedar Centre expenses	-	7,614	7,614	5,587
	Cedar Centre refurbishment	-	-	-	-
	School expenses	604	-	604	150
	Bells, organ and choir expenses	8,928	-	8,928	6,966
	Youth work	-	-	-	29
	Professional fees	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy (inc. prior under-provision)	1,620	-	1,620	1,560
	Guide books	-	-	-	510
		16,727	7,614	24,341	18,197
		106,878	7,614	114,492	137,162
3(b)	**Fundraising costs**				
	Event expenses	16,566	-	16,566	13,097

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2022	288,827
Additions	-
At 31 December 2022	288,827
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 January 2022	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2022	-
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2022	288,827
At 1 January 2022	288,827

7. **DEBTORS:**

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	1,664	2,191
Other debtors and prepayments	5,711	1,997
Total	7,375	4,188

	2022 £	2021 £
8. **CREDITORS:** Amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors and accruals	13,262	5,308

9. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	27,785	28,946	56,731
Current liabilities	(13,262)	-	(13,262)
Net assets at 31 December 2022	90,646	241,650	332,296

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	1 January 2022 £	Income £	Funds Transfer/ Expenditure £	31 December 2022 £
Restricted funds:				
Cedar Centre	231,473	7,009	(7,614)	230,868
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth worker	3,805	-	-	3,805
Youth Club	240	-	-	240
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church restoration	3,000	2,000	-	5,000
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Water Newton Church restoration	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	240,255	9,009	(7,614)	241,650

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	1 January 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Funds Transfer/ Outgoing Resources £	31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	80,009	124,081	(125,444)	78,646
Major repairs fund	10,000	-	2,000	12,000
Total unrestricted funds	90,009	124,081	(123,444)	90,646

Purpose of restricted funds:

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover the youth worker for 3 years.

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016 £3,000 was received from The Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church. A further £2,000 was received in 2022.

Water Newton Church Restoration:
During the prior year £5,710 was received towards the cost of restoration works to be undertaken at Water Newton Church. The work was fully completed in the prior year.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council presents the annual report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Aim and Purposes
Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Fr David Ridgeway, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Regimus Church, Water Newton and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve as many different people as possible who that live within our parish and beyond. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

We aim 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.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and the Cedar Centre hall. This year has seen us the PCC being able to return to some sense of normality after the Covid pandemic and the retractions of 2020. We decided to keep meeting via Zoom at times when cases were increasing and during dark the winter evenings when it seemed easier to meet by zoom. We have been able to meet as a group to hold PCC meetings.

Worship and Prayer
Gradually, over the year, we have slowly returned to being able to worship in our pre-covid way. At the start of the year services were legally allowed but we decided to err on the side of caution and remain with virtual worship while cases were still high. In January we were offering a weekly recorded reflection, weekly live evening prayer organised by Fr Ray and continued with occasional recorded services such as Candlemas. The resumption of live services started in the benefice with the Easter Sunday with services in Castor, Maholm and Sutton. Bell ringing recommenced at the end of May. The summer also saw the return of congregational singing in church.

The S.K.Y (St. Kyneburgha Youth) group continued with their excellent work supporting our young people. The group is run by Jean Douglas and Ruth Beasley and is well attended and popular. They supported our youngsters while the country was still in lockdown in January and February 2021 with fortnightly Zoom meetings and again sending out postcards with personalised messages of support and love to the members. Chad from Crops joined them on meetings occasionally which was very popular. They worked on their own mission projects together such as collecting used trainers in February 21 to donate to a local charity for the Cold Feet campaign. They again collected the huge amount of harvest donations for the Peterborough food bank in October and a bake sale was organised for the Ukraine appeal in March. These projects allow our young people to help those in need and give the opportunity to work together in friendship. Jean and Ruth are doing an excellent job at supporting our youngsters spiritually and emotionally, offering messages and prayers during exam time for example and often just to say hi and let them know that they are loved.

Worship and Prayer (cont.)
Our Children's Church team led by Helen Boulton continue their fun and exciting work with our children. The very popular Family Praise retuned to live services with an Ascension Day service in May held in church. Children's church in the Cedar Centre returned in October as did junior choir. The PCC is very grateful to Helen and the team for their excellent work and all they do. The children love the sessions, and they continue to be popular and well attended.

This year the life that we share together as church has been disrupted in some ways by lockdowns in early 2021 however, there is still a deep sense of continuity and of belonging together and working together.

At present there are 127 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

Attendance figures currently stand at the following levels

St Kyneburgha, Castor
Sundays 8.00am approximately 8 – 10
10.15am approximately 45
Wednesdays 10.00am approximately 10 – 12

During the year we have continued to benefit from the ministry of Fr Ray Hemingray, our retired priest who generously gives up so much of his time to assist throughout the benefice. As well as his regular contribution to live church service Fr Ray has continued to provided support and worship online by preparing and leading Zoom Evening Prayer each Sunday.

