

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DULVERTON

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provisional of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved Teaching of Christianity through sermons,courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and distribution of literature.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£59,356	£76,282	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,882	£100,846	-	-
2022-12-31	£55,382	£77,845	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,180	£79,363	-	-
2020-12-31	£48,098	£82,120	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDY JEFFRIES		2011-07-19
Edward Thomson		2019-04-28
Frances Harrison		2022-04-23
Jennifer Barker		2019-04-28
Joyce Vanstone		2014-01-25
Rev Dowell Conning		2021-10-28
Steve Ford		2010-04-27
William Gash		2020-10-11

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All Saints' Church, Dulverton Parochial Church Council Annual Report 2024

Aims and Purposes of All Saints Church Dulverton Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The members of the PCC are also Trustees of the Gardiner Trust which includes No 1 Church Walk. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, insurance, church finances and No 3 Church Lane. The PCC is also a registered Charity with the number 1142934 and a Charity Commission report and annual return is made yearly by the Wardens.

The PCC, working with the people of Dulverton including Dulverton Town Council (DTC), are determined to keep a church presence and facility in this historic town. The church is in the centre of the community and provides services of marriage, baptism and funerals to every member of the community who wish it. We welcome community involvement in our church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has been committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at or with our church and when planning our activities for the year the Rector and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community though:

- Worship and Prayer: preaching the gospel in words and deeds through a variety of services.
- Offering pastoral care for people living in the parish through the Ministry Team and other pastoral support workers.
- Providing a warm welcome for the people of the town and visitors when possible.
- Offering facilities accessible to all including the outside altar.
- Providing help, support and guidance to anyone within our parish at the key milestones of life through the occasional offices of baptisms, marriages and funerals.
- Working in and with our community with other Christian and charitable organisations to the benefit of our community (The Dulverton Schools and the Exmoor Youth Project in particular).
- Supporting our Church School and education and provision for young people in our community.

Rector's Report

It has been another busy year here at All Saints' Church.

In March our beloved administrator Debbie Gale died quietly, surrounded by her family and love in her home. Deb was a huge power for good in this place for many years, and her funeral service was poignant but filled with her enduring enthusiasms and joy. Our love and prayers continue for Ian and for the girls.

On a more joyful note, in December our lovely and very historic clock was repaired, installed and began, once again, to beautifully tolling out the quarter hours across our town. A huge thank you to everyone who helped administer and raise the funds for this to happen. Particular thanks to Steve and to Arwen for their amazing fund raising, and to Jane and to all the clock winders, old and new, who now diligently wind the repaired mechanism and keep the time so wonderfully.

On the 29th of June, after a year as a Deacon, The Revd Mary Louise Southgate was priested by the Bishop in Wells Cathedral. It was lovely to see so many people attend this service and to support and to celebrate Louise's love and ministry. The next day, Sunday, Louise celebrated her first Mass/Holy Communion/Eucharist as officiant and this was followed by an incredible bring and share lunch. The Church was full of joy and laughter as together, we celebrated with Louise and Jeff this important milestone and achievement in her response to God's call.

Over the course of this year the worship has further evolved and developed much due to the wonderful lay worship leaders offering and taking services on a Sunday. My thanks to Andy for drawing up the rotas and encouraging people to read, offer intercessions and lead these services. The pattern of services has been established and seems to be working well to the glory of God.

Gary Cooper, our Director of Music and resident organist, whose abilities, skill and warmth, joyfully continues to add so much to so many events, our regular worship, and our occasional offices. We are so blessed to have him, Sabine and the children here with us. Also, whilst we could do with more people, I continue to be delighted and amazed by the singing of our talented and wonderful choir who, under Gary's gentle and encouraging lead, sing so skilfully in hymnody and song throughout the year.

Our Tower Captain, Anne Markwick, has continued to encourage and attract new and established ringers of the bells. Their skills ring forth God's glory across the town and a huge debt of thanks is owed to Anne and to the team of dedicated and gifted ringers.

Once again, the Flower ladies have created miraculously beautiful displays throughout the year. The Harvest Festival was a particular highlight, and I was delighted that so many people paid tribute to Tina and her team. Their dedication adds so much to our welcome and our worship.

Louise and I take it turns to offer a monthly Holy Communion on the second Thursday of each month at 1100 at Hanover House for those members of our community who wish to receive a blessing or the sacrament, and to catch up with news from All Saints. Numbers vary but what is more important is our connection with these blessed people and to assure them of God's continual loving care for them too. Home communions continue to be taken to the housebound over this year

The School has also had another busy year. The new Head teacher is Nicola Stenner, previously at Exford. Nicki has deepened our relationship and our interaction with our School have further developed with Lyn from the Exmoor Youth Project, Louise and I all being involved this year. I now regularly take Collective Worship there. This is in addition to their special termly services in All Saints, where the children and staff are now being joined by their parents, carers and loved ones too. The school is now part of The Moorland Federation, and I am honoured to continue as a Foundation Governor to this wider community.

During Lent and Holy Week Fr David came and led the ecumenical blessing of palms down by the war memorial by the Barle. The Maundy Service of communion was particularly poignant. On Good Friday, as well as the midday solemn Liturgy, the Barle Singers produced an amazingly moving and appropriate concert in the evening and our grateful thanks to Stephen Pugsley and all their singers for adding such a beautiful occasion on that day. Thanks to them also for the performance of Puccini's Messa di Gloria in May.

Louise led two different book courses this year, one in Lent and another in Advent. These proved so popular that we are planning on another one in Lent 2025.

Frances Harrison continued to lead 'Art Talks' throughout the year. This has, and is, attracting a really good number of people from across the area, and is so well received. '. Despite his illness, Howard continued to add so much with his stunning and creative posters; and for his encouragement to Frances. These talks have been sensational, and in addition to thanking Frances and Howard, I have to thank all those who have helped to provide the lovely refreshments and welcome to all who come before the talks. Thanks goes to Steve and Ed too, for their technical wizardry in setting up screen, PA, and projectors.

The Lent and Harvest lunches were very well attended this year. These take a huge amount of dedication and hard work to deliver, and without the help of Jenny and her team would not happen. Thank you to Jenny and all the helpers, who provide food, setting up, packing away, cleaning, and serving. I know from the comments of those who came to these two occasions how grateful they are for these lunches, and all credit must and rightly goes to Jenny and her team; thank you.

In its third of use, the new format for our civic Remembrance Day Service worked very well and was incredibly well attended and deeply moving. I must thank the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, led by Peter Maggs, for attending the rehearsal and adding their superb professionalism to this important act of Remembrance.

Our Choir performed a beautiful new (ish) service of seven lessons and carols, which was very well attended, and on Christmas Eve both the Crib service, thank you to Joyce and her team, and Midnight mass, led by Louise, were also well attended as we welcomed the Christ child.

Financially it has been a hard year, and I am most grateful to Robin Nichols for volunteering to act as our Treasurer and guide. Robin's skill, dexterity and huge experience have helped us develop better practices beyond that role, and I wish to formally thank him for everything he has done over 2024.

A few final 'thank you's' are also needed: To our cleaner Lyndsy, who takes such time and trouble ensuring that the Church is kept to such a high standard, and whose work is so often commented on in such favourable words in our visitors book. To Nick Friendship, for his generosity in printing our monthly sheet and especially for his work as our vergers and whose assistance and diligence in setting the altar and setting down afterwards, and so much more, is deeply appreciated. From me, a huge thank you to the PCC for all of their help and guidance throughout the year, and especially to Jenny and Ed the Church Wardens, and to Steve our Safeguarding Officer, without whom none of the above would have happened.

And a final and heartfelt thanks to the Parish and to all the peoples of Dulverton, thank you for all of your kindness and support. May God bless you.

Safeguarding

The PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer) is pleased to report Safeguarding issues raised with him over the last year have been dealt with locally. The two individuals causing difficulty for members and visitors to the church have been addressed in cooperation with the PCSO (Police Community Support Officer), with whom we have a good relationship. The diocese was kept abreast of the situation and have the incidents on record.

There have been no individual cases raised with the PSO other than the above. The PSO reported at every PCC meeting and updated the situation with regard to statutory responsibilities, a update of the Dashboard and The Safeguarding Hub.

The PSO has expanded his remit to become benefice PSO and as such has access to our sister churches' Dashboards to ensure legal compliance.

The Dashboard and Safeguarding Hubs are an on-line method of keeping the Safeguarding records up to date and properly tracked. It has been set up by the diocese.

The Church of England has had long and engaging discussions this year regarding outsourcing the Safeguarding management to a third party. The synod of the Church of England has decided that only part of this responsibility will be outsourced.

There are a number of PCC members that have completed safeguarding training and qualifications this year as the courses are to be updated every 3 years. Both Wardens have renewed their training, our Incumbent, curate and PSO have all updated training this year.

Safeguarding posters, contacts for help and our policy have been updated and made public in the Church.

All Saint's Church is at level 3 of the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (the levels start at level 1 and count upwards) and has a Safeguarding development plan in place. (Available on request and circulated at PCC meetings to PCC members.

The PSO has renewed his training in Leadership in Safeguarding and has delivered an action plan to the course provider and received a certificate of compliance.

The PSO has delivered a training session to a mixed group of PCC members from All Saints and sister churches on how the Dashboard, Safeguarding Hub and DBS work together. This will be repeated on a further occasion.

If you feel there are issues of safeguarding that need to be raised, please do not hesitate to contact the PSO

E-mail safeguarding@allsaintsdulverton.org.uk

Other contact: 07812343212

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Tel: 01749588917

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If someone is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, please contact 999.

This helpline is available via phone at 0303 003 1111 or via email at

helpline@thirtyoneeight.org.

All Saints Church as a supporter of people in need and the people in significant and responsible roles in the church, clearly identify that safeguarding is an important part of our work. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all, we are all God's Children, and **we all need to be treated with care and respect. God sees all (omnipresent), we humans are not, it relies on our church and wider community to be our eyes and ears and promote good Christian care and safety.**

Steve Ford

PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Wardens Report

Wardens - Ed Thomson and Jenny Barker

2024 saw Steve Ford step down after 8 years as Churchwarden and Jenny Barker taking on this role. Steve mentored Jenny during 2023, so she was ready to take on the role. A great deal of thanks is due to Steve for all the work he has undertaken to keep All Saints free from problems.

Since the last Quinquennial inspection in 2021 Steve and Ed were kept busy with a variety of building works within and outside the Church. During 2024 there was very little in the way of building work left to be undertaken.

Jenny and Ed have taken on some of the work previously undertaken by our Parish Administrator which by and large has not been onerous. Jenny and other members of the PCC have written several policies which were approved by the PCC.

During 2024 the Parish Office was moved from 1 Church Walk up to the room on the first floor of the church. The PCC decided in late 2024 to sell 1 Church Walk so the Wardens are responsible for selling this property. We had a rough sleeper for a while during the summer, but he eventually left Dulverton. We now have a Rough Sleeper Policy in place which gives clear guidance on what to do in this situation.

We had and still have some anti-social behaviour occurring in the church. In one case the individual has been successfully dealt with by our local Police and in the Courts. We have an ongoing problem with another individual which the Police are dealing with. Due to this anti-social behaviour we had to install CCTV in the church so we can keep an eye on what is occurring. During 2024 there have been times when we felt it safer to leave the church closed, now we have the CCTV in place we hope this will not need to happen again.

During the year our lovely clock was fully overhauled and was returned to us in November and reinstalled during December. The Clock Winders were given training by the company who repaired it, and the clock has been working ever since. An annual maintenance contract is in place with Cumbria Clocks.

The annual Health and Safety inspection took place, and the actions required to mitigate the identified risks were completed. PAT Testing, a Lightning conductor test and Fire Extinguisher testing took place during the year.

Painting of the Loos was undertaken, and they look a lot better for this.

The water boiler had to be fixed during the year.

A Hive system was installed, this allows Ed to work the church heating system remotely. We have not required as much oil as in previous years due to this system. We had ongoing problems with our heating system during the year and work is now being carried out to try and improve the system.

The looking after of the Memorial Garden has been taken on by a local resident and her neighbour. It looks a lot better for this.

Jennifer our lovely cleaner decided she didn't want to continue to do this for very understandable reasons and we now have Lyndsy doing a monthly clean and several people doing it in between these cleans. A Spring Clean was undertaken in the early part of year with volunteers giving up a Saturday morning to help with this.

We have had problems with the PA system and the Hearing Loop has failed. During 2025 we will look to replacing both systems so we can be confident that congregations and audiences can hear what is being said, sung or played.

Jenny attended a Churchwardens Day at Flourish House run by Bath and Wells. She found this particularly useful being a new Churchwarden.

We have continued to have lovely flowers provided by our fabulous Flower Ladies led by Tina.

Anne and her Bell Ringers have continued to ring out loudly on a Sunday morning and at other events. Anne had several new ringers start during the year.

Jenny and Ed have ensured that paperwork and returns required by the Diocese have been completed and submitted on time.

Steve continues to lead Lay services as does Ed and the service schedule remains the same as in the previous year.

The wardens have assisted at other events in the church during the year including weddings, funerals, school services, musical events and Starlight.

We are grateful to Nick for his Verging at the Eucharist services.

Ann Van Praag moved house at the latter end of 2024 and now no longer opens and closes the church, so Jenny and Ed are undertaking this now.

Our lovely Churchyard has been kept beautifully tidy by Sean who cuts the grass each week during the grass growing season. He also strims the bank to keep the grass down. In conclusion it has been a busy year with many things happening and we expect 2025 to continue in the same vein.

Finally, I would like this opportunity to thank our wonderful Rector, Dowell Conning and his wife Jackie who have undertaken and continue to undertake such wonderful pastoral work in our community. Ed and I also appreciate the support and advice from Dowell without which our job would be that much harder.

Compiled by Jenny Barker

Events at All Saints

Several events were held during 2024 which have all raised money for the Church coffers. There was a lovely concert given by Tamsin Waley Cohen in May as part of the Simonsbath Festival. Two Moors Festival held two concerts as part of their October festival. It was lovely to see the church full of people enjoying fabulous music.

Arwen and her Woodwind groups have entertained us during the year, and we enjoyed an afternoon of music in the church during Starlight.

Frances Harrison's Art Talks continue to enthrall us all. Its lovely to see so many people enjoying these monthly Thursday morning events.

The Lent and Harvest lunches continue to attract many people who come together to enjoy homemade soup and Dowell's delicious homemade bread. These are two very enjoyable events with a lot of chatter. Gary and Sabine entertained us with music throughout these two events.

We didn't hold the Cream Tea during 2024 but hope to hold it again in 2025. Starlight continues to be an annual event in Dulverton. The Church is open for the afternoon serving Tea and Cake and Bill's delicious and potent Mulled Wine. It's a lovely place to sit and rest one's weary feet and enjoy a cuppa listening to relaxing music.

The Churchyard still plays host to the famous Starlight Fireworks display which seems to be bigger and brighter each year.

We no longer lead on the carols around the Christmas Tree in Bank Square. The Rector still starts the Carols, but a choir has taken over the leading of the singing. As always, the community singing of the carols was a fitting lead up to the Firework display.

Compiled by Jenny Barker

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our many diligent volunteers, who are not named here, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly and looking so welcoming to visitors and locals alike. We do sincerely thank you for all your time and expertise given so generously and your willingness to help. No matter how large or small the task, each is essential for the smooth running of the church and our continuing ministry.