Achievements and Performance
Since the Growth Action Plan was adopted in 2016, outward donations continue to be very positive although the total amount of fundraising income has reduced again this year due to lockdown in early 2021 and other factors. The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank those people who have worked very hard to fundraise in what remained quite challenging and uncertain times. Events continued to take place to raise money such as St Kyneburgha Trusts' Garden safaris, Ian Winfrey's saxophone concert, Tea at Castor House, and many others. The Christmas Tree sale was more successful than ever, raising over £2000. The festival returned in 2021 after a year off during the covid restrictions of 2020. It was a Friday event only due to covid numbers and it was organised in a way that eliminated the risk of loss of money in the event of cancellation as times were still very uncertain. It was a big success with the new format going down well and many people commenting that the outdoor format made it feel more like a real festival. This year's festival was held on Friday 3rd September rather than July. It was a really big team effort this year and it was great that so many new people joined the team.

This year continued to see us running at a loss with finances. The lockdowns meant that while a lot of cost remained fixed, our income was drastically reduced. We continued to try new ways to fundraise and increase our income. The Parish Giving Scheme was given more publicity in hope of generating more regular donations. A new initiative was the fundraising group which was established in late 2021 comprising of Fr David, Anne Perkins and Chris Murrell. This group will steer fundraising efforts and hopefully see an increase in funds raised as the income from fundraising is vital in the running of the church.

An exciting new project commenced this year with the preparations for the 900th anniversary of the consecration of St Kyneburgha which will be the 17th of April 2024. The working group is Simon Woolley, Fr David, Antonia Pounsett and Tracey Blackmore. The celebrations will start in 2023 with the full celebrations in 2024.

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Deanery Synod
Chris Murrell and Ann Perkins represent the parish on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre
The PCC are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Preservation Trust for the support they provide in helping to fund repair work.

The Cedar Centre Hall adjacent to the church continues to be well used by several community groups. The PCC are very grateful to Hazel and Steve Jeffrey for their commitment and attention to detail to ensure the smooth day to day running of this facility for us. Bookings are still down from pre-covid days but they are picking up. We are seeing new users of the centre including the Chapter room being used for counselling sessions. The bulging retaining wall continues to be a concern and the situation continues to be monitored in the hope that a practical and permanent solution can be found to overcome this problem.

The Trust held numerous popular events this year including a number of talks and a family treasure hunt held in August to name but a few.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton
This small Grade 1 listed church has been a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Upton for many years. Regular worship before the pandemic took place on one Sunday each month and to mark festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. There were about 16 services a year held in Upton church before the covid pandemic in 2021.

We have initiated the process of 'church closure' with Upton. This means that Upton church will no longer be under the care of the PCC. The hope is that the building will remain consecrated as a church and available for up to six services a year, plus baptisms, funerals and by special arrangement, weddings. It means the financial burden of caring for the building will no longer fall upon the PCC. We are still in the early stages of this long process. We are waiting for the Church Buildings Council to report on the building and to make suggestions for it's future use. A pastoral scheme will be implemented when one of the church conservation bodies will be asked to take it on. It is a Grade 1 listed building of significance. It is a building of beauty and character. These two factors will be important in plans for future usage and are likely to mean that the building would remain a church.

St. Remigius Church, Water Newton
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Water Newton. Approximately six services and events take place in the church each year and these are well supported by villagers and those from further afield. The church has a Friends group who are actively trying to raise funds to carry out much needed repair work on the building and to help ensure that it can remain open as a place of prayer and meeting space for the village. This year saw the south-aisle roof being repaired, work which was funded by a grant from the Covid19 Emergency Response Fund.

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Stibbington. Worship takes place at festival occasions: Patronal Festival in June, Harvest, Carol Service, a Pancake Service and Eucharist on Easter Sunday evening.

Mission and Evangelism
The PCC continues to take these matters seriously and acknowledges the need to set new priorities following the recent challenges which have been brought upon the church and wider community by the Covid pandemic.

Financial Review
Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £104,093 of which £59,482 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations.
We are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme this year.

Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £29,004 in 2021 and we saw a much welcome return of the Village festival. A huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year as these events and fundraising initiatives make a real difference to our income levels and without those who work tirelessly to deliver them they would not happen.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £97,134 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that saw another increase over last year, and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £13,097 (fundraising costs) and £12,581on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of expenses over receipts of £19,719 on unrestricted funds namely we are spending more than we receive which is due in large to the Parish Share that we continue to pay in full.

Our net current assets have fallen from £77,828 at the end of 2020 to £41,437 at the end of 2021. This has been the pattern for the last few years and is not something we can maintain going forward without depleting all of our reserves.

With this in mind the Finance Committee have reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2022. Towards the end of 2022 we will review the finances and look at whether it will be possible to pay the Parish Share in full.

Reserves Policy
It is the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' general running costs together with six months' salary costs. The policy is to be reviewed every year.

Parochial fees
These fees were reviewed in September.
These are made up of two kinds: nationally set fees over which we have no say and local fees which are the ones we set. The following fees were suggested for 2022:
Cedar centre use for weddings – Remain the same at £30.
Choir to increase from £100 to £105.
Bells to increase from £240 to £250 for weddings.
Organist to increase from £120 to £125.
Verger to increase from £55 to £58.

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Volunteers
The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities which they are. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, treasurer and secretary as well as our verger and benefice administrator.

There is a large team of volunteers who plan, prepare and run the St Kyneburgha festival. The PCC would like to thank all those involved in planning for the festival. This year we have seen new people join this team which has been very welcome and much appreciated. Again we would like to thank all those who are involved with the many fundraising events. We are lucky to be part of a such a talented and creative community.

Structure, Governance and Management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met five times during the year.

As there are so many church buildings within the parish the PCC has delegated responsibility for matters relating to St Remigius Church, Water Newton and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington to a District Church Council whose terms of reference are set out in the Parish Constitution.

Administrative Information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting until we will be able to re-elect new members when social distancing guidelines allow are:

Ex Officio members:

Rector	David Ridgeway
Two Church Wardens - Elected each year	Lucinda James Simon Woolley
St. John the Baptist Upton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Lyn Bell Claire Harris
St. John the Baptist Stibbington Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Carol Lindsay Richard Winfrey
St. Remigius Water Newton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Tony Capon

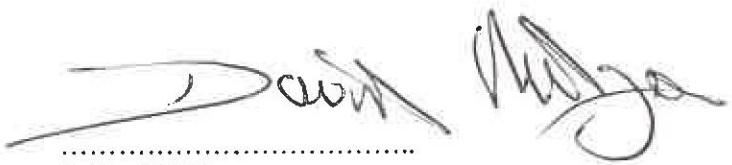
Administrative Information (cont.)

Deanery Synod Members	Ann Perkins Chris Murrell

Elected members:

Due for re-election in 2022	Lisa Hynes Jay Winfrey Anne Perkins Peter Thompson
Due for re-election 2023	Steve Grys David Edwards Daniel Fitzjohn Jo Morris
Due for re-election in 2024	William Baxter Elisabeth Brown Amanda Millen Olliver Southgate

Approved by the PCC on 19 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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Fr David Ridgeway
PCC Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Castor With Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton Parochial Church Council

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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10 June 2022

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	59,482	5,710	65,192	84,971
Other trading activities	2(b)	29,004	-	29,004	16,673
Income from investments	2(c)	24	-	24	254
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	-	4,065	4,065	2,061
Income from church activities	2(e)	15,583	-	15,583	11,344
TOTAL INCOME		104,093	9,775	113,868	115,303
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Church activities	3(a)	111,015	26,147	137,162	132,778
Fundraising costs	3(b)	13,097	-	13,097	3,283
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		124,112	26,147	150,259	136,061
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(20,019)	(16,372)	(36,391)	(20,758)
Transfer between funds		300	(300)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(19,719)	(16,672)	(36,391)	(20,758)
Total funds brought forward		109,728	256,927	366,655	387,413
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		90,009	240,255	330,264	366,655

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		288,827	288,827
Current assets				
Debtors	7	4,188		4,786
Cash at bank and in hand		42,557		77,334
		46,745		82,120
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	5,308		4,292
Net current assets			41,437	77,828
Net assets	9		330,264	366,655
Parish funds				
Unrestricted funds	10		90,009	109,728
Restricted funds	10		240,255	256,927
Total funds			330,264	366,655

Approved by the PCC on 19 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Amanda Millen
Treasurer

Fr David Ridgeway
Rector

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.
No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. INCOME ON:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2(a)	**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**				
	Collections	6,319	-	6,319	4,174
	Donations	45,248	-	45,248	60,450
	Grants	7,915	5,710	13,625	20,347
		59,482	5,710	65,192	84,971
2(b)	**OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**				
	Events - Summer Festival etc	28,418	-	28,418	11,405
	Magazine sales and advertising	-	-	-	4,795
	Sales of candles and postcards	586	-	586	473
		29,004	-	29,004	16,673
2(c)	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**				
	Bank interest received	24	-	24	254
2(d)	**INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**				
	Cedar Centre	-	4,065	4,065	2,061
2(e)	**INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES**				
	Wedding and funeral fees	9,020	-	9,020	5,245
	Bells, organ and choir fees	6,563	-	6,563	6,099
		15,583	-	15,583	11,344