Moorland Foodbank

The Food bank continued throughout 2024. During the summer of 2024 it became apparent that with the changes to the Junior School it was likely the Food Bank would become homeless. It was also decided by the PCC that it longer wished to continue to run the Foodbank after the end of 2024 and Jenny Barker said she would be stepping down from running it at the end of 2024 as well.

During the Autumn of 2024 a project team was set up to look at the future of the Food Bank including looking for new premises. After much work new premises were found and a new Charitable organisation was set up. A Food Bank Volunteer offered to take over the running of the Food Bank. On 1st January 2025 the PCC transferred over the remaining Food Bank monies to the new organisation and the responsibility for running it was transferred too.

Music Report

Since the last APCM report, in which I gave primary attention to the state of the organ, and outlined decisions made to secure its well-being and future, I am happy to report that plenty of progress has been made. So I'll start by addressing this.

State of the historic J.W. Walker Organ

Since the difficulties we faced with the instrument, early in 2023, and the consequent commencement of an agreement for the organ to be maintained and tuned by a new company, William Drake Organ Makers of Buckfastleigh, I feel far more confident in the continued welfare of our historic instrument.

While it may not be the Albert Hall organ, or even of such a distinguished lineage as the recently restored Lewis instrument at Brompton Regis church, it is a fine instrument of its type and period, and is in close to the original state when built by the Walker workshop, somewhere between 1860s-70s. I gather one reason to suspect it could have been built as early as the 1860s is that the decorated front diapason pipes include zinc, a metal that was first introduced into organ building workshops around that time. It has a lovely mellow tone, and adds warmth as well as power (when needed) to services and events; it is very responsive to the player, and most reliable when treated with respect.

Joost de Boer, of William Drake Ltd, has now attended the organ on three occasions, and has already made considerable headway in terms of restoring the fine-workings of the mechanism within the casework. He has noted various damaged pipework, particularly within the Swellbox, which could only have occurred through bad handling and practice by previous attenders to the organ's maintenance over the years; he has adjusted countless trackers, which convey the connection mechanically between key and pipe, and secured smooth operation over the keyboard, as well as the consistent speech of both reed pipes.

Joost made a key recommendation on his second visit, by a chance look into the blower motor - finding a note from the last maintenance visit, dated as sometime in the early 80s! So we engaged a well-respected West Country firm of specialists, Watkins & Watson Ltd, and the work was done early in the year. Hopefully, the motor won't need any further attention for quite some time - although another 40 odd years may be pushing it! During the next maintenance visit, Joost's team plan to investigate that weird, loud, vibrating anomaly occasionally emitting from the instrument. He surmises it may have something to do with the piping connected between the bellows which may not be the required gauge, creating unnecessary vibrational pressure within the instrument that, when reaching a critical pitch, creates some kind of standing wave effect through the woodwork. As always, it is a project that - he anticipates - will come within the budget & timeframe of a regular maintenance visit.

State of the Grand Piano

As I mentioned last year, our equally hard-working grand piano is required to fulfill a whole range of tasks; and in those terms, serves us all extremely well and with little complaint.

Alan Ewing (Piano Services) of Wellington maintains and tunes the instrument, and I continue to be grateful for his advice and technical know-how. While he may be booked to make two official tuning visits per year, I have counted at least a further two emergency call-outs during 2024, in which he popped by to rescue a stuck pedal or key. So in that regard, I also find myself grateful for Alan regularly going well beyond the extra mile in his service and assistance. On the last visit, he noted that the piano was very unusual since it had no pedal guard system, which ensures the pedal mechanism remains exactly in place within the instrument while it is manipulated by the player's foot. I wonder if this guard was omitted by mistake when originally transported from China, and re-built over here? A mystery.. Well, at least the problem has been solved by Alan for now, with a little, ingenious spur-of-the-moment-created safeguard that he constructed himself! I didn't ask what he used to create it, but can vouch for it working just fine.

All Saints' Choir

Our wonderful, loyal choir members continue to amaze me, as well as everyone else, with their outstanding weekly attendance and support of our singing for services. Come rain or shine, there they are! Week in, week out. It is a miracle to behold, especially these days. So many keen local singers have enthusiastically expressed their interest in joining the choir; they have come, and then - just as quickly - they have gone. The experience has reinforced, for me, the incredibly precious gift proffered by those choosing to offer continued, reliable, consistent, devoted service in this form. And I, for one, am ever mindful and grateful for this. One particular high point in the last year, I would say, was the attendance of a whole row of singing school children who, I discovered, felt it was a real shame they no longer sang or learnt carols at school, so decided they would join All Saints' choir for the Carol Service. Well, why not?? In truth, all who attended felt it was a very memorable event owing in large part to the children's joyful, lusty contribution. And, judging by the number of sweet wrappers I later found under the pedalboard, they really

enjoyed messing around on the organ afterwards! Well, what curious child wouldn't? The sweet wrappers are another matter..

Barle Singers

Another venerable Exmoor musical institution that makes almost weekly use of All Saints (as rehearsal venue) is the Barle Singers. Consistently providing the church with uplifting concerts - we had Puccini's Messadi Gloria, Coleridge - Taylor's Hiawatha's Wedding Feast, plus a carol concert of works by Holst & Vaughan-Williams during last year's season - this choir is another very welcome mainstay in All Saints' musical life. It's membership is also growing quite markedly, as far as I can see. Long may that continue! And special thanks goes to Steven Pugsley, director of the ensemble, for his tireless inspiration and passion.

Music Teaching & Arwen's Wind Ensembles

I'll only make brief mention of Arwen Lewis and her consistent hard work and dedication here that, suffice it to say, without her presence, musical life on Exmoor - notably for wind players - would be that much the poorer. All Saints is the primary venue for her teaching and concerts, as well as recipient of the generous time and playing of Arwen and all the members of her groups for such events as Starlight, as well as, most recently, during some All Saints services. We look forward to a continued, and long, connection with Arwen & thank her for all her hard work and joyful enthusiasm.

Sheet Music Donations

I'm still amazed by how many lovely (usually anonymous) people leave sheet music on the organ stool in the church. I sometimes arrive at church on a Sunday morning to find bags or boxes of music lying there, awaiting sorting! Thanks to Jenny and Ed's kind patience, the ever-expanding organ music library is presently occupying a pew on the North Aisle, awaiting the opportunity to be filed away in a more organised environment ie. not a stack of boxes propping up the organist! When you think about it, this is a further demonstration of the musical heritage of our area, as well as yet more evidence - if needed - of people's generous spirit. There's also plenty of piano music in the collection, some quite unusual or old; plus a lot of vocal and church music. My sincere thanks to all those kind and thoughtful people. Hopefully - once appropriate storage space is arranged - I'll be able to play more & more of the keyboard music collection at services in the future.

Gary Cooper
Musical Director

Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year of 2024

Please find at hand the Annual Financial Accounts for 2024 which have been examined and agreed by Antony Porter FCA of Amherst and Shapland, a local accountancy firm. The figures occurring in this report are taken from these Annual Financial Accounts. I would be very happy to respond to any questions or suggestions you have regarding the financial situation.

First and foremost, I would like to express the PCC's appreciation for all those individuals who have donated money to the work of All Saints Church during the 12 months of January to December 2024. Without your financial support, the Church would simply not be able to carry out the established pattern of worship, sacraments, teaching, pastoral support, outreach and social activities. We are very grateful to all of you who give your time, money and gifts to support the Church.

It is important that all those on the Electoral Roll and all those who support the Church are aware of the challenging financial situation that faces the Church. Although the task of managing the finances is the responsibility of the PCC, the Church's financial wellbeing largely lies in the hands of the Electoral Roll and the supporters of the Church.

Our financial year runs from January to December. The headline financial figures for 2024 are given below with the 2023 figures:

	2024	2023	Change 2024 from 2023
Income	£59,356	£72,818	-£13,462
Expenditure	£76,282	£100,846	-£24,564
Operating Loss	£16,926	£28,028	-£11,102

Income

Unfortunately, our 2024 income of £59,356 fell significantly below the income enjoyed in 2023 of £72,818. This fall in income of £13,462 represents a fall of 18%. This reflects the long-term decline in our income over the past 10 years. It was also significantly below the budgeted income of £76,224. If this trend continues, it will significantly curtail our ability to carry out the existing level of Church and Ministry activities.

Our annual income comes from the following sources: Property Income £13,750, Donations (outside of services) £11,811, Investment Yields £9,382, Collections £9,062, Gift Aid £4,345, Grants £3,000, Events & Fundraising £2,985, Standing Orders £2,831 and Parochial Fees £2,190.

We are very fortunate that, due to the generosity of past generations, we have a strong portfolio of property and financial investments. The combined yields of these two assets provides us with 41% of our income in 2024.

The other striking feature of these figures is the low proportion of our grants coming from events & fundraising, grants and standing orders - only 16% of our income in 2024.

Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2024 was £76,282. This represented a reduction in expenditure from 2023 of £24,564. Our end of year expenditure was below our budgeted expenditure. The reason for this fall in expenditure is that we now no longer have the services of a Parish Administrator, we spent less on maintenance/minor repairs, and the Food Bank operations reduced in scale.

It is possible that our 2025 level of expenditure may increase as we have a backlog of repairs that need attention.

Operating Loss

Our operating loss (i.e. expenditure was higher than income) in 2024 was £16,926. That is a significant figure, but it represents a large reduction from the 2023 deficit of £28,028. However, that serious situation was mitigated by an increase in the value of our financial investments of £13,168. Therefore, the net movement in funds was a negative outflow of £2,338.

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet provides a somewhat more encouraging picture. Our financial assets increased in value by £13,168 (alas, this fell significantly below the 2023 increase of £40,657). Our policy is to record the value of our two properties at the original purchase value; it is possible that the current market value may be in excess of these book values. Our cash position (bank account, short term investments and float) declined from £39,012 (31 Dec 2023) to £19,882 (31 Dec 2024) - a reduction of £19,130. This fall was due largely to passing over of the Food Bank monies to the successor Moorland Food Bank and to the payment of the repairs to the Church Clock. As the cash balance has declined, we will need to pay greater attention to cash flow if we are to maintain our objective of keeping a cash reserve of 3 months operating expenses.

The effects of this increased investment value and a reduced cash position meant that our net asset position fell from £739,566 (31 Dec 2023) to £737,228 (31 Dec 2024). The difference of £2,338 is reflected in the negative funds outflow identified in the Operating Loss section above.

The PCC is currently in the process of selling one of its properties. Once this is achieved the PCC will need to decide how this release of capital will be used.

Overall, the balance sheet is in reasonably good shape - largely due to the gain in our financial investments. Although fixed asset values do not directly affect the operating loss or pay bills, the yields in rent, dividends and interest keep the PCC finances afloat - just.

Summary

From a financial perspective 2024 has been a difficult year for the Church with a significant operating loss of £16,926 - albeit a reduction from the 2023 deficit. The main cause for this disappointing performance is the large fall in income from 2022 and 2023 levels.

The PCC, Electoral Roll members and Church supporters will need to consider whether and how this decline in income can be addressed. It is unlikely that any further reductions in expenditure can be made as repair liabilities are now beginning to mount up. If we cannot increase collections and donations, we will have to look to grants and fund raising to reduce the deficit.

In addition, we need to consider the expectation of the Diocese that All Saints Dulverton Parish Share will increase from £25,000 to £42,000 over the next six years. If that happens then in 2031 we will be paying 75% of our income as a Parish Share if our income remains as present.

If expenditure and income remain on their present patterns, then in effect we have a structural deficit with annual operating losses becoming the norm. Deficits cannot go on year after year. There comes a point when we simply run out of cash. In this situation, the only way to address this lack of cash will be to sell some of our financial investments or the remaining property.

I am sorry that this picture is not particularly encouraging. However, it is important that you all know the reality of the financial situation.

Robin Nicoll, Treasurer. 4 April 2025.

You may contact me at treasurer@allsaintsdulverton.org.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Dulverton (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which incorporate the Receipts and Payments Account. The Statement of Assets

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 'PCC' as Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, The 'PCC' as trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The 'PCC' trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. That examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual 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 audit opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

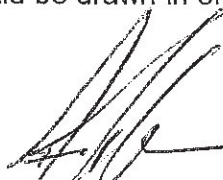
Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that 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 requirements of the 2011 Act as also contained within the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

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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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		TOTAL FUNDS			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	2	28,049	3,000	31,049	37,412
Activities for Generating Funds					
Events		2,985	-	2,985	5,915
Church Activities	3	2,190	-	2,190	7,797
Income from Investments	4	23,132	-	23,132	21,694
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		56,356	3,000	59,356	72,818
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Grants		4,703	-	4,703	414
Church Activities	5	71,039	-	71,039	98,599
Fundraising		356	-	356	1,689
Governance		184	-	184	144
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		76,282	-	76,282	100,846
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		(19,926)	3,000	(16,926)	(28,028)
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the PCC's own use		14,588	-	14,588	40,657
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(5,338)	3,000	(2,338)	12,629
Balances brought forward		739,566	-	739,566	726,937
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		734,228	3,000	737,228	739,566

The notes on Pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	160,000	160,000
Investment assets	6	553,972	540,804
		713,972	700,804
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		4,413	-
Cash at Bank	7	19,882	39,012
		24,295	39,012
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,039)	(250)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		23,256	38,762
NET ASSETS		737,228	739,566
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		734,228	739,566
Restricted		3,000	-
		737,228	739,566

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on its behalf by:

and signed on

The notes on Pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the accruals basis and Fund accounting.
- (b) Fixed assets retained for church use are included at cost or valuation at the time of its acquisition. Moveable church fittings held by the church wardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be heritage assets and inalienable from benefice property and as such are not valued in the financial statements. Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts.
- (c) Plant and Equipment used in the church or churchyard are written off to the Statement of Financial Activities on acquisition.
- (d) Incoming Resources: All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (e) Resources expended: Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.
- (f) Funds: Unrestricted funds represent funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.
- (g) Change of accounting policy: The purpose of the accounts is to give a true and fair view. To this end it was decided to adopt the accruals basis of accounting in place of the receipts and payments basis. This meant instituting a Balance Sheet incorporating the assets and liabilities of the PCC. In addition the status of the Gardiner Trust was reviewed and the PCC confirmed that in the light of the 1969 modification this should be accounted for as a Designated Fund and not a Restricted Fund. Having previously been included in restricted funds the 2022 accounts have been restated to show these assets in the Unrestricted Funds.
- (h) Offsetting: There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure unless required by Church Accounting Regulations.
- (i) Legacies: Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been a grant of probate and executors have established there are sufficient assets in the Estate.
- (j) Donated goods and services: Donated goods and services are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities where they relate to the ongoing work of the Parochial Church Council due to the excess of cost over benefit of this exercise.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

			TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
2 Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	2,831	-	2,831	19,176
Tax recoverable	4,345	-	4,345	5,022
Collections and other giving	9,062	-	9,062	8,056
Legacies and other donations	11,811	-	11,811	5,158
Grants	-	3,000	3,000	-
	<u>28,049</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>31,049</u>	<u>37,412</u>
3 Church Activities				
Church Fees	2,190	-	2,190	5,266
Bookstall and magazine	-	-	-	525
Other income	-	-	-	2,006
	<u>2,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>7,797</u>
4 Income from Investments				
Property	13,750	-	13,750	12,610
CCLA	9,382	-	9,382	9,084
	<u>23,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,132</u>	<u>21,694</u>
5 Church Activities				
Parish Share	22,628	-	22,628	23,323
Mission and evangelism	9,851	-	9,851	13,505
Clergy expenses	2,016	-	2,016	5,021
Church maintenance	1,297	-	1,297	10,901
Church running costs	2,424	-	2,424	2,867
Utility bills	3,835	-	3,835	3,472
Insurance	2,704	-	2,704	3,598
Major repairs	10,860	-	10,860	12,789
Outgoing resources	3,000	-	3,000	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	100
Salaries and support costs	11,044	-	11,044	23,023
Repairs - investments	1,380	-	1,380	-
	<u>71,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,039</u>	<u>98,599</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Church use assets £	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
6 Tangible Fixed Assets					
Number 3 Church Lane	-	-	105,000	105,000	105,000
Number 1 Church Walk	160,000	-	-	160,000	160,000
CCLA Securities Fund	-	71,674	-	71,674	69,574
CCLA Investment Fund	-	116,901	-	116,901	114,979
CCLA Equities Fund	-	97,775	-	97,775	96,527
CCLA Passmore-Jones	-	162,622	-	162,622	154,724
	<u>160,000</u>	<u>448,972</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>713,972</u>	<u>700,804</u>

Listed investments are included at valuations at 31 December as provided by CCLA. Investment properties are included at cost in 2010 in the case of Number 1 Church Walk, Number 3 Church Lane is valued on the basis of current income flows and the expected rate of return of the PCC.