3.	EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3(a)	**Church Activities**				
	Charitable giving:				
	Mother of peace	100	-	100	600
	Nene Valley Care Trust	600	-	600	600
	Nakuru Children's Project	600	-	600	600
		1,300	-	1,300	1,800
	Christian ministry:				
	Diocesan Parish share	56,953	-	56,953	57,153
	Church running and maintenance	19,287	20,531	39,818	30,634
	Rector's expenses	3,626	-	3,626	7,550
	Sacristy and vestments	2,347	-	2,347	3,032
	Churchyard expenses	3,490	-	3,490	3,915
	Music expenses	605	-	605	1,003
	Parish admin costs	10,730	-	10,730	9,735
	Bank charges	6	-	6	33
	Miscellaneous	90	-	90	120
		97,134	20,531	117,665	113,175
	Other:				
	Diocese fees	3,395	-	3,395	1,202
	Parish magazine costs	-	-	-	1,423
	Cedar Centre expenses	-	5,587	5,587	4,863
	Cedar Centre refurbishment	-	-	-	750
	School expenses	150	-	150	161
	Bells, organ and choir expenses	6,966	-	6,966	5,522
	Youth work	-	29	29	73
	Professional fees	-	-	-	2,309
	Accountancy (inc. prior under-provision)	1,560	-	1,560	1,500
	Guide books	510	-	510	-
		12,581	5,616	18,197	17,803
		111,015	26,147	137,162	132,778
3(b)	**Fundraising costs**				
	Event expenses	13,097	-	13,097	3,283

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2021	288,827
Additions	-
At 31 December 2021	288,827
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 January 2021	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2021	-
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2021	288,827
At 1 January 2021	288,827

7. **DEBTORS:**

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	2,191	2,225
Other debtors and prepayments	1,997	2,561
Total	4,188	4,786

	2021 £	2020 £
8. **CREDITORS:** Amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors and accruals	5,308	4,292

9. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	19,194	27,551	46,745
Current liabilities	(5,308)	-	(5,308)
Net assets at 31 December 2021	90,009	240,255	330,264

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	1 January 2021 £	Income £	Funds Transfer/ Expenditure £	31 December 2021 £
Restricted funds:				
Cedar Centre	232,995	4,065	(5,587)	231,473
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth worker	3,998	-	(193)	3,805
Youth Club	376	-	(136)	240
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church restoration	3,000	-	-	3,000
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Water Newton Church restoration	14,821	5,710	(20,531)	-
Total restricted funds	256,927	9,775	(26,447)	240,255

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	1 January 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Funds Transfer/ Outgoing Resources £	31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	101,728	104,093	(125,812)	80,009
Major repairs fund	8,000	-	2,000	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	109,728	104,093	(123,812)	90,009

Purpose of restricted funds:

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover the youth worker for 3 years.

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016 £3,000 was received from The Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church.

Water Newton Church Restoration:
During the year £5,710 was received towards the cost of restoration works to be undertaken at Water Newton Church. The work was fully completed in the year.

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT

The Parochial Church Council presents the annual report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Aim and Purposes
Castor Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Fr David Ridgeway, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Kyneburgha Church, Castor; St John the Baptist Church, Upton; St Regimus Church, Water Newton and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington as well as the Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor.

Objectives and Activities
The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to feel part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve as many different people as possible who live within our parish and beyond. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We aim 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.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and the Cedar Centre hall. This year has seen huge changes to the way the PCC meet. We met as a PCC in January 2020. We were unable to meet again until September 2020 due to the global Covid pandemic and the restrictions this brought. We met via Zoom in September and then again in November and January 2021. We do not yet know when the PCC will be able to meet as a group, but Zoom has provided an effective method to meet virtually and allowed decisions to be made and planning to still take place.

Worship and Prayer
The past year has been a challenging one to say the least. As the Coronavirus pandemic swept across the world, we were ordered to close our church buildings and cease all forms of gathering from the 23rd of March 2020. We cancelled our much-anticipated Mothering Sunday service, and were unable to meet in the building for worship until the 12th of July 2020.

The life that we share together as church has been disrupted, changed, curtailed along with all other aspects of our lives in 2020 and yet thankfully there is still a deep sense of continuity and of belonging together and working together

The arrival of the Covid 19 virus was a shock to us all. From the outset the advice and direction from our Bishops and the Government was clear. From Mothering Sunday, we were no longer able to meet in the church building for worship on Sundays nor for private prayer during the week. We experienced this as a great loss, but our members worked quickly to find new ways of helping people to worship at home. Mothering Sunday gifts and prayer cards were delivered to the mothers in our parishes, and this was the start of us having to do things so differently.