	2024 £	2023 £
7 Cash at Bank		
Current Account	14,889	34,109
CBF Account - Gardiner	2,597	2,507
CBF Account - Reserve	2,296	2,296
Cash in Hand	100	100
	<u>19,882</u>	<u>39,012</u>

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ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Aims and Purposes of All Saints Dulverton Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The members of the PCC are also trustees of the Gardiner Trust which includes No. 1 Church Walk. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, insurance, church finances and No. 3 Church Lane. The PCC is also a registered Charity with the number 1142934 and a Charity Commission report and annual return is made yearly by the Warden.

The PCC, working with the people of Dulverton including the Dulverton Town Council (DTC), are determined to keep a church presence and facility in this historic town. The church is in the centre of the community and provides services of marriage, baptism and funerals to every member of the community who wish it. We welcome community involvement in our church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has been committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at or with our church and when planning our activities for the year the Rector and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; preaching the gospel in words and deeds through a variety of services.
- Offering pastoral care for people living in the parish through the Ministry Team and other pastoral support workers.
- Providing a warm welcome for the people of the town and visitors when possible.
- Offering facilities accessible to all including accessible e-services and outside altar.
- Providing help, support and guidance to anyone within our parish at the key milestones of life through the occasional offices of baptisms, marriages and funerals.
- Working in and with our community with other Christian and charitable organisations to the benefit of our community (Dulverton Foodbank, The Dulverton Schools and the Exmoor Youth project in particular).
- Supporting our Church School and education and provision for young people in our community.

Rector's Report 2023

It has been a tumultuous year with so many changes.

In January we said goodbye to Martin and Sandra who after over a decade of leadership and help to the Parish and Benefice moved to Colehill on the outskirts of Wimborne in Dorset. A lovely farewell party was held for them on January 29th in All Saints. They were presented with gifts and a beautiful speech by Steve Ford. We wished the safe journeys, and they are now settled into their new home.

On the 28th January, our beloved and long standing Reader, Jane Rees, died and passed into glory. Her subsequent funeral in Brompton Regis was, beautiful, poignant and appropriately funny. Over the year, we have frequently been reminded of her amazing talents, faith and humour, and she is deeply missed. We also lost the skills, the joy and the wisdom of Jenny Boyce at this time. Jenny was an absolute stalwart of the Flower Guild, the Gardening Club, the Bees and so much more. Her sudden death was a shock to many of us, and she too is deeply missed and mourned.

On a much more joyous note, on the 6th May we celebrated, with the Nation, the coronation of our King, Charles III. A dignified and packed All Saints offered thanks to God for his accession to the Throne. The Bells rang out and the flag was raised and lowered and we began to get used to singing God save the King.

On the 25th June, after many years serving as a Reader, and three years training for the priesthood, The Revd Mary Louise Southgate was ordained as a Deacon in Wells Cathedral. It was lovely to see so many people attend this service and to support and to celebrate Louise's love and ministry. God willing, she will be priested at Wells next year and will serve a further two years of her ministry with and amongst us. It is wonderful for me to have an ordained colleague again, and the first six months of her training and formation have flown past.

Over the course of this year the worship has further evolved and developed much due to the wonderful lay worship leaders offering and taking services on a Sunday. A regular pattern of services has been established, and seems to be working well to the glory of God. We continue to be blessed by Mr Gary Cooper as our Director of Music and resident organist, and by the singing of our talented and wonderful choir who together lead us so skilfully in hymnody and song throughout the year. The bells also continue to beautifully sing out over the town, and the numbers of ringers have grown over the year. A huge debt of thanks is owed to Anne Markwick, our Tower Captain for all of her work, enthusiasms and skills. The flowers in the Church have been magnificent and a huge thanks to Tina and all the kind and so skilled volunteers who create the wonderful displays and arrangements which do so much to enhance our worship and praise to God in this beautiful place.

A regular monthly communion continues to take place at Hanover House for those members of our community who wish to receive a blessing or the sacrament, and to catch up with news from All Saints. Numbers vary but we are usually just in double figures, which is wonderful. In addition, home communions have been taken to the housebound by the Rector.

Over the year, our relationship and interaction with our School have further developed. Keith Mansell has moved on and we have a new Head Teacher. The Rector regularly takes Collective Worship there, and they are now coming to Church for their special Services at least once a term, although due to the weather we held the fabulous Harvest Festival at the school; it was pouring down. The Rector is also a Foundation Governor and chairs the Children, Families and Community Committee, and our thanks to the new Head, Carys Barnett and all her staff for enabling this to be such a good and growing interaction and mission.

Compline was held in the Benefice on Thursday evenings in Lent. Also, during Lent and Holy Week Fr David joined with us for the first time at the ecumenical blessing of palms. The Maundy Service of communion was particularly poignant. On Good Friday, the Barle Singers produced an amazingly moving and appropriate Concert which was dignified and very well attended. The Lent course was 'Art for Lent'. This followed on from last year's Advent course, created, led and offered by Frances Harrison, with huge help from Howard. This was a sensation, and was a deep, reflective and a joyous course. We were all transfixed and delighted by this, not least through her explanations, humour and wisdom. Thank you. Also, a massive thank you to Steve and Ed for their technical abilities and dexterity. These were supported by lovely refreshments. For which organisation a huge thank you to Jenny Barker for her, and her team's support of this Course, and for the quite outstanding Harvest Lunch. During Advent, compline again was held on a Thursday evening at 1800 in the Benefice and was led by our assistant curate Louise.

The Barle Singers, and our Choir performed a beautiful service of nine lessons and carols, and on Christmas Eve both the Crib service, thank you to Joyce and her team. Midnight mass was well attended as we welcomed the Christ child.

A few final 'thank you's' are also needed: To our cleaner Jen Gale, who takes such time and trouble ensuring that the Church is kept to such a high standard, and whose work is so often commented on in such favourable words in our visitors book. To Nick Friendship, for his generosity in printing our monthly sheet and especially for his work as our vergers and whose assistance and diligence in setting the altar and setting down afterwards, and so much more, is deeply appreciated. From me, a huge thank you to the PCC for all of their help and

guidance throughout the year, and especially to Steve and Ed the Church Wardens, and to Jenny our deputy Church Warden without whom none of the above would have happened.

Finally, to Debbie Gale, our Parish Administrator, who has kept us all in line, and in due diligence for so many years. Debbie stood down at the end of November and has been such a stalwart of all of our works, that we will need peoples' patience and forbearance as we learn to cope without her skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and humour. A presentation was made to her at her last PCC meeting in November, and we all wish her, Ian and all her family, all of God's blessings.

RECORD OF SERVICES 2023

Eucharists	24
BCP Communion	25
Evensong	21
Family Services	11
Matins	14
Funerals	7 plus one Memorial
Ashes interred	2
Weddings	3
Baptisms	2
School Services	3
Ash Wednesday	
Maundy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Easter Sunday	
Ascension Day	
Hanover House	
King's Coronation	
Remembrance Sunday	
Nine Lessons and Carols	
Crib Service	
Midnight Mass	
Christmas Day.	

Safeguarding

The PSO is pleased to report that he has not had any safeguarding issues reported to him since the last APCM. He makes a safeguarding report to every single PCC meeting in order to keep the members aware of the current situation and to engage all in the Safeguarding process and responsibility.

All PCC members were offered and took up Safeguarding training this year and achieved qualifications in the awareness training.

The PSO issued a Safeguarding resource to all PCC members on a memory stick enabling them easy access to all safeguarding resources including the Safer Church materials and the Parish safeguarding Handbook, including forms and assessments.

Safeguarding posters, contacts for help and our policy have been made public in the Church.

All Saints Church is now on level 3 of the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (the levels start at level 1 and count upwards) and has a Safeguarding development plan in place.

The PCC have seen the safeguarding development plan and have a clear idea of where they need to focus the work.

The PSO has been trained in Leadership in Safeguarding and has delivered an action plan from the course to the PCC.

All Saints Church engaged with Safeguarding Sunday and the work of the Church and the church officers were recognised in the service.

As a supporter of people in need and being in positions of trust All Saints Church clearly identifies that safeguarding is an important part of our work. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all, we are all God's Children, and we need to be treated with care and respect.

Steve Ford

PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Wardens' Report:

Wardens - Steve Ford and Edward Thomson.

During the last year the Wardens have been busy with any number of activities. But less than previous years as the new incumbent and his wife, Jackie, have taken up full commitment to the Parish and benefice, we thank them for all their hard work and commitment to this Parish and benefice. They are a welcome asset to us all.

The Wardens have been busy ensuring the running of the church building. This year we have completed almost all the quinquennial works that had been identified in the quinquennial report. A goodly amount of work that has been completed is unseen!

- There has been improvements to the roof of the church with new ladders,(the old ones had rotted).
- Some new tiles, resetting of ridge tiles
- A new outside turret door and health and safety railing being established around the opening to the south parapet.
- The West wall has been repointed and made firm.
- Internally the stairs to the upper room have been repaired and the choir pews have been fixed more securely to the floor.
- Work on the Lychgate to repair the bargeboards was also carried out.
- They have ensured maintenance of the site with regular checks and inspections.

Other works carried out this year have been, to secure the door to the upper room with an additional lock. The church experienced some vandalism mainly on the Telecommunications mast and the owners were called numerous times to repair damage. During one of these incidents the Church Router was stolen and has had to be replaced causing more expense to the church.

The hearing loop has been tested this year and found to be adequate.
Replacement of various electrical fittings by our preferred electrician Ian Yeo.

The boiler had a number of issues this year and stopped completely for a time. The boiler was repaired and the flue needed to be relined. This was carried out and the heating system is now working. This was also a considerable expense

The organ needed repair this year and a report of this work is included in the music report.

Both Edward and Steve have been present at almost all main services held at church. Though not too many 8.00 clock services! Numbers at the 08.00 service are picking up and there is a regular attendance for this shorter said communion service, twice a month.

Numbers at the main service at 09.30 on Sunday have been constant and slightly rising with two or three new worshippers attending. The main services are two lay led and two led by priest. One lay service being a family Service and one a Matins Service. Family service is usually led by Mrs. Joyce Vanstone.

Evensong services have remained around 12 worshippers but sometimes more than this. This service occurs twice a month and is usually lay led.

Both Edward and Steve led Lay Worship and have conducted a number of services in Church.

Edward and Steve have been members of the Ministry Team meetings planning worship across the benefice throughout the year. This group is now renamed the Rota Group.

Steve has chaired and met with the Finance and General Purposes Committee to monitor and action work on the fabric of the building and control and monitoring of the Finance.

Both Steve and Edward have ensured the necessary Diocesan paperwork and returns have been completed. The Parish Administrator has been working throughout the year to ensure that the Church is up to date and all matters are dealt with. The Wardens are very grateful to The Administrator (Debbie) for all her work and dedication.

Our Cleaner, (Jennifer) has worked tirelessly to ensure our Church is clean and safe. She has been in and cleaned between services when necessary. A huge thank you to her, we probably don't see her much, but we could not do without her dedication.

Ann Van Praag has been a wonderful support in regularly opening and shutting the church, a big thank you to her.

In conclusion this has been a successful though expensive year for All Saints Church. However the Church is now in good repair and is growing.

Compiled by Steve Ford

APCM Music Report, 2023

The main issue to present itself since the last APCM report is the state of the organ, and some decisions that have been made to secure its well-being and future. So I'll start by updating you on that.

State of the 1860s-70s J.W. Walker Organ

Some of you may recall the organ seizing up, earlier in 2023. The company responsible for its maintenance and tuning was, at that stage, Michael Farley Ltd of Budleigh Salterton. Although only a small firm, this company serves a good deal of churches in the South West. For a while previously, I had my concerns at their over-commitment; that our level of attention would - through necessity - be relatively brief during each available visit, and once a year if we're lucky.

So when this crisis hit, I sought - with the PCC's blessing - the expertise and experience of another South West-based firm, William Drake Ltd of Buckfastleigh, whose level of craftsmanship and attention to detail in organ building I have long found impressive. Another small firm, I thought they may be too busy too, or not interested in helping out. But they were, and during one day in May we had a crucial visit from their Director, Joost de Boer.

Arriving early in the morning, and staying on well into the evening with little break, Joost spent hours solving re-balancing of the internal, intricate mechanism. During his inspection, he discovered many signs of neglect: the blower motor had not been oiled at all in recent years, for instance, which would in part explain why the blower can sometimes 'complain' rather loudly during services, and the motor subsequently need to be shut down for a moment. He also discovered various items within the organ that shouldn't have been left lying around, including a whole array of water pails - presumably placed there during a dry period - and never moved since; as well as tools, and other pieces of wood and metal - one of which had fallen into a pipe and prevented it from speaking. He also corrected many damaged or non-speaking pipes.

During this visit, Joost managed to fix every problem on my list; and explain a whole load of others. His solution to the organ's upkeep is not a wildly expensive restoration, but a sequence of documented & systematic regular visits to correct issues that have been neglected in past years.

We managed to secure a second visit this year, during November: another long session in the church, with over 9 hours of focused work. In his report, Joost made the following observations:

"Recommendation for works during running annual maintenance in order of importance:

- 1 *Repair of Pedal action.*
- 2 *Further tidying up the general tonal side of things by improving faulty speech / regulation in flue and reed stops.*
- 3 *Tune through the Swell Department to bring into line with the Great*

The above-mentioned works to be tackled as part of an annual maintenance schedule which will include some tidying up of the tuning where needed. We have this session been able to greatly benefit from our work in May and build on this. This approach does work with making faults increasingly manageable as and when they occur during normal maintenance."

In other words, what we have here is an acknowledgement that maintenance and repair of the organ, as well as tuning, can be undertaken during regular visits - rather than the far, far costlier option of restoration in response to long-term neglect. So, with the help of William Drake Ltd, we can look forward to a healthy long-term future for this historical instrument - and without a huge price tag attached.

State of the Grand Piano

Our hard-working piano has, by necessity, to fulfil a whole range of tasks: including recitals, concerts, services, weddings and funerals, teaching and practice, and meetings - for groups like the 'Exmoor Musicians'. Given the extent of its use, and the number of people involved, it serves us all extremely well and with little complaint.

An agreement was made recently, with members of the PCC, that we ensure only one tuner/maintainer looks after the instrument. The situation is similar to that of the organ: we are lucky enough to have an excellent local technician in Alan Ewing's Piano Service of Milverton, who is widely respected and provides excellent support and tuning. It makes total sense that someone of this experience with intimate knowledge of the instrument in question be permitted to look after it.

There can be a downside occasionally to an open church: during late summer we found one stuck key on the piano during a choir practice. With over the phone advice from Alan, I opened the mechanism, and found a used matchstick hindering the key's free movement. And fortunately, no further harm resulted.

Finally, rather better news: a very kind lady approached us after a service recently, offering to purchase a new cover for the instrument - which, it has to be acknowledged, has seen better days! We are most grateful for this generous offer to the church, in support of its musical activities.

All Saints' Choir

Our beloved choir is such a feature of church life here. Many visitors to services have come up to me afterwards, saying how lovely it was to see a choir still operating at services, as well as hearing an organ too. What a shame many parishes find themselves with so few musical resources. It is a timely reminder of how lucky we are, I think.

Choir members & numbers continue to fluctuate slightly, and we warmly welcome our latest two additions, Sarah (who returns to the choir after a gap) and Yvonne. At the time of writing, the choir is busy preparing for its carol items at the Nine Lessons and Carols. I think special mention this year need be made of the choir's

attendance and support of the still-new Family Service, taking place on the Second Sunday of most months. Their help and spirited participation greatly lift the congregation.

Barle Singers

Another year in which we have welcomed the well-established Exmoor choir, directed by Steven Pugsley, and in which they have enriched musical life here. Their late summer concert, of music by Elgar and Vaughan-Williams proved a success, and the audience's donations - as so often these days - was kindly donated towards church funds.

At the time of writing, rehearsals are well under way for a collaboration with our church choir, of choral music for Christmas - to be performed at the Nine Lessons and Carols on December 22: the second year in which they have been invited to participate in our carol service, enhancing the choral focus for the congregation.

Music Teaching

The main teaching in the church is undertaken each term-time Wednesday by Arwen Lewis, who has long provided a life-line in terms of music & resources for this community. In addition, her various wind groups also participate in Exmoor Musician concerts, and also play seasonal music during Starlight at the church. We are grateful to Arwen for her hard work & support for many local budding musicians.

Exmoor Musicians

This now-established group has, like the Barle Singers, become very much linked to our church. In return for annual provision of piano tuning, this group now meets monthly and gives the occasional concert - the next being at the end of November - after which, donations are also made in support of the church. As with Arwen's groups, and the Barle Singers, it provides a valuable community-based resource for musicians on Exmoor. Indeed, some members live even further afield. I know that they value being able to use our larger venue since the group has dramatically increased in size.

It may be worth adding at this point that there are various additional musicians - particularly younger ones - who are able to use this church to practice, have lessons, and to play on the piano. Two notable examples are Lewis, a talented teenage pianist/composer from Dulverton, and Daisy, an outstanding teenage flautist from Bampton, who is now learning the piano in church.

Donations

I continue to be grateful for all donations to All Saints, in terms both of sheet music and of instruments, such as electronic keyboards, drumkits and guitars. We can often find a home for the latter, so continue to welcome all who kindly offer unwanted musical items. And as regards sheet music, special mention needs to be made with regard to a collection donated by the widow of Derek Mott, formerly organist at the Priory Church in Dunster. It included a large selection of organ and piano music, as well as choral volumes. Such donations can be made freely available to local players, as a sort of informal sheet music library.

Gary Cooper
Musical Director

Financial Review

Church Income for 2022 was £55,382

Other managed funds as at 31.12.22

School Garden Project - £7,219

Clock Fund - £10,044

Food Bank - £10,443

Flower Fund £390

Total: 21,096

Having appointed a new incumbent, the PCC is now developing its next 5- year plan for Mission Sustainability and Improvement. We own one tenanted cottage for which a below market rent is taken. This contributes towards the everyday running of the church.

Receipts from regular planned giving showed a slight reduction of about 3% over the year from last year. While receipts from collections, donations and other giving do not meet the current outgoings. Fund raising for the year included the 100 Club, a Cream Tea in the summer and afternoon concerts. The church is used by a variety of small groups at a low or no cost.

Fortunately, our income continued to be boosted by the rent received for the telecommunications mast installed in the church tower which has helped enormously, together with the rent received for No. 3 Church Lane (which remained at its unchanged level).

The Parish Share/Common Fund, which is paid to the diocese, is calculated largely on the size of the congregation. The number of people on our Electoral Roll has remained basically same over the last couple of years, although an increase in the Parish Share was approved in the DBF budget which saw our Share rise to £23,162 in 2021 from £22,738 in 2020. This remained the same for 2022 as there was no increase during lockdown and despite the lack of funds coming in this was paid in full, helped in the main part by drawing down from savings held.

We continue to employ 3 staff, a Parish Administrator/Treasurer, Music Director and a church cleaner (all part-time).

Our running costs following covid-19 increased in line with the church being used again and the economic crisis has created even further increases that need to be met. These costs continue to exceed income. Ideally, we need to raise in excess of £1,500 each week to meet our current running costs.

In addition to this, required spending for 2023 is:-

Quinquennial repairs = £20,000

Clock Repair - £20,000

Parish Share - £23,625

The Gardiner Trust is a restricted fund for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. It owns the property at 1 Church Walk which is the parish office and meeting room for the Benefice. We no longer have any income from the lower ground floor of this property. Claire Savill of Printing of the Vicarage gave notice of her intention to retire at the end of March 2022.

In addition, due to the economic crisis, although we started the year with unrestricted funds invested in charitable funds of approx. £455,350 plus cash funds of £66,324, we closed the year with a total of 395,147 plus cash funds of £66,722 – a loss of £60,202. We also have had to draw down funds from our Reserve cash funds twice through the year to cover the day to day running of the church in the sum of £20,000. It has been suggested by Diocese that we hold an amount in our Reserve Fund sufficient to cover 3 months running costs

for emergency's, however as insufficient funds are coming into the church, this account is currently keeping the church open.

Apart from normal maintenance carried out on the church, there were no major expenses, however the Quinquennial work has yet to begin and we are awaiting a Faculty from the Diocese enabling us to repair the clock.

Events at All Saints

There were two major fundraising events in the year: we were kindly given permission to use the Vicarage garden for 'Cream Teas at the Vicarage' in August; mulled wine, teas and mince pies were again on sale in the church during 'Dulverton by Starlight' in December. The provision of storytelling to entertain the younger generations, live music and somewhere for people to sit and relax during 'Starlight' all helped to increase the attractiveness of these events which are proving very popular. They seem to be as an effective way of raising income as the more traditional fete or bazaar which, with an aging and diminishing membership, we now find more difficult to promote.

We have continued to develop our use of the church activities as a means of generating income and social interaction. Opening out the Lent and Harvest lunches without the need for prior booking worked extremely well. The income received from voluntary donations more than compensated for the expenses of providing food and drink and there was a significant rise in the numbers attending compared with previous years.

We hosted three concerts for the Two Moors Festival. At other events the use of retiring collections as opposed to formal ticket sales or church hire fees has also proved very effective. The church is also in regular use as a venue for rehearsals and performances by a local choir, meetings of and concerts by an amateur piano group and on hire for professional music tuition. We have built upon the very successful 'Art for Advent' course pioneered in 2022, providing similar courses on religious art. These have proved very popular, regularly attracting audiences of over forty. Refreshments are provided at all events and we are indebted to the small team of volunteers who organise them.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of our many diligent volunteers, who are not named here, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly and looking so welcoming to visitors and regulars alike. We do sincerely thank you all for your time and expertise given so generously and your willingness to help. No matter how large or small the task, each is essential for the smooth running of the church and our continuing ministry.

Moorland Food Bank

During the latter part of 2023 we have changed the name of the Food bank from The Dulverton Food Bank to The Moorland Food Bank. The reason for this is that the Food Bank has always supplied emergency food boxes to anyone anywhere on southern Exmoor. We cover Exford, Winsford, Wheddon Cross, Cutcombe, Simonsbath, Withypool, Hawkridge, Brompton Regis, Dulverton and Brushford. The name of Dulverton Food Bank did not represent the area we cover so hence the name change.

During the year the volunteers numbers have grown to 10 which is a perfect number for having people available to deliver the boxes of food.

The number of people receiving an emergency box of food has remained similar to 2022 with 228 boxes delivered up until the end of October. What has increased is the number of families we are delivering to.

We continue to be supported by significant donations of food which now include donations dropped off at the shops in Brompton Regis, Winsford, Exford and the CoOp in Dulverton.

A number of financial donations have been received and recently the food bank has received £2700 from the local CoOp Community Fund which is most welcome.

Jenny Barker

Administrative Matters

Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the Revd. Dowell Conning, the churchwardens, Steve Ford and Edward Thomson, and members elected by the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. PCC members are responsible for making decisions concerning the parish and deciding how PCC funds are spent. The PCC has established the following committees:

- Finance and General Purposes
- Community/Events
- Education
- Mission

Benefice Groups: Working across all the churches in the benefice

Rota Team

Benefice Wardens

Exmoor Deanery Synod

PCC Members:

Ex Officio Members

Rector of Dulverton Benefice

The Revd. Dowell Conning MTh

Associate Curate

The Revd. Louise Southgate

Churchwardens:

Steve Ford

Edward Thomson

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Jenny Barker

Andy Jeffries

Safeguarding

Steve Ford

Elected Members

Andy Jeffries

2020 - 2023

Jenny Barker

2019 - 2022

Frances Harrison

2022 - 2026

Bill Gash

2020 - 2023

Non-Members attending:

Administrator/Treasurer:

Debra Gale

Average attendance on a normal Sunday

	2023	2022	2021 (Covid)	2020 (Covid)	2019
8am Holy Communion (1662 said)		8	6	1	7
9.30am Parish Communion		26	19	15	38
6.30pm Evensong (when permitted)		9	9	5	10

Attendance

Easter		44	6	0	124
Crib Service		97	60	12	192
Christmas (Eve + Morning)		82	65	40	142
Number on electoral roll		46	49	49	51
Funerals		8	9	10	11
Weddings		3	1	1	3
Baptisms		5	1	1	4
School Service - Easter		140	0	0	0
School Service - Summer		137	0	0	241
Remembrance Service		97	114	0	107
School Service - Christmas		180	124	0	0

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (PCC)
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

Cash and investment Assets (Auditor)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022	2021
Current Account	£27,710	6,161	33,901	13,438
CBF Account – Gardiner Trust	--	19,090	19,090	19,090
CBF Account – Passmore-Jones	137,349	--	137,349	151,121
CBF Account – Investments	257,798		257,798	303,576
CBF – Reserve	--	13,796	13,796	33,796
TOTAL	422,857	39,077	461,934	521,021

INVESTMENT ASSETS

In 2022, the Parochial Church Council owns two properties, No. 3 Church Lane, part of an unrestricted legacy from the estate of Joyce Burton in 2010. This property has recently been revalued to be in the region of £225,000 - £250,000. No. 1 Church Walk was purchased in 2009 with funds from the Gardiner Trust. This property has been revalued to be in the region of £140,000 - £165,000.

The Gardiner Trust, founded in 1956 was modified in 1969 to allow income not required for fabric repairs to be used in furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Dulverton. The Parochial Church Council are trustees of the Gardiner Trust.

Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance act on behalf of the Parochial Church Council as custodial trustees in respect of 3 Church Lane.

The Financial Statements are approved by the Parochial Church Council.

Date:

Signed:
Revd Dowell Conning MTh
on behalf of Dulverton PCC

ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Full Financial Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2023



All Saints Dulverton - Annual Financial Report for January to December 2023

The objective of this report is to provide a summary view of the Church's financials situation to the Annual General Meeting for the 1 January through to 31 December 2023.

During the 12 months under review the total income of the church was £72,818. Total expenditure for the same period was £100,846. Consequently, we made an operating loss of £28,028. That is to say, the overall cost of running the Church and its associated activities cost us £28,028 more than our total income.

Our income from Voluntary Income (consisting of Planned Giving, Gift Aid Recovered, Collections, and Legacies) was £37,412. This included £4,964 in donations to the Food Bank Standing Orders only generated £2,957 which is a disappointingly low proportion of total giving.

Our income from Investments (Rent from Property and Yields from CCLA Investments) was £21,694. Thankfully the yields from our financial investments remained fairly buoyant throughout the year (£9,084) and higher than 2022.

On the expenditure side, our largest spends were on the Parish Share (£23,323), Administration and Music Staff (£23,032), Major Repairs (£12,789), Food Bank costs (£11,024) and Minor Repairs (£10,901). Clearly the challenge involved in paying for Major and Minor Repairs will continue over the future years

As you will appreciate this deficit of £28,028 has to be financed with some source of cash as we cannot apply for loans. So, this deficit was paid for by selling some of our short-term reserves. When we compare the financial performance of 2023 against 2022, the picture is not a strong one. Our income reduced by £5,490 and our expenses increased by £23,001. Consequently, a small surplus of £463 in 2022 was converted into a deficit of £28,028 in 2023.

When we turn to look at the value of our fixed and current assets, the picture is more encouraging. The market value of our long-term investments increased over the 12 months by £40,657. This increase in our long-term investment more than offset our sale of short-term investments used to bridge the operating loss. As a result, we ended the year with an increase of £12,629 in our Net Asset position.

Apart from the main General Fund (which finances the core Church activities), the PCC operates a series of Designated Funds which essentially are separate buckets of resources that allow us to track assets, income and expenditure against separate defined purposes. We are not allowed to use resources from one Fund to pay for the activities in another Fund.

On 31 December we had the following Designated Funds with the following bank deposits

Clock Fund	£10,312
Food Bank Fund	£6,631.89
Community/School Garden Fund	£5,342.02
Bell Fund	£245
Organ, Choir and Music Fund	£50

In addition, there is the Gardiner, a historical legacy that was used to purchase Church Walk, and which has a value of £157,592.62.

I am aware that viewing the Balance Sheet readers may conclude that we have a significant amount of fixed assets (£700,804). That is undoubtedly the case. We are grateful to the wise stewardship of previous generations who have left us with these resources. However, it is important to repeat that in 2023 we ran a significant deficit of £28,028. We have to ask ourselves whether it is appropriate to sell the investments of the earlier generations in order to fund an operating deficit? Obviously, if we

continue to rely on this strategy, the value of our investments will decrease over time and the current income of £9,084 from investments will decline.

The PCC have therefore decided that, with your help, over the next two years we should eliminate the operating deficit and establish a sustainable surplus year on year from 2026. In order to move us to move us to a surplus, the PCC plans the following activities starting from the current year.

1. To establish a budget and to generate detailed monthly accounts to track income and expenditure
2. To appeal to church members to consider making monthly donations by standing order.
3. To initiate a programme of grant applications.
4. To undertake more fundraising and event activities.
5. To convert 1 Church Walk into a rented accommodation.
6. To reduce the staff salaries by not seeking a replacement for the post of Parish Administrator.

Any further suggestions for raising income would be much appreciated.