Worship and Prayer (cont.)
Father David has recorded a weekly reflection which is broadcast on our YouTube channel. We also hold Zoom services of Evening Prayer led by Fr Ray each Sunday. Father Ray shares his Thought of the Day via our website and Facebook page. Children Church services have been held online and Helen has added activities for the children to work on and think about on Facebook. The STKY youth group have been able to meet regularly via Zoom and in person but socially distanced at Ailsworth Rec when restrictions have allowed. Jean Douglas and Ruth Beesley have provided an excellent service for youngsters, it has allowed them to come together when so many young people have felt isolated and alone. Jean and Ruth sent the youngsters postcards during lockdown to say hi and to remind them that we were thinking of them. We appreciate the effort put in by our Children's Church and STKY group in ensuring that our youngsters were well and knew that they were not alone.

We were able to return to worship in church in July, albeit with safety measures in place; we were still wearing masks, not permitted to sing and had to adapt to receiving communion in a different way. Bell ringing returned at this time and it was a delight to once again hear our bells ringing.

Restrictions were tightened again in November meaning that churches could only be open for private prayer or for small funeral services. St Kyneburga could only be open for private prayer on Sunday morning. This meant that our planned Remembrance service had to be held virtually. Harvest also had to be cancelled due to the new restrictions, so the ST K youth group planned a Covid safe collection throughout Castor, Ailsworth and Sutton for Harvest. The city foodbank was genuinely overwhelmed by the donations that our teenagers collected. The foodbank desperately needed donations during this very difficult time. We are grateful to the villagers who donated and for the adults who facilitated this.

The restrictions put in place November lasted until March when once again we were able to meet again in church. This started with the Easter Sunday services which we had to hold as ticketed events to ensure numbers fitted with social distancing measures. It was a delight to see our Family Service team meet together to praise on Easter Sunday in church. It was a reminder of how much we have missed out on over the past year.

At present there are 127 people on the Church Electoral Roll.

It has not been possible to record attendance statistics this year as we have been closed on and off for most of the year and have had to keep numbers lower when we have been open to keep in line with the Covid restrictions.

During the year we have continued to benefit from the ministry of Fr Ray Hemingray, our retired priest who generously gives up so much of his time to assist throughout the benefice. Fr Ray has provided support and worship online by sharing his Thought for the day via the website and Facebook and also preparing and leading Zoom Evening Prayer each Sunday.

Achievements and Performance
Over the past few years, we have made significant progress in working towards the targets set in our Growth Action Plan. Thanks to links established by the Mission and Outwards donations working group we have continued to support charities with regular donations such as the Nene Valley Care Trust. The working group meets regularly to try and identify new future priorities to support.

Achievements and Performance (cont.)
Since the Growth Action Plan was adopted in 2016, outward donations continue to be very positive although the total amount of fundraising income has reduced this year due to the restrictions in place. The PCC would like to acknowledge and thank those people who have worked very hard during the lockdowns and restrictions to fundraise in many ways. Projects this year include Julie Taylor's Jigsaws and cakes which has raised a very impressive amount of money. The PCC and Fr David are so grateful for her excellent effort and for all those who supported by baking cakes or donating jigsaws. We have also seen a Zumbathon, a power of Seven sponsored event, a very successful Zoom quiz, Junior Bake Off on Zoom, Morris Wickham's micro-greens sales as well as Easter chicks and bunnies to name a few. The Christmas Tree sales were actually up this year. The PCC would like to thank the team who organise and run the Christmas tree sales. It is a popular scheme in our community and has also helped people this year to celebrate Christmas during lockdown when they would not have wanted to venture out. The PCC acknowledge that all these initiatives give more positives than just raising money. We are celebrating talents and coming together as a community this year even when we couldn't physically.

This year brought difficulties that none of us could ever have predicted. The lockdowns meant that while a lot of cost remained fixed, our income was drastically reduced. We are always trying to find new ways to fundraise and increase our income. The contact giving machine was installed in January in church and we are looking at how people can make donations online. The text for giving scheme was up and running but was significantly affected by there being very limited special services held this year such as weddings etc.

Deanery Synod
Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

St Kyneburgha's Church and The Cedar Centre
The PCC are very grateful to the St Kyneburgha Preservation Trust for the support they provide in helping to fund repair work.

The Cedar Centre hall adjacent to the church continues to be well used by a number of community groups. Last year Richard and Anne Perkins stood down from their Cedar Centre duties. They have managed the Cedar Centre for us for the last 10 years and their commitment and attention to detail have ensured the smooth day to day running of this facility for us. We are very grateful for their unstinting work during this time. Steve and Hazel Jeffrey have kindly agreed to take this on since April 2020. This was just after Lockdown started and unfortunately all regular bookings had to be cancelled in line with Covid restrictions. In line with Government Guidelines, since 12th April all indoor children's activities have been able to restart. Currently only the Castor and Ailsworth Singing Group (CATS) have resumed. The Dance and Drama Group are intending to restart after half term. It is expected Children's Church, Youth Group and Choir Practice will resume soon. All other regular groups have been contacted regarding the possibility of resuming sessions after 21st June but there is some reluctance amongst many group members to restart, preferring for the time being to continue activities via Zoom.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton
This small Grade 1 listed church has been a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Upton for many years. Regular worship before the pandemic took place on one Sunday each month and also to mark festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. The building has been inspected in last few years. Whilst nothing major was flagged up, there are lots of little things that will add up to considerable cost. So, a plan was needed for going forward. However long-term costs will not be able to be paid including any building conservation and maintenance costs.