In December 2023 the PCC decided to replace the existing accounting system - the Cash Book based on Excel spreadsheets – with a commercial accounting designed for Churches and Charities called Liberty Accounts. This new accounting system allows us to provide detailed financial reports, operates fund accounting, allows for creation of a budget, includes a Payroll/PAYE element, and produces Gift Aid submissions to HMRC.

To end this report, the PCC wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have provided financial support to the mission of the church whether this has been through standing orders, donations, fund raising and giving up your time and energy in countless different ways.

Robin Nicoll
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

				TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022 (restated)
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	£	£
Voluntary Income	2	37,412	-	37,412	35,573
Activities for Generating Funds					
Events		5,915	-	5,915	5,678
Church Activities	3	7,797	-	7,797	16,259
Income from Investments	4	21,694	-	21,694	20,798
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		72,818	-	72,818	78,308
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Grants		414	-	414	600
Church Activities	5	98,599	-	98,599	75,545
Fundraising		1,689	-	1,689	1,700
Governance		144	-	144	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		100,846	-	100,846	77,845
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		(28,028)	-	(28,028)	463
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the PCC's own use		40,657	-	40,657	(59,550)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,629	-	12,629	(59,087)
Balances brought forward		726,937	-	726,937	786,024
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		739,566	-	739,566	726,937

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023
BALANCE SHEET**

	Note	2023 £	2022 (restated) £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	160,000	160,000
Investment assets	6	540,804	500,150
		700,804	660,150
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank	7	39,012	66,787
		39,012	66,787
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year		(250)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,762	66,787
NET ASSETS		739,566	726,937
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		739,566	726,937
Restricted		-	-
		739,566	726,937

These Annual Financial Accounts for 2023
were reviewed and approved by the Parochial
Church Council of All Saints Dulverton

Signed on behalf of the PCC by

Date

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the accruals basis and Fund accounting.
- (b) Fixed assets retained for church use are included at cost or valuation at the time of its acquisition. Moveable church fittings held by the church wardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be heritage assets and inalienable from benefice property and as such are not valued in the financial statements. Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts.
- (c) Plant and Equipment used in the church or churchyard are written off to the Statement of Financial Activities on acquisition.
- (d) Incoming Resources: All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (e) Resources expended: Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.
- (f) Funds: Unrestricted funds represent funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.
- (g) Change of accounting policy: The purpose of the accounts is to give a true and fair view. To this end it was decided to adopt the accruals basis of accounting in place of the receipts and payments basis. This meant instituting a Balance Sheet incorporating the assets and liabilities of the PCC. In addition, the status of the Gardiner Trust was reviewed and the PCC confirmed that in the light of the 1969 modification this should be accounted for as a Designated Fund and not a Restricted Fund. Having previously been included in restricted funds the 2022 accounts have been restated to show these assets in the Unrestricted Funds.
- (h) Offsetting: There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure unless required by Church Accounting Regulations.
- (i) Legacies: Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been a grant of probate and executors have established there are sufficient assets in the Estate.
- (j) Donated goods and services: Donated goods and services are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities where they relate to the ongoing work of the Parochial Church Council due to the excess of cost over benefit of this exercise.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 (restated) £
2 Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	19,176	-	19,176	7,552
Tax recoverable	5,022	-	5,022	3,926
Collections and other giving	8,056	-	8,056	12,083
Legacies and other donations	5,158	-	5,158	-
Grants	-	-	-	12,012
	<u>37,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,412</u>	<u>35,573</u>
3 Church Activities				
Church Fees	5,266	-	5,266	5,848
Bookstall and magazine	525	-	525	5,198
Other income	2,006	-	2,006	5,213
	<u>7,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,797</u>	<u>16,259</u>
4 Income from Investments				
Property	12,610	-	12,610	12,350
CCLA	9,084	-	9,084	8,448
	<u>21,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,694</u>	<u>20,798</u>
5 Church Activities				
Parish Share	23,323	-	23,323	24,079
Mission and evangelism	13,505	-	13,505	8,038
Clergy expenses	5,021	-	5,021	3,084
Church maintenance	10,901	-	10,901	2,302
Church running costs	2,867	-	2,867	3,536
Utility bills	3,472	-	3,472	9,745
Insurance	3,598	-	3,598	3,134
Major repairs	12,789	-	12,789	-
Parish magazine	-	-	-	1,541
Miscellaneous	100	-	100	209
Salaries and support costs	23,023	-	23,023	19,852
Repairs - investments	-	-	-	25
	<u>98,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,599</u>	<u>75,545</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Dulverton (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which incorporate the Receipts and Payments Account. The Statement of Assets and

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 'PCC' as Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, The 'PCC' as trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The 'PCC' trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. That examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual 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 audit opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that 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 requirements of the 2011 Act as also contained within the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

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.

A G Porter FCA
Amherst & Shapland
(Taunton and Wiveliscombe)
Chartered Accountants
Unit 2 Old Brewery Road
Wiveliscombe
Telephone: 01984 622000

Signed _____ The Rector Reverend Dowell Conning MTh

Date: _____

Dulverton 2023 Return of Parish Finance

Included Churches

Churches Included	☒ Dulverton: All Saints
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Fresh Expressions of church included:

Names:	
Description	

Incoming Resources

Income

Voluntary income	Unrestricted	Restricted
1 - Regular giving	£2,957	£0
3 - Collections at services	£8,056	£0
4 - All other giving and voluntary income, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£10,465	£0
6 - Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£5,022	£0
7 - Legacies received (capital value)	£5,158	£0
8 - Grants (Include recurring and one-off)	£5,754	£0
TOTAL	£37,412	£0

Activities for Generating Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted
9 - Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£5,916	£0

Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted
10 - Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£21,694	£0

Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted
11 - Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£5,266	£0
12 - Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£523	£0

Other incoming resources	Unrestricted	Restricted
13 - Any other income not already listed	£2,071	£0

TOTAL INCOME (from Financial Statements.)

Unrestricted	£72,882
Restricted	£0
Combined Total	£72,882

Regular Givers and Legacies

Regular Givers And Legacies

14 - Number of regular givers	10
16 - Number of new legacies received in year	1
For your information, weekly average total regular giving per total regular giver	£5.69

Resources Expended

Expenditure

- All expenditure from any fund which is under the control of the PCC needs to be accounted for on this form.
- Do NOT include money transferred out of one PCC fund into another.

Costs of generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted
17 - Costs of fundraising activities	£1,450	£0

Church Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted
18 - Mission giving and donations	£414	£0
19 - Diocesan parish share contribution	£23,323	£0
20 - Salaries, wages and honararia	£17,671	£0
21 - Clergy and staff expenses	£2,461	£0

Church expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted
22 - Mission and evangelism costs	£13,505	£0
23 - Church running expenses (<i>Including Governance</i>)	£22,714	£0
24 - Church utility bills	£3,459	£0
25 - Costs of trading	£239	£0

Major capital expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted
27 - Major repairs to the church building	£12,789	£0
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£0	£0
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing, or other PCC property	£0	£0
SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	£98,025	£0

	Unrestricted	Restricted
99 - Other expenditure not already listed	£2,821	£0

TOTAL EXPENDITURE (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

Unrestricted	£100,846
Restricted	£0
Combined Total	£100,846

Cash and Investment Balances

30 - On which basis were your accounts prepared?	☐ Receipts and Payments ☒ Accruals
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Cash and Investment Balances

	Unrestricted	Restricted
31 - Cash and deposit balances (Receipts and Payments) OR Net Current Assets (Accruals) as at 31 December	£38,762	£0
32 - Investment assets as at 31st December	£540,804	£0

Looking back across 2023, was there any exceptional financial activity affecting movement on cash and investment balances? Please provide details in this box	
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Question Specific Comments

All comments you have made against specific questions are listed below

Field	Comment
1 - Planned giving - Unrestricted	Standing Orders
24 - Church utility bills (gas, electricity, water, oil) - Unrestricted	I believe that in 2022 accounts utility bills for our office were included in the church costs. In 2023 these were included under administration as a Parish Office expense.
4 - All other giving (recurring and one off) - Unrestricted	In 2022 all donations occurring outside of services/collections were included in regular giving and collections. In 2023 we

Field	Comment
	have separated these out and include such donations All Other Giving.
22 - Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs - Unrestricted	Includes our outreach activities including food bank. Significant increase in Food Bank Operations over past 12 months.



ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Aims and Purposes of All Saints Dulverton Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The members of the PCC are also trustees of the Gardiner Trust which includes No. 1 Church Walk. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, insurance, church finances and No. 3 Church Lane. The PCC is also a registered Charity with the number 1142934 and a Charity Commission report and annual return is made yearly by the Warden.

The PCC, working with the people of Dulverton including the Dulverton Town Council (DTC), are determined to keep a church presence and facility in this historic town. The church is in the centre of the community and provides services of marriage, baptism and funerals to every member of the community who wish it. We welcome community involvement in our church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has been committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at or with our church and when planning our activities for the year the Rector and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; preaching the gospel in words and deeds through a variety of services.
- Offering pastoral care for people living in the parish through the Ministry Team and other pastoral support workers.
- Providing a warm welcome for the people of the town and visitors when possible.
- Offering facilities accessible to all including accessible e-services and outside altar.
- Providing help, support and guidance to anyone within our parish at the key milestones of life through the occasional offices of baptisms, marriages and funerals.
- Working in and with our community with other Christian and charitable organisations to the benefit of our community (Dulverton Foodbank, The Dulverton Schools and the Exmoor Youth project in particular).
- Supporting our Church School and education and provision for young people in our community.

Rector's Report 2023

It has been a tumultuous year with so many changes.

In January we said goodbye to Martin and Sandra who after over a decade of leadership and help to the Parish and Benefice moved to Colehill on the outskirts of Wimborne in Dorset. A lovely farewell party was held for them on January 29th in All Saints. They were presented with gifts and a beautiful speech by Steve Ford. We wished the safe journeys, and they are now settled into their new home.

On the 28th January, our beloved and long standing Reader, Jane Rees, died and passed into glory. Her subsequent funeral in Brompton Regis was, beautiful, poignant and appropriately funny. Over the year, we have frequently been reminded of her amazing talents, faith and humour, and she is deeply missed. We also lost the skills, the joy and the wisdom of Jenny Boyce at this time. Jenny was an absolute stalwart of the Flower Guild, the Gardening Club, the Bees and so much more. Her sudden death was a shock to many of us, and she too is deeply missed and mourned.

On a much more joyous note, on the 6th May we celebrated, with the Nation, the coronation of our King, Charles III. A dignified and packed All Saints offered thanks to God for his accession to the Throne. The Bells rang out and the flag was raised and lowered and we began to get used to singing God save the King.

On the 25th June, after many years serving as a Reader, and three years training for the priesthood, The Revd Mary Louise Southgate was ordained as a Deacon in Wells Cathedral. It was lovely to see so many people attend this service and to support and to celebrate Louise's love and ministry. God willing, she will be priested at Wells next year and will serve a further two years of her ministry with and amongst us. It is wonderful for me to have an ordained colleague again, and the first six months of her training and formation have flown past.

Over the course of this year the worship has further evolved and developed much due to the wonderful lay worship leaders offering and taking services on a Sunday. A regular pattern of services has been established, and seems to be working well to the glory of God. We continue to be blessed by Mr Gary Cooper as our Director of Music and resident organist, and by the singing of our talented and wonderful choir who together lead us so skilfully in hymnody and song throughout the year. The bells also continue to beautifully sing out over the town, and the numbers of ringers have grown over the year. A huge debt of thanks is owed to Anne Markwick, our Tower Captain for all of her work, enthusiasms and skills. The flowers in the Church have been magnificent and a huge thanks to Tina and all the kind and so skilled volunteers who create the wonderful displays and arrangements which do so much to enhance our worship and praise to God in this beautiful place.

A regular monthly communion continues to take place at Hanover House for those members of our community who wish to receive a blessing or the sacrament, and to catch up with news from All Saints. Numbers vary but we are usually just in double figures, which is wonderful. In addition, home communions have been taken to the housebound by the Rector.

Over the year, our relationship and interaction with our School have further developed. Keith Mansell has moved on and we have a new Head Teacher. The Rector regularly takes Collective Worship there, and they are now coming to Church for their special Services at least once a term, although due to the weather we held the fabulous Harvest Festival at the school; it was pouring down. The Rector is also a Foundation Governor and chairs the Children, Families and Community Committee, and our thanks to the new Head, Carys Barnett and all her staff for enabling this to be such a good and growing interaction and mission.

Compline was held in the Benefice on Thursday evenings in Lent. Also, during Lent and Holy Week Fr David joined with us for the first time at the ecumenical blessing of palms. The Maundy Service of communion was particularly poignant. On Good Friday, the Barle Singers produced an amazingly moving and appropriate Concert which was dignified and very well attended. The Lent course was 'Art for Lent'. This followed on from last year's Advent course, created, led and offered by Frances Harrison, with huge help from Howard. This was a sensation, and was a deep, reflective and a joyous course. We were all transfixed and delighted by this, not least through her explanations, humour and wisdom. Thank you. Also, a massive thank you to Steve and Ed for their technical abilities and dexterity. These were supported by lovely refreshments. For which organisation a huge thank you to Jenny Barker for her, and her team's support of this Course, and for the quite outstanding Harvest Lunch. During Advent, compline again was held on a Thursday evening at 1800 in the Benefice and was led by our assistant curate Louise.

The Barle Singers, and our Choir performed a beautiful service of nine lessons and carols, and on Christmas Eve both the Crib service, thank you to Joyce and her team. Midnight mass was well attended as we welcomed the Christ child.

A few final 'thank you's' are also needed: To our cleaner Jen Gale, who takes such time and trouble ensuring that the Church is kept to such a high standard, and whose work is so often commented on in such favourable words in our visitors book. To Nick Friendship, for his generosity in printing our monthly sheet and especially for his work as our vergers and whose assistance and diligence in setting the altar and setting down afterwards, and so much more, is deeply appreciated. From me, a huge thank you to the PCC for all of their help and

guidance throughout the year, and especially to Steve and Ed the Church Wardens, and to Jenny our deputy Church Warden without whom none of the above would have happened.

Finally, to Debbie Gale, our Parish Administrator, who has kept us all in line, and in due diligence for so many years. Debbie stood down at the end of November and has been such a stalwart of all of our works, that we will need peoples' patience and forbearance as we learn to cope without her skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and humour. A presentation was made to her at her last PCC meeting in November, and we all wish her, Ian and all her family, all of God's blessings.

RECORD OF SERVICES 2023

Eucharists	24
BCP Communion	25
Evensong	21
Family Services	11
Matins	14
Funerals	7 plus one Memorial
Ashes interred	2
Weddings	3
Baptisms	2
School Services	3
Ash Wednesday	
Maundy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Easter Sunday	
Ascension Day	
Hanover House	
King's Coronation	
Remembrance Sunday	
Nine Lessons and Carols	
Crib Service	
Midnight Mass	
Christmas Day.	

Safeguarding

The PSO is pleased to report that he has not had any safeguarding issues reported to him since the last APCM. He makes a safeguarding report to every single PCC meeting in order to keep the members aware of the current situation and to engage all in the Safeguarding process and responsibility.

All PCC members were offered and took up Safeguarding training this year and achieved qualifications in the awareness training.

The PSO issued a Safeguarding resource to all PCC members on a memory stick enabling them easy access to all safeguarding resources including the Safer Church materials and the Parish safeguarding Handbook, including forms and assessments.

Safeguarding posters, contacts for help and our policy have been made public in the Church.

All Saints Church is now on level 3 of the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (the levels start at level 1 and count upwards) and has a Safeguarding development plan in place.

The PCC have seen the safeguarding development plan and have a clear idea of where they need to focus the work.

The PSO has been trained in Leadership in Safeguarding and has delivered an action plan from the course to the PCC.

All Saints Church engaged with Safeguarding Sunday and the work of the Church and the church officers were recognised in the service.

As a supporter of people in need and being in positions of trust All Saints Church clearly identifies that safeguarding is an important part of our work. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all, we are all God's Children, and we need to be treated with care and respect.

Steve Ford

PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Wardens' Report:

Wardens - Steve Ford and Edward Thomson.

During the last year the Wardens have been busy with any number of activities. But less than previous years as the new incumbent and his wife, Jackie, have taken up full commitment to the Parish and benefice, we thank them for all their hard work and commitment to this Parish and benefice. They are a welcome asset to us all.

The Wardens have been busy ensuring the running of the church building. This year we have completed almost all the quinquennial works that had been identified in the quinquennial report. A goodly amount of work that has been completed is unseen!

- There has been improvements to the roof of the church with new ladders,(the old ones had rotted).
- Some new tiles, resetting of ridge tiles
- A new outside turret door and health and safety railing being established around the opening to the south parapet.
- The West wall has been repointed and made firm.
- Internally the stairs to the upper room have been repaired and the choir pews have been fixed more securely to the floor.
- Work on the Lychgate to repair the bargeboards was also carried out.
- They have ensured maintenance of the site with regular checks and inspections.

Other works carried out this year have been, to secure the door to the upper room with an additional lock. The church experienced some vandalism mainly on the Telecommunications mast and the owners were called numerous times to repair damage. During one of these incidents the Church Router was stolen and has had to be replaced causing more expense to the church.

The hearing loop has been tested this year and found to be adequate.
Replacement of various electrical fittings by our preferred electrician Ian Yeo.

The boiler had a number of issues this year and stopped completely for a time. The boiler was repaired and the flue needed to be relined. This was carried out and the heating system is now working. This was also a considerable expense

The organ needed repair this year and a report of this work is included in the music report.

Both Edward and Steve have been present at almost all main services held at church. Though not too many 8.00 clock services! Numbers at the 08.00 service are picking up and there is a regular attendance for this shorter said communion service, twice a month.

Numbers at the main service at 09.30 on Sunday have been constant and slightly rising with two or three new worshippers attending. The main services are two lay led and two led by priest. One lay service being a family Service and one a Matins Service. Family service is usually led by Mrs. Joyce Vanstone.

Evensong services have remained around 12 worshippers but sometimes more than this. This service occurs twice a month and is usually lay led.

Both Edward and Steve led Lay Worship and have conducted a number of services in Church.

Edward and Steve have been members of the Ministry Team meetings planning worship across the benefice throughout the year. This group is now renamed the Rota Group.

Steve has chaired and met with the Finance and General Purposes Committee to monitor and action work on the fabric of the building and control and monitoring of the Finance.

Both Steve and Edward have ensured the necessary Diocesan paperwork and returns have been completed. The Parish Administrator has been working throughout the year to ensure that the Church is up to date and all matters are dealt with. The Wardens are very grateful to The Administrator (Debbie) for all her work and dedication.

Our Cleaner, (Jennifer) has worked tirelessly to ensure our Church is clean and safe. She has been in and cleaned between services when necessary. A huge thank you to her, we probably don't see her much, but we could not do without her dedication.

Ann Van Praag has been a wonderful support in regularly opening and shutting the church, a big thank you to her.

In conclusion this has been a successful though expensive year for All Saints Church. However the Church is now in good repair and is growing.

Compiled by Steve Ford

APCM Music Report, 2023

The main issue to present itself since the last APCM report is the state of the organ, and some decisions that have been made to secure its well-being and future. So I'll start by updating you on that.

State of the 1860s-70s J.W. Walker Organ

Some of you may recall the organ seizing up, earlier in 2023. The company responsible for its maintenance and tuning was, at that stage, Michael Farley Ltd of Budleigh Salterton. Although only a small firm, this company serves a good deal of churches in the South West. For a while previously, I had my concerns at their over-commitment; that our level of attention would - through necessity - be relatively brief during each available visit, and once a year if we're lucky.

So when this crisis hit, I sought - with the PCC's blessing - the expertise and experience of another South West-based firm, William Drake Ltd of Buckfastleigh, whose level of craftsmanship and attention to detail in organ building I have long found impressive. Another small firm, I thought they may be too busy too, or not interested in helping out. But they were, and during one day in May we had a crucial visit from their Director, Joost de Boer.

Arriving early in the morning, and staying on well into the evening with little break, Joost spent hours solving re-balancing of the internal, intricate mechanism. During his inspection, he discovered many signs of neglect: the blower motor had not been oiled at all in recent years, for instance, which would in part explain why the blower can sometimes 'complain' rather loudly during services, and the motor subsequently need to be shut down for a moment. He also discovered various items within the organ that shouldn't have been left lying around, including a whole array of water pails - presumably placed there during a dry period - and never moved since; as well as tools, and other pieces of wood and metal - one of which had fallen into a pipe and prevented it from speaking. He also corrected many damaged or non-speaking pipes.

During this visit, Joost managed to fix every problem on my list; and explain a whole load of others. His solution to the organ's upkeep is not a wildly expensive restoration, but a sequence of documented & systematic regular visits to correct issues that have been neglected in past years.

We managed to secure a second visit this year, during November: another long session in the church, with over 9 hours of focused work. In his report, Joost made the following observations:

"Recommendation for works during running annual maintenance in order of importance:

- 1 *Repair of Pedal action.*
- 2 *Further tidying up the general tonal side of things by improving faulty speech / regulation in flue and reed stops.*
- 3 *Tune through the Swell Department to bring into line with the Great*

The above-mentioned works to be tackled as part of an annual maintenance schedule which will include some tidying up of the tuning where needed. We have this session been able to greatly benefit from our work in May and build on this. This approach does work with making faults increasingly manageable as and when they occur during normal maintenance."

In other words, what we have here is an acknowledgement that maintenance and repair of the organ, as well as tuning, can be undertaken during regular visits - rather than the far, far costlier option of restoration in response to long-term neglect. So, with the help of William Drake Ltd, we can look forward to a healthy long-term future for this historical instrument - and without a huge price tag attached.

State of the Grand Piano

Our hard-working piano has, by necessity, to fulfil a whole range of tasks: including recitals, concerts, services, weddings and funerals, teaching and practice, and meetings - for groups like the 'Exmoor Musicians'. Given the extent of its use, and the number of people involved, it serves us all extremely well and with little complaint.

An agreement was made recently, with members of the PCC, that we ensure only one tuner/maintainer looks after the instrument. The situation is similar to that of the organ: we are lucky enough to have an excellent local technician in Alan Ewing's Piano Service of Milverton, who is widely respected and provides excellent support and tuning. It makes total sense that someone of this experience with intimate knowledge of the instrument in question be permitted to look after it.

There can be a downside occasionally to an open church: during late summer we found one stuck key on the piano during a choir practice. With over the phone advice from Alan, I opened the mechanism, and found a used matchstick hindering the key's free movement. And fortunately, no further harm resulted.

Finally, rather better news: a very kind lady approached us after a service recently, offering to purchase a new cover for the instrument - which, it has to be acknowledged, has seen better days! We are most grateful for this generous offer to the church, in support of its musical activities.

All Saints' Choir

Our beloved choir is such a feature of church life here. Many visitors to services have come up to me afterwards, saying how lovely it was to see a choir still operating at services, as well as hearing an organ too. What a shame many parishes find themselves with so few musical resources. It is a timely reminder of how lucky we are, I think.

Choir members & numbers continue to fluctuate slightly, and we warmly welcome our latest two additions, Sarah (who returns to the choir after a gap) and Yvonne. At the time of writing, the choir is busy preparing for its carol items at the Nine Lessons and Carols. I think special mention this year need be made of the choir's

attendance and support of the still-new Family Service, taking place on the Second Sunday of most months. Their help and spirited participation greatly lift the congregation.

Barle Singers

Another year in which we have welcomed the well-established Exmoor choir, directed by Steven Pugsley, and in which they have enriched musical life here. Their late summer concert, of music by Elgar and Vaughan-Williams proved a success, and the audience's donations - as so often these days - was kindly donated towards church funds.

At the time of writing, rehearsals are well under way for a collaboration with our church choir, of choral music for Christmas - to be performed at the Nine Lessons and Carols on December 22: the second year in which they have been invited to participate in our carol service, enhancing the choral focus for the congregation.

Music Teaching

The main teaching in the church is undertaken each term-time Wednesday by Arwen Lewis, who has long provided a life-line in terms of music & resources for this community. In addition, her various wind groups also participate in Exmoor Musician concerts, and also play seasonal music during Starlight at the church. We are grateful to Arwen for her hard work & support for many local budding musicians.

Exmoor Musicians

This now-established group has, like the Barle Singers, become very much linked to our church. In return for annual provision of piano tuning, this group now meets monthly and gives the occasional concert - the next being at the end of November - after which, donations are also made in support of the church. As with Arwen's groups, and the Barle Singers, it provides a valuable community-based resource for musicians on Exmoor. Indeed, some members live even further afield. I know that they value being able to use our larger venue since the group has dramatically increased in size.

It may be worth adding at this point that there are various additional musicians - particularly younger ones - who are able to use this church to practice, have lessons, and to play on the piano. Two notable examples are Lewis, a talented teenage pianist/composer from Dulverton, and Daisy, an outstanding teenage flautist from Bampton, who is now learning the piano in church.

Donations

I continue to be grateful for all donations to All Saints, in terms both of sheet music and of instruments, such as electronic keyboards, drumkits and guitars. We can often find a home for the latter, so continue to welcome all who kindly offer unwanted musical items. And as regards sheet music, special mention needs to be made with regard to a collection donated by the widow of Derek Mott, formerly organist at the Priory Church in Dunster. It included a large selection of organ and piano music, as well as choral volumes. Such donations can be made freely available to local players, as a sort of informal sheet music library.

Gary Cooper
Musical Director

Financial Review

Church Income for 2022 was £55,382

Other managed funds as at 31.12.22

School Garden Project - £7,219

Clock Fund - £10,044

Food Bank - £10,443

Flower Fund £390

Total: 21,096

Having appointed a new incumbent, the PCC is now developing its next 5- year plan for Mission Sustainability and Improvement. We own one tenanted cottage for which a below market rent is taken. This contributes towards the everyday running of the church.

Receipts from regular planned giving showed a slight reduction of about 3% over the year from last year. While receipts from collections, donations and other giving do not meet the current outgoings. Fund raising for the year included the 100 Club, a Cream Tea in the summer and afternoon concerts. The church is used by a variety of small groups at a low or no cost.

Fortunately, our income continued to be boosted by the rent received for the telecommunications mast installed in the church tower which has helped enormously, together with the rent received for No. 3 Church Lane (which remained at its unchanged level).

The Parish Share/Common Fund, which is paid to the diocese, is calculated largely on the size of the congregation. The number of people on our Electoral Roll has remained basically the same over the last couple of years, although an increase in the Parish Share was approved in the DBF budget which saw our Share rise to £23,162 in 2021 from £22,738 in 2020. This remained the same for 2022 as there was no increase during lockdown and despite the lack of funds coming in this was paid in full, helped in the main part by drawing down from savings held.

We continue to employ 3 staff, a Parish Administrator/Treasurer, Music Director and a church cleaner (all part-time).

Our running costs following covid-19 increased in line with the church being used again and the economic crisis has created even further increases that need to be met. These costs continue to exceed income. Ideally, we need to raise in excess of £1,500 each week to meet our current running costs.

In addition to this, required spending for 2023 is:-

Quinquennial repairs = £20,000

Clock Repair - £20,000

Parish Share - £23,625

The Gardiner Trust is a restricted fund for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. It owns the property at 1 Church Walk which is the parish office and meeting room for the Benefice. We no longer have any income from the lower ground floor of this property. Claire Savill of Printing of the Vicarage gave notice of her intention to retire at the end of March 2022.

In addition, due to the economic crisis, although we started the year with unrestricted funds invested in charitable funds of approx. £455,350 plus cash funds of £66,324, we closed the year with a total of 395,147 plus cash funds of £66,722 – a loss of £60,202. We also have had to draw down funds from our Reserve cash funds twice through the year to cover the day to day running of the church in the sum of £20,000. It has been suggested by Diocese that we hold an amount in our Reserve Fund sufficient to cover 3 months running costs

for emergency's, however as insufficient funds are coming into the church, this account is currently keeping the church open.

Apart from normal maintenance carried out on the church, there were no major expenses, however the Quinquennial work has yet to begin and we are awaiting a Faculty from the Diocese enabling us to repair the clock.

Events at All Saints

There were two major fundraising events in the year: we were kindly given permission to use the Vicarage garden for 'Cream Teas at the Vicarage' in August; mulled wine, teas and mince pies were again on sale in the church during 'Dulverton by Starlight' in December. The provision of storytelling to entertain the younger generations, live music and somewhere for people to sit and relax during 'Starlight' all helped to increase the attractiveness of these events which are proving very popular. They seem to be as an effective way of raising income as the more traditional fete or bazaar which, with an aging and diminishing membership, we now find more difficult to promote.

We have continued to develop our use of the church activities as a means of generating income and social interaction. Opening out the Lent and Harvest lunches without the need for prior booking worked extremely well. The income received from voluntary donations more than compensated for the expenses of providing food and drink and there was a significant rise in the numbers attending compared with previous years.

We hosted three concerts for the Two Moors Festival. At other events the use of retiring collections as opposed to formal ticket sales or church hire fees has also proved very effective. The church is also in regular use as a venue for rehearsals and performances by a local choir, meetings of and concerts by an amateur piano group and on hire for professional music tuition. We have built upon the very successful 'Art for Advent' course pioneered in 2022, providing similar courses on religious art. These have proved very popular, regularly attracting audiences of over forty. Refreshments are provided at all events and we are indebted to the small team of volunteers who organise them.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of our many diligent volunteers, who are not named here, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly and looking so welcoming to visitors and regulars alike. We do sincerely thank you all for your time and expertise given so generously and your willingness to help. No matter how large or small the task, each is essential for the smooth running of the church and our continuing ministry.

Moorland Food Bank

During the latter part of 2023 we have changed the name of the Food bank from The Dulverton Food Bank to The Moorland Food Bank. The reason for this is that the Food Bank has always supplied emergency food boxes to anyone anywhere on southern Exmoor. We cover Exford, Winsford, Wheddon Cross, Cutcombe, Simonsbath, Withypool, Hawkridge, Brompton Regis, Dulverton and Brushford. The name of Dulverton Food Bank did not represent the area we cover so hence the name change.

During the year the volunteers numbers have grown to 10 which is a perfect number for having people available to deliver the boxes of food.

The number of people receiving an emergency box of food has remained similar to 2022 with 228 boxes delivered up until the end of October. What has increased is the number of families we are delivering to.

We continue to be supported by significant donations of food which now include donations dropped off at the shops in Brompton Regis, Winsford, Exford and the CoOp in Dulverton.

A number of financial donations have been received and recently the food bank has received £2700 from the local CoOp Community Fund which is most welcome.