St. John the Baptist Church, Upton (cont.)
The PCC took the decision to explore the possibility of transferring Upton church into the care of one of the church conservations bodies. This would involve going through a technical procedure known as "Church Closure". Closure would mean that Upton church would no longer be under the care of the PCC but hopefully the building would remain consecrated as a church and available for up to six services a year, plus baptisms, funerals and by special arrangement, weddings. It means the financial burden of caring for the building would no longer fall upon the PCC. Until the pandemic we have been holding about 15 services a year at Upton church.
Closure is a long process, the first step of which is for the PCC to contact the Diocese via the archdeacon and explain we would like to explore the possibility of closing it. Then the Church Buildings Council would be asked to report on the building and come up with suggestions for future use. Then it will go to consultation. A pastoral scheme will be implemented when one of the church conservation bodies will be asked to take it on. It is a Grade 1 listed building of significance. It is a building of beauty and character. These two factors will be important in plans for future usage and are likely to mean that the building would remain a church.

St. Remigius Church, Water Newton
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Water Newton. Approximately six services and events take place in the church each year and these are well supported by villagers and those from further afield. The church has a Friends group who are actively trying to raise funds to carry out much needed repair work on the building and to help ensure that it can remain open as a place of prayer and meeting space for the village. An application has been made to the Covid 19 emergency response grant for works at Water Newton. £22 840 was awarded from Historic England for works to the roof of the south aisle and the porch. This work has now commenced and will be completed as soon as possible.

St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington
This Grade II* church is a Chapel of Ease to serve the residents of the hamlet of Stibbington. Worship takes place at festival occasions: Patronal Festival in June, Harvest, Carol Service, a Pancake Service and Eucharist on Easter Sunday evening. This year St John's was added to the Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Sculpture due to the discovery that stone fragments on the floor inside the church are of Anglo Saxon date. These stone are composed of Barnack Rag.

Mission and Evangelism
The Growth Action sets out targets which we work towards. As targets are met or worked towards, we are starting to see a real change in our church community.
We have joined forces with the Parish Councils of both Ailsworth and Castor to support a Good Neighbour and Waywarden Scheme. This continues to develop in order to provide assistance to our community. The Rural North West Peterborough Good Neighbour Scheme is now a CIO (a Foundation Charitable Trust Organisations). The reach has been broadened to incorporate other villages. The CIO includes Castor, Bainton, Upton, Ailsworth and Ashton. The setting up of this scheme is an excellent example of the church community working with the parish communities and the wider community.

Financial Review
Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £96,112 of which £67,841 (including Gift Aid) was unrestricted voluntary donations. These included a couple of very generous donations. The restricted funds show a grant of £17,130 we received from Historic England towards the cost of roof repairs at Water Newton church.
We are very grateful to everyone who donated and to everyone who continues to donate to our churches and to those who signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme we joined in early 2020.Unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to proceed with promoting the Parish Giving Scheme as vigorously as we would have liked. Hopefully this is something we can return to in 2021.

Financial Review (continued)
Fundraising and other trading activities bought in £16,673 in 2020. This was despite the Village festival having to be cancelled so an amazing effort all round and a huge thank you to all those involved in the fundraising events throughout the year.

Costs for the year from unrestricted funds included £94,083 (spent to provide the Christian ministry from the churches of the parish including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that saw another increase over last year, and largely provides the stipends and housing for the Rector), £3,283 (fundraising costs) and £11,608 on various other expenses. The net result for the year was an excess of expenses over receipts of £12,862 on unrestricted funds namely we are spending more than we receive. We spent £19,092 out of restricted funds on the choir stalls, for which we had received a donation the previous year.

Although this is not an ideal position to end the year with it is a more positive position than we had budgeted for in light of the COVID situation and could have been a lot worse had we not received the two generous donations.

Our net current assets have fallen from £98,586 at the end of 2019 to £77,828 at the end of 2020. Clearly this is not something we can maintain going forward.

2021 is going to be another challenging year as COVID still continues to affect us and it is difficult to predict the full impact this will have on our finances again. With the continued loss of weekly donations in church, and uncertainty as to whether the Festival will go ahead and if so in what format it is inevitable we will see another fall in our income whilst at the same time our regular monthly outgoings remain largely the same.
With this in mind the Finance Committee have reviewed the budget, taken steps to reduce costs where we can and will continue to monitor the situation as we go forward in 2021.

Reserves Policy
It is the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' general running costs together with six months' salary costs. The policy is to be reviewed every year.

Parochial fees
These fees were reviewed in November. These are made up of two kinds: nationally set fees over which we have no say and locally. Slight changes were made this year and were as follows:

Cedar centre – increase to £30.
Choir to increase from £90 to £100
Bells to increase from £220 to 240 for weddings.
Organist to increase from £110 to £120.

These fees will be reviewed again in November 2022.

Volunteers
The PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities which they are. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens, treasurer and secretary as well as our verger and benefice administrator.

Volunteers (cont.)
There is a large team of volunteers who plan, prepare and run the St Kyneburgha festival. The PCC would like to thank all those involved in planning for the festival during a difficult time. Unfortunately, for the first time in 23 years, July 2020's festival has had to be cancelled. It was unlikely that social-distancing guidelines advised by the government in response to the coronavirus outbreak could be adhered to and the community's health and safety could be put at risk. The committee is at present planning for the festival in 2021 with the hope that our wonderful community can come together again. The festival really does highlight how well our community can work together and how much everybody gains from coming together.

Since mid-March a team of volunteers has been working hard to help the church to continue to deliver its message and support the vulnerable during the coronavirus outbreak crisis.

Structure, Governance and Management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Associate Priest, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met six times during the year.

As there are so many church buildings within the parish the PCC has delegated responsibility for matters relating to St Remigius Church, Water Newton and St. John the Baptist Church, Stibbington to a District Church Council whose terms of reference are set out in the Parish Constitution.

The AGM has had to be postponed for the time being due to the coronavirus crisis.

Administrative Information
Castor Parish is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, PE5 7AX. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time since the last Annual Meeting until we will be able to re-elect new members when social distancing guidelines allow are:

Ex Officio members:

Rector	David Ridgeway
Two Church Wardens - Elected each year	Sarah Spencer Simon Woolley
St. John the Baptist Upton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Lyn Bell Claire Harris
St. John the Baptist Stibbington Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Carol Lindsay Richard Winfrey

Administrative Information (cont.)

St. Remigius Water Newton Deputy Wardens - Elected each year	Tony Capon
Deanery Synod Members	Gill Slidell Chris Murrell

Elected members:

NB All periods of election have been extended by 1 year due there being no Annual Meeting in 2020 as a result of the Covid Pandemic

Due for re-election 2021	Amanda Millen Elizabeth Brown Joan Pickett William Baxter
Due for re-election in 2022	Lisa Hynes Jay Winfrey Anne Perkins Peter Thompson
Due for re-election 2023	Steve Grys David Edwards Daniel Fitzjohn Jo Morris

Approved by the PCC on 20/5/21 and signed on their behalf by the Fr David Ridgeway PCC Chairman



Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Castor With Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton Parochial Church Council

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I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective Responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P Lawson

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7 June 2021

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	67,841	17,130	84,971	89,108
Other trading activities	2(b)	16,673	-	16,673	36,674
Income from investments	2(c)	254	-	254	521
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	-	2,061	2,061	10,105
Income from church activities	2(e)	11,344	-	11,344	19,381
TOTAL INCOME		96,112	19,191	115,303	155,789
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Church activities	3(a)	105,691	27,087	132,778	128,397
Fundraising costs	3(b)	3,283	-	3,283	14,908
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		108,974	27,087	136,061	143,305
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		(12,862)	(7,896)	(20,758)	12,484
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(12,862)	(7,896)	(20,758)	12,484
Total funds brought forward		122,590	264,823	387,413	374,929
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		109,728	256,927	366,655	387,413

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CASTOR WITH UPTON, STIBBINGTON AND WATER NEWTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		288,827	288,827
Current assets				
Debtors	7	4,786		16,707
Cash at bank and in hand		77,334		89,581
		82,120		106,288
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	4,292		7,702
Net current assets			77,828	98,586
Net assets	9		366,655	387,413
Parish funds				
Unrestricted funds	10		109,728	122,590
Restricted funds	10		256,927	264,823
Total funds			366,655	387,413

Approved by the PCC on 20/5/21 and signed on its behalf by:

A Millen
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Amanda Millen
Treasurer

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Fr David Ridgeway
Rector

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC 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.

Upton, Stibbington and Water Newton PCC

In 2009 Upton Church joined with Castor Church and in 2015 Stibbington Church and Water Newton Church joined. The financial statements include all transactions relating to these churches since the date of the mergers.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised.
No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as the residual value exceeds cost and any depreciation charge is deemed immaterial.