Jenny Barker

Administrative Matters

Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the Revd. Dowell Conning, the churchwardens, Steve Ford and Edward Thomson, and members elected by the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. PCC members are responsible for making decisions concerning the parish and deciding how PCC funds are spent. The PCC has established the following committees:

- Finance and General Purposes
- Community/Events
- Education
- Mission

Benefice Groups: Working across all the churches in the benefice

Rota Team

Benefice Wardens

Exmoor Deanery Synod

PCC Members:

Ex Officio Members

Rector of Dulverton Benefice

The Revd. Dowell Conning MTh

Associate Curate

The Revd. Louise Southgate

Churchwardens:

Steve Ford

Edward Thomson

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Jenny Barker

Andy Jeffries

Safeguarding

Steve Ford

Elected Members

Andy Jeffries

2020 - 2023

Jenny Barker

2019 - 2022

Frances Harrison

2022 - 2026

Bill Gash

2020 - 2023

Non-Members attending:

Administrator/Treasurer:

Debra Gale

Average attendance on a normal Sunday

	2023	2022	2021 (Covid)	2020 (Covid)	2019
8am Holy Communion (1662 said)		8	6	1	7
9.30am Parish Communion		26	19	15	38
6.30pm Evensong (when permitted)		9	9	5	10

Attendance

Easter		44	6	0	124
Crib Service		97	60	12	192
Christmas (Eve + Morning)		82	65	40	142
Number on electoral roll		46	49	49	51
Funerals		8	9	10	11
Weddings		3	1	1	3
Baptisms		5	1	1	4
School Service - Easter		140	0	0	0
School Service - Summer		137	0	0	241
Remembrance Service		97	114	0	107
School Service - Christmas		180	124	0	0

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (PCC)
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

Cash and investment Assets (Auditor)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022	2021
Current Account	£27,710	6,161	33,901	13,438
CBF Account – Gardiner Trust	--	19,090	19,090	19,090
CBF Account – Passmore-Jones	137,349	--	137,349	151,121
CBF Account – Investments	257,798		257,798	303,576
CBF – Reserve	--	13,796	13,796	33,796
TOTAL	422,857	39,077	461,934	521,021

INVESTMENT ASSETS

In 2022, the Parochial Church Council owns two properties, No. 3 Church Lane, part of an unrestricted legacy from the estate of Joyce Burton in 2010. This property has recently been revalued to be in the region of £225,000 - £250,000. No. 1 Church Walk was purchased in 2009 with funds from the Gardiner Trust. This property has been revalued to be in the region of £140,000 - £165,000.

The Gardiner Trust, founded in 1956 was modified in 1969 to allow income not required for fabric repairs to be used in furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Dulverton. The Parochial Church Council are trustees of the Gardiner Trust.

Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance act on behalf of the Parochial Church Council as custodial trustees in respect of 3 Church Lane.

The Financial Statements are approved by the Parochial Church Council.

Date:

Signed:
Revd Dowell Conning MTh
on behalf of Dulverton PCC

ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Full Financial Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2023



All Saints Dulverton - Annual Financial Report for January to December 2023

The objective of this report is to provide a summary view of the Church's financials situation to the Annual General Meeting for the 1 January through to 31 December 2023.

During the 12 months under review the total income of the church was £72,818. Total expenditure for the same period was £100,846. Consequently, we made an operating loss of £28,028. That is to say, the overall cost of running the Church and its associated activities cost us £28,028 more than our total income.

Our income from Voluntary Income (consisting of Planned Giving, Gift Aid Recovered, Collections, and Legacies) was £37,412. This included £4,964 in donations to the Food Bank Standing Orders only generated £2,957 which is a disappointingly low proportion of total giving.

Our income from Investments (Rent from Property and Yields from CCLA Investments) was £21,694. Thankfully the yields from our financial investments remained fairly buoyant throughout the year (£9,084) and higher than 2022.

On the expenditure side, our largest spends were on the Parish Share (£23,323), Administration and Music Staff (£23,032), Major Repairs (£12,789), Food Bank costs (£11,024) and Minor Repairs (£10,901). Clearly the challenge involved in paying for Major and Minor Repairs will continue over the future years

As you will appreciate this deficit of £28,028 has to be financed with some source of cash as we cannot apply for loans. So, this deficit was paid for by selling some of our short-term reserves. When we compare the financial performance of 2023 against 2022, the picture is not a strong one. Our income reduced by £5,490 and our expenses increased by £23,001. Consequently, a small surplus of £463 in 2022 was converted into a deficit of £28,028 in 2023.

When we turn to look at the value of our fixed and current assets, the picture is more encouraging. The market value of our long-term investments increased over the 12 months by £40,657. This increase in our long-term investment more than offset our sale of short-term investments used to bridge the operating loss. As a result, we ended the year with an increase of £12,629 in our Net Asset position.

Apart from the main General Fund (which finances the core Church activities), the PCC operates a series of Designated Funds which essentially are separate buckets of resources that allow us to track assets, income and expenditure against separate defined purposes. We are not allowed to use resources from one Fund to pay for the activities in another Fund.

On 31 December we had the following Designated Funds with the following bank deposits

Clock Fund	£10,312
Food Bank Fund	£6,631.89
Community/School Garden Fund	£5,342.02
Bell Fund	£245
Organ, Choir and Music Fund	£50

In addition, there is the Gardiner, a historical legacy that was used to purchase Church Walk, and which has a value of £157,592.62.

I am aware that viewing the Balance Sheet readers may conclude that we have a significant amount of fixed assets (£700,804). That is undoubtedly the case. We are grateful to the wise stewardship of previous generations who have left us with these resources. However, it is important to repeat that in 2023 we ran a significant deficit of £28,028. We have to ask ourselves whether it is appropriate to sell the investments of the earlier generations in order to fund an operating deficit? Obviously, if we

continue to rely on this strategy, the value of our investments will decrease over time and the current income of £9,084 from investments will decline.

The PCC have therefore decided that, with your help, over the next two years we should eliminate the operating deficit and establish a sustainable surplus year on year from 2026. In order to move us to move us to a surplus, the PCC plans the following activities starting from the current year.

1. To establish a budget and to generate detailed monthly accounts to track income and expenditure
2. To appeal to church members to consider making monthly donations by standing order.
3. To initiate a programme of grant applications.
4. To undertake more fundraising and event activities.
5. To convert 1 Church Walk into a rented accommodation.
6. To reduce the staff salaries by not seeking a replacement for the post of Parish Administrator.

Any further suggestions for raising income would be much appreciated.

In December 2023 the PCC decided to replace the existing accounting system - the Cash Book based on Excel spreadsheets – with a commercial accounting designed for Churches and Charities called Liberty Accounts. This new accounting system allows us to provide detailed financial reports, operates fund accounting, allows for creation of a budget, includes a Payroll/PAYE element, and produces Gift Aid submissions to HMRC.

To end this report, the PCC wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have provided financial support to the mission of the church whether this has been through standing orders, donations, fund raising and giving up your time and energy in countless different ways.

Robin Nicoll
Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

				TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022 (restated)
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	£	£
Voluntary Income	2	37,412	-	37,412	35,573
Activities for Generating Funds					
Events		5,915	-	5,915	5,678
Church Activities	3	7,797	-	7,797	16,259
Income from Investments	4	21,694	-	21,694	20,798
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		72,818	-	72,818	78,308
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Grants		414	-	414	600
Church Activities	5	98,599	-	98,599	75,545
Fundraising		1,689	-	1,689	1,700
Governance		144	-	144	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		100,846	-	100,846	77,845
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		(28,028)	-	(28,028)	463
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the PCC's own use		40,657	-	40,657	(59,550)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,629	-	12,629	(59,087)
Balances brought forward		726,937	-	726,937	786,024
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		739,566	-	739,566	726,937

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023
BALANCE SHEET**

	Note	2023 £	2022 (restated) £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	160,000	160,000
Investment assets	6	540,804	500,150
		700,804	660,150
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank	7	39,012	66,787
		39,012	66,787
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year		(250)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,762	66,787
NET ASSETS		739,566	726,937
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		739,566	726,937
Restricted		-	-
		739,566	726,937

These Annual Financial Accounts for 2023
were reviewed and approved by the Parochial
Church Council of All Saints Dulverton

Signed on behalf of the PCC by

Date

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the accruals basis and Fund accounting.
- (b) Fixed assets retained for church use are included at cost or valuation at the time of its acquisition. Moveable church fittings held by the church wardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be heritage assets and inalienable from benefice property and as such are not valued in the financial statements. Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts.
- (c) Plant and Equipment used in the church or churchyard are written off to the Statement of Financial Activities on acquisition.
- (d) Incoming Resources: All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (e) Resources expended: Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.
- (f) Funds: Unrestricted funds represent funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.
- (g) Change of accounting policy: The purpose of the accounts is to give a true and fair view. To this end it was decided to adopt the accruals basis of accounting in place of the receipts and payments basis. This meant instituting a Balance Sheet incorporating the assets and liabilities of the PCC. In addition, the status of the Gardiner Trust was reviewed and the PCC confirmed that in the light of the 1969 modification this should be accounted for as a Designated Fund and not a Restricted Fund. Having previously been included in restricted funds the 2022 accounts have been restated to show these assets in the Unrestricted Funds.
- (h) Offsetting: There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure unless required by Church Accounting Regulations.
- (i) Legacies: Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been a grant of probate and executors have established there are sufficient assets in the Estate.
- (j) Donated goods and services: Donated goods and services are not included in the Statement of Financial Activities where they relate to the ongoing work of the Parochial Church Council due to the excess of cost over benefit of this exercise.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS DULVERTON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 (restated) £
2 Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	19,176	-	19,176	7,552
Tax recoverable	5,022	-	5,022	3,926
Collections and other giving	8,056	-	8,056	12,083
Legacies and other donations	5,158	-	5,158	-
Grants	-	-	-	12,012
	<u>37,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,412</u>	<u>35,573</u>
3 Church Activities				
Church Fees	5,266	-	5,266	5,848
Bookstall and magazine	525	-	525	5,198
Other income	2,006	-	2,006	5,213
	<u>7,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,797</u>	<u>16,259</u>
4 Income from Investments				
Property	12,610	-	12,610	12,350
CCLA	9,084	-	9,084	8,448
	<u>21,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,694</u>	<u>20,798</u>
5 Church Activities				
Parish Share	23,323	-	23,323	24,079
Mission and evangelism	13,505	-	13,505	8,038
Clergy expenses	5,021	-	5,021	3,084
Church maintenance	10,901	-	10,901	2,302
Church running costs	2,867	-	2,867	3,536
Utility bills	3,472	-	3,472	9,745
Insurance	3,598	-	3,598	3,134
Major repairs	12,789	-	12,789	-
Parish magazine	-	-	-	1,541
Miscellaneous	100	-	100	209
Salaries and support costs	23,023	-	23,023	19,852
Repairs - investments	-	-	-	25
	<u>98,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,599</u>	<u>75,545</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON**

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Dulverton (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which incorporate the Receipts and Payments Account. The Statement of Assets and

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 'PCC' as Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, The 'PCC' as trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The 'PCC' trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. That examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual 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 audit opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that 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 requirements of the 2011 Act as also contained within the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

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.

A G Porter FCA
Amherst & Shapland
(Taunton and Wiveliscombe)
Chartered Accountants
Unit 2 Old Brewery Road
Wiveliscombe
Telephone: 01984 622000

Signed _____ The Rector Reverend Dowell Conning MTh

Date: _____

Accounts



ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Aims and Purposes of All Saints Dulverton Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The diocese and benefice appointed the Revd. Dowell Conning as our new Rector in October 2021 together with his wife Jackie and their family.

The members of the PCC are also trustees of the Gardiner Trust which includes No. 1 Church Walk. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, insurance, church finances and No. 3 Church Lane. The PCC is also a registered Charity with the number 1142934 and a Charity Commission report and annual return is made yearly by the Warden.

The PCC, working with the townsfolk of Dulverton including the Dulverton Town Council (DTC), are determined to keep a church presence and facility in this historic town. The church is in the centre of the community and provides services of marriage, baptism and funerals to every member of the community who wish it. We welcome community involvement in our church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has been committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at or with our church and when planning our activities for the year the incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; preaching the gospel in words and deeds through a variety of services, both live and streamed.
- Offering pastoral care for people living in the parish through the Ministry Team and other pastoral support workers.
- Providing a warm welcome for the people of the town and visitors when possible.
- Offering facilities accessible to all including accessible e-services and outside altar.
- Providing help, support and guidance to anyone within our parish at the key milestones of life of baptisms, marriages and funerals.
- Working in and with our community with other Christian and charitable organisations to the benefit of our community (Dulverton Foodbank, The Dulverton Schools and the Exmoor Youth project in particular).
- Supporting our Church School and education and provision for young people in our community.

Rector's Report 2022

Over the course of this year the worship has evolved and developed much due to the wonderful lay worship leaders offering and taking services on a Sunday. We hope to further develop this and to establish a standard rota to enable diverse worship. A regular pattern of services will also be established. We continue to be blessed by Mr Gary Cooper as our Director of Music and resident organist, and by the singing of our talented and wonderful choir who together lead us so skilfully in hymnody and song throughout the

year. The bells also continue to beautifully sing out over the town, and the numbers of ringers have grown over the year. A huge debt of thanks is owed to Anne Markwick, our Tower Captain for all of her work, enthusiasms and skills. The flowers in the Church have been magnificent and a huge thanks to all of the kind and so skilled volunteers who create the wonderful displays and arrangements which do so much to enhance our worship and praise to God in this beautiful place.

A regular monthly communion now takes place at Hanover House for those members of our community who wish to receive a blessing or the sacrament, and to catch up with news from All Saints. In addition, home communions have been taken to the housebound by both the Rector and by the Revd Martin Collett.

Over the year, our relationship and interaction with our School have increased and developed. The Rector regularly takes Collective Worship there, and they are now coming to Church for their special Services at least twice a term, three times in the Autumn with a fabulous Harvest Festival. The Rector is also a Foundation Governor and chairs the Children, Families and Community Committee, and our thanks to Keith Mansell and all his staff for enabling this to be such a good and growing interaction and mission.

Compline was held in the Benefice in Lent by our Reader, Jane Rees (RiP). During Lent and Holy Week the ecumenical blessing of palms was well attended, as was the Maundy Service of communion and foot washing. On Good Friday, the Barle Singers produced an amazingly moving and appropriate Chorales and Readings which really set the mood for a joyful celebration on Easter Morning. A Lent Course following Paula Gooder's book 'Journey to the Empty Tomb' was led by Martin and aided by Jane, and this was felt to be a very worthwhile and useful study for the Lenten period.

During Advent, compline again was held on a Thursday evening at 1800 in the Benefice, sadly without Jane. This may move to an on-line offering next year; more to follow, Martin officiated at a beautiful service of nine lessons and carols, and on Christmas Eve both the Crib service and Midnight mass were held and very well attended. The Advent course was 'Art for Advent' created, led and offered by Frances Harrison, with huge help from Howard. This was a sensation, and was a deep, reflective and a joyous course. We were all transfixed and delighted by this, not least through her explanations, humour and wisdom. Thank you. Also a massive thank you for all the refreshments and organisation dexterity to Jenny Barker for her, and her team's support of this Course and for the quite outstanding Harvest Lunch.