2. **INCOME ON:**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(a)	**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**				
	Collections	4,174	-	4,174	8,254
	Donations	60,450	-	60,450	63,153
	Grants	3,217	17,130	20,347	17,701
		67,841	17,130	84,971	89,108
2(b)	**OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**				
	Events - Summer Festival etc	11,405	-	11,405	28,930
	Magazine sales and advertising	4,795	-	4,795	5,747
	Sales of candles and postcards	473	-	473	1,997
		16,673	-	16,673	36,674
2(c)	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**				
	Bank interest received	254	-	254	521
2(d)	**INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**				
	Cedar Centre	-	2,061	2,061	10,105
2(e)	**INCOME FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES**				
	Wedding and funeral fees	5,245	-	5,245	9,364
	Bells, organ and choir fees	6,099	-	6,099	10,017
		11,344	-	11,344	19,381

3.	EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3(a)	**Church Activities**				
	Charitable giving:				
	The Children's Society	-	-	-	298
	NSPCC	-	-	-	174
	Light project	-	-	-	150
	Mother of peace	600	-	600	600
	Nene Valley Care Trust	600	-	600	600
	Nakuru Children's Project	600	-	600	600
		1,800	-	1,800	2,422
	Christian ministry:				
	Diocesan Parish share	57,153	-	57,153	55,157
	Church running and maintenance	11,542	19,092	30,634	19,380
	Rector's expenses	7,550	-	7,550	7,630
	Sacristy and vestments	3,032	-	3,032	3,231
	Churchyard expenses	3,915	-	3,915	2,571
	Music expenses	1,003	-	1,003	1,132
	Parish admin costs	9,735	-	9,735	9,735
	Bank charges	33	-	33	280
	Miscellaneous	120	-	120	394
		94,083	19,092	113,175	99,510
	Other:				
	Diocese fees	1,202	-	1,202	1,601
	Parish magazine costs	1,423	-	1,423	3,717
	Cedar Centre expenses	-	4,863	4,863	8,071
	Cedar Centre refurbishment	-	750	750	-
	School expenses	161	-	161	138
	Bells, organ and choir expenses	5,522	-	5,522	10,017
	Youth worker	-	73	73	50
	Professional fees	-	2,309	2,309	981
	Accountancy (inc. prior under-provision)	1,500	-	1,500	1,380
	Guide books	-	-	-	510
		9,808	7,995	17,803	26,465
		105,691	27,087	132,778	128,397
3(b)	**Fundraising costs**				
	Event expenses	3,283	-	3,283	14,908

4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

No staff are employed by the PCC.

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year payments were made to Jo Morris and Amanda Millen, PCC members, as remuneration for their roles. Reimbursement of PCC expenses were also made to these members.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2020	288,827
Additions	-
At 31 December 2020	288,827
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 January 2020	-
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2020	-
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2020	288,827
At 1 January 2020	288,827

7. DEBTORS:

	2020 £	2019 £
Tax recoverable	2,225	2,347
Other debtors and prepayments	2,561	14,360
Total	4,786	16,707

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors and accruals	4,292	7,702

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	76,123	212,704	288,827
Current assets	37,897	44,223	82,120
Current liabilities	(4,292)	-	(4,292)
Net assets at 31 December 2020	109,728	256,927	366,655

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	1 January 2020 £	Income £	Funds Transfer/ Expenditure £	31 December 2020 £
Restricted funds:				
Cedar Centre	236,547	2,061	(5,613)	232,995
Goodyer Grave	226	-	-	226
Youth worker	4,071	-	(73)	3,998
Youth Club	376	-	-	376
Special Projects	112	-	-	112
Stibbington Church restoration	3,000	-	-	3,000
Books Project	1,399	-	-	1,399
Choir stalls	19,092	-	(19,092)	-
Water Newton Church restoration	-	17,130	(2,309)	14,821
Total restricted funds	264,823	19,191	(27,087)	256,927

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)**

	1 January 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Funds Transfer/ Outgoing Resources £	31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	116,590	96,112	(110,974)	101,728
Major repairs fund	6,000	-	2,000	8,000
Total unrestricted funds	122,590	96,112	(108,974)	109,728

Purpose of restricted funds:

Cedar Centre:
This is a fund to maintain and further develop the Cedar Centre to support the work of the Council.

Goodyer Grave:
This fund is for the maintenance of graves.

Youth Worker:
This fund is to cover the youth worker for 3 years.

Books Project:
During 2018 a donation was received from the publishers of 'The Five Parishes' and it was requested that the fund be used by the church on its own publications.

Stibbington Church Restoration:
During 2016 £3,000 was received from The Headley Trust towards the costs of restoration works to be undertaken at Stibbington Church.

Choir stalls:
During 2019 £19,092 was received towards the cost of replacing the choir stalls. The new stalls were installed in 2020.

Water Newton Church Restoration:
During the year £17,130 was received from Historic England towards the cost of restoration works to be undertaken at Water Newton Church.