Looking back, on the 5th June the community came together in worship to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the ascension to the throne by Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. There were many celebrations, and this was a joyous service. The Flower Ladies led by Jenny Boyce (RiP) rose to the challenge and produced an outstanding Floral Tribute with such a lovely set of offerings, displays, quotes from HM, and arrangements. Hundreds of people came to the church to admire and see their works, and a huge thank you, again, to them all. Likewise to Anne and her campanologists for their incredibly wonderful Royal Peal.

This news the death of Her Majesty on the evening of the 8th September was met with a deep sense of loss, and dismay, and sadness across the world. Here, a morning prayer was held on the 9th to which surprising numbers of people came, a book of condolence was opened by Christine Dubery and the Rector in the Church, with appropriate portrait, prayers and candles being made available. Hundreds of people came to Church over the coming weeks, and we pray they found solace and hope in the resurrection during this time of National Mourning. On 11th a special service of Celebration and Remembrance was held, and on Sunday the 18th, the day before Her funeral on the 19th, a dignified service of Commemoration was held. Both of these were strongly supported by the regular worshippers and many people from the wider community. My thanks to our flower ladies, our bell ringers, and to the Church Wardens for everything they did to

ensure Her Majesty's passing was met in such a dignified and appropriately manner. Not least to Edward Thomson (CW) for his work in the tower, raising, changing, lowering and half-masting the flags.

A Certificate marking the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the Dulverton Branch of the Royal British Legion was presented and installed in the Memorial Chapel earlier in the year, and a short service of dedication was offered to mark this auspicious occasion and anniversary. The Remembrance Day Service with the Royal British Legion and our wider community was again very well attended, with a fine Standard Bearer, Speakers and Wreath Layers, our thanks to Mr Peter Maggs and his team from the local RBL.

The annual service for 'loved ones' was conducted by The Revd Martin Collett and Jane Rees on the 6th of November.

During the year, our ordinand in training, Louise Southgate continues to discern and receive her formation and academic training both here and at Sarum College.

A few final 'thank you's' are also needed: To our cleaner Jen Gale, who takes such time and trouble ensuring that the Church is kept to such a high standard, and whose work is so often commented on in such favourable words in our visitors book. To Nick Friendship, especially for his work as our vergers and whose assistance and diligence in setting the altar and setting down afterwards, and so much more is deeply appreciated. To Debbie Gale, our Parish Administrator, who keeps us all in line, and in due diligence and is such a stalwart of all of our works. And from me to the PCC for all of their help and guidance throughout the year, and especially to Steve and Ed the Church Wardens, without whom none of the above would have happened.

During the Summer, Martin let us know that he and Sandra were moving on, and were looking to sell here and buy a property in Dorset. During this time Martin continued to offer his ministry throughout the Benefice and his last service was at Skilgate on Christmas Day. From a member of the congregation, to PCC member, to Church Warden, then training and becoming a Reader and then to explore and to be ordained is an incredible journey which he, Sandra and all of us should rightly celebrate and give thanks to God.

It was toward the end of this year that we learnt that our beloved Reader, Jane Rees, was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Her diligence, faith, ministry, wisdom, and her amazing humour have been a tower of strength and faith here and in the Benefice for so many years. We are grateful to God for sending her to be amongst us, and to her and to Bill for so so much.

RECORD OF SERVICES 2022

Eucharists	38	
BCP Communion	22	
Evensong	18	
Family Services		4
Matins	12	
Funerals	7	plus one Memorial
Ashes interred		4
Weddings	3	plus one renewal of Vows
Baptisms	3	
School Services		5 plus 'Little Owls visits'
Ash Wednesday		
Maundy Thursday		
Good Friday		
Easter Sunday		
Ascension Day		

Platinum Jubilee
Hanover House
RBL 100th
HM The Queen
Loved Ones
Remembrance Sunday
Nine Lessons and Carols
Crib Service
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day.

Safeguarding

The PSO is pleased to report that he has not had any safeguarding issues reported to him since the last APCM. He makes a safeguarding report to every single PCC meeting in order to keep the members aware of the current situation and to engage all in the Safeguarding process and responsibility.

All PCC members were offered and took up Safeguarding training this year and achieved qualifications in the awareness training.

The PSO issued a Safeguarding resource to all PCC members on a memory stick enabling them easy access to all safeguarding resources including the Safer Church materials and the Parish safeguarding Handbook, including forms and assessments.

Safeguarding posters, contacts for help and our policy have been made public in the Church.

All Saints Church is now on level 3 of the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (the levels start at level 1 and count upwards) and has a Safeguarding development plan in place.

The PCC have seen the safeguarding development plan and have a clear idea of where they need to focus the work.

The PSO has been trained in Leadership in Safeguarding and has delivered an action plan from the course to the PCC.

All Saints Church engaged with Safeguarding Sunday and the work of the Church and the church officers were recognised in the service.

As a supporter of people in need and being in positions of trust All Saints Church clearly identifies that safeguarding is an important part of our work. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all, we are all God's Children, and we need to be treated with care and respect.

Steve Ford

PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Annual Music Report

As anticipated, musical activities in the church have greatly increased in the last year, which has been a pleasure to witness.

All Saints' Choir

Even given the fluctuation in members and numbers over the last year, the choir is currently of a very healthy size and regular membership. A number of members who joined us after the lockdown period have had health issues to deal with, and have sadly not yet returned. Given the voluntary nature of the job, and the level of weekly commitment - including an extra choir practice on Wednesdays - an operational and

active parish choir is something we can feel proud to have at All Saints. Grateful thanks must go to all involved, and their impeccable level of involvement.

As part of the evolving duties of the choir in the last year, it has found itself adapting to singing for our newer, regular services: this involved learning how to sing Anglican chant settings for the Canticle settings and Psalms at Matins, as well as performing a whole varied palette of music at the Family service, with the wonderful help of Joyce Vanstone who leads these services. In addition, the choir started processing while singing at the start of each Eucharist service, after a long break from it. The new Beethoven Mass setting has received an extended trial at our sung Eucharist services in the past year. The setting of the alternative text of the Gloria (set to Beethoven's well-known Ode to Joy from his 9th Symphony) has required that we offer sheets for congregation members to follow and join in, until a booklet is available that covers the text change. As with all trials, there

have been detractors and supporters, but I believe this setting to be a beautiful alternative to the former regular setting by Dom Gregory Murray - one that is still sung at all other churches in the benefice. Indeed, many visitors attending our Eucharist have commented favourably on the Beethoven setting: the prevailing sentiment being that it was interesting to find an alternative unknown to them in their own churches, but at the same time - since they were familiar with all the melodies - they felt able to join in.

Another new feature introduced in 2022 was the Carol Service, which for the first time in quite a while (according to Steven Pugsley, our Lay Dean, who clearly has a long memory!) also involved the Barle Singers - providing a welcome addition to our annual Christmastide festivities. More on that in a moment.

State of All Saints' keyboard instruments

While the piano in church remains as hard-working, adaptable, and beautifully playable as ever, our organ has been suffering a little recently. Old age mainly, and worn parts. The tuner and maintainer of the instrument (responsible for all organs in the locality) - Michael Farley - has been called out on a number of occasions. Sadly, and a cause for concern, the issues have largely remained extant or unfixed. Whilst his professional opinion is to be respected, I have come to the conclusion after a number of his visits that the required workmanship, amount of time allocated, and dedication to the job may be lacking; thanks to the PCC, a professional second opinion will shortly be made available - and any updates in the state and restoration requirements of the instrument be made available. In the meantime, the organ performs its functions capably, but with the player unable to use all of its capacity. For reference, a number of recurring/unresolved issues have also been experienced at both the Brushford and Brompton Regis instruments, maintained by the same person.

Barle Singers

Although not connected directly to our parish, the Barle Singers have long been welcomed at All Saints - in particular, by accommodating their weekly rehearsals at the same time as the bellringers on a Wednesday evening. Since Holy Week 2022, when they gave their first devotional concert here in some time, they have become another regular, seasonal feature in All Saints' music & devotional life. Their next performance in 2022, intended to celebrate HM the Queen's jubilee during September, was instead adapted deftly at the last minute as a musical tribute to her late Majesty - and it was certainly a moving one.

As I mentioned earlier, the Barle Singers are now connected to our annual Nine Lessons and Carols service, and we envisage a full-scale collaboration between parish & Barle

choirs for this service in future. In addition, they look set to continue to offer annual devotional concerts during Holy Week.

Concerts at All Saints

All Saints returned to hosting full-scale concerts once again during the past year, with events involving the Simonsbath Festival, Le Jazz & Two Moors Festival, as well as a fundraiser for Ukraine and quite a few raising funds for the Clock Fund. Audience numbers have considerably increased over the year: another welcome addition.

Community Music at All Saints

Thanks to Andy Jeffries, the Exmoor Piano Group have agreed a protocol that increases their presence and music-making at All Saints. This agreement arose out of their own need to find bigger spaces in which to hold their meetings owing to a considerable increase in their membership, along with the requirement for that space to have a decent instrument. And All Saints clearly fitted the bill. Thank you Andy. We look forward to many more of their concerts here.

Musical life at All Saints would certainly now be incomplete without the presence and activities of Arwen Lewis, who single-handedly inspires and develops all manner of amateur wind instrument playing in the parish, as well as offering concerts herself. We are indeed lucky to have her in Dulverton, and thanks also go to the Recorder Ensemble who played beautifully during the afternoon of Starlight at All Saints, while full of visitors.

Another local star in need of mention here is Marion Silverlock, who fulfilled a near-77-year ambition by giving her first solo piano recital, which took place at All Saints in 2022. Definitely one for the bucket list! All donations were given to All Saints, and quite an amount it was too. Marion seems to have the bug now, since we're expecting more recitals in the coming season, again with all funds donated to the church. Watch this space!

Gary Cooper, Musical Director

Financial Review

Church Income for 2022 was £55,382

Other managed funds as at 31.12.22

School Garden Project - £7,219

Clock Fund - £10,044

Food Bank - £10,443

Flower Fund £390

Total: 21,096

Having appointed a new incumbent, the PCC is now developing its next 5- year plan for Mission Sustainability and Improvement. We own one tenanted cottage for which a below market rent is taken. This contributes towards the everyday running of the church.

Receipts from regular planned giving showed a slight reduction of about 3% over the year from last year. While receipts from collections, donations and other giving do not meet the current outgoings. Fund raising for the year included the 100 Club, a Cream Tea in the summer and afternoon concerts. The church is used by a variety of small groups a low or no cost.

Fortunately, our income continued to be boosted by the rent received for the telecommunications mast installed in the church tower which has helped enormously, together with the rent received for No. 3 Church Lane (which remained at its unchanged level).

The Parish Share/Common Fund, which is paid to the diocese, is calculated largely on the size of the congregation. The number of people on our Electoral Roll has remained basically same over the last couple of years, although an increase in the Parish Share was approved in the DBF budget which saw our Share rise to £23,162 in 2021 from £22,738 in 2020. This remained the same for 2022 as there was no increase during lockdown and despite the lack of funds coming in this was paid in full, helped in the main part by drawing down from savings held.

We continue to employ 3 staff, a Parish Administrator/Treasurer, Music Director and a church cleaner (all part-time).

Our running costs following covid-19 increased in line with the church being used again and the economic crisis has created even further increases that need to be met. These costs continue to exceed income. Ideally, we need to raise in excess of £1,500 each week to meet our current running costs.

In addition to this, required spending for 2023 is:-

Quinquennial repairs = £20,000

Clock Repair - £20,000

Parish Share - £23,625

The Gardiner Trust is a restricted fund for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. It owns the property at 1 Church Walk which is the parish office and meeting room for the Benefice. We no longer have any income from the lower ground floor of this property. Claire Savill of Printing of the Vicarage gave notice of her intention to retire at the end of March 2022.

In addition, due to the economic crisis, although we started the year with unrestricted funds invested in charitable funds of approx. £455,350 plus cash funds of £66,324, we closed the year with a total of 395,147 plus cash funds of £66,722 – a loss of £60,202. We also have had to draw down funds from our Reserve cash funds twice through the year to cover the day to day running of the church in the sum of £20,000. It has been suggested by Diocese that we hold an amount in our Reserve Fund sufficient to cover 3 months running costs for emergency's, however as insufficient funds are coming into the church, this account is currently keeping the church open.

Apart from normal maintenance carried out on the church, there were no major expenses, however the Quinquennial work has yet to begin and we are awaiting a Faculty from the Diocese enabling us to repair the clock.

Events at All Saints

Much of our fundraising for this year was focused on the need to fund major repairs to the mechanical clock mechanism. There were two main events, being a cream tea in the Vicarage Garden in September (a fabulously sunny day which was very well attended) and Starlight in December when we served mulled wine, mince pies and teas to visitors to the church as part of the town's annual event. Those visiting the church were also able to enjoy the fabulous music played by Gary Cooper and Arwen Lewis which created a wonderful atmosphere in which visitors could relax and enjoy refreshment. This was followed by Carols around the Christmas Tree in Bank Square prior to the finale of fireworks.

Post Covid, we have begun to make good use of the church again. We have hosted a number of concerts or recitals, both amateur and professional. Our church is regularly used as a rehearsal venue for a local choir and hired out for individual and group musical instrument tuition. The introduction of an 'Art for Advent' course over four weekly sessions proved very popular.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all of our many diligent volunteers, who are not named here, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly and looking so welcoming to visitors and regulars alike. We do sincerely thank you all for your time and expertise given so generously and your willingness to help. No matter how large or small the task, each is essential for the smooth running of the church and our continuing ministry.

Dulverton Food Bank

The Food Bank based in Dulverton was set up at the start of the pandemic in April 2020. It is based at the school in the town and is run by 8 volunteers.

The Food Bank team deliver boxes of food all over the Somerset part of Exmoor, but the greatest number of boxes go to individuals and families based in Dulverton.

The items of food that go into a Food Box are either donated or are bought with money either donated or acquired through grants.

During 2022 the Food Bank delivered 250 boxes of food - this is a reduction on the year before which is probably as a result of 2022 being the first relatively 'normal' year after the previous two years and all the Covid related problems.

The Village Agent refers people who require help with food to the Food Bank Coordinator who in turn ensures that food is delivered.

The donation point for food items in Dulverton is the Co-op.

Administrative Matters

Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the Revd. Dowell Conning, assistant curate the Revd. Martin Collett, the churchwardens, Steve Ford and Edward Thomson, and members elected by the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. PCC members are responsible for making decisions concerning the parish and deciding how PCC funds are spent. The PCC has established the following committees:

- Finance and General Purposes
- Community/Events
- Education
- Mission

Benefice Groups: Working across all the churches in the benefice

Rota Team

Benefice Wardens

Exmoor Deanery Synod

PCC Members:

Ex Officio Members

Rector of Dulverton Benefice
Associate Curate

The Revd. Dowell Conning MTh
The Revd. Martin Collett

Churchwardens:

Steve Ford
Edward Thomson

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Jenny Barker

Andy Jeffries

Safeguarding

Steve Ford

Elected Members

Andy Jeffries 2020 - 2023
Jenny Barker 2019 - 2022
Frances Harrison 2022 - 2026
Bill Gash 2020 - 2023
Mike Willison 2020 - 2023

Non-Members attending:

Administrator/Treasurer: Debra Gale

Average attendance on a normal Sunday

	2022	2021 (Covid)	2020 (Covid)	2019	2018
8am Holy Communion (1662 said)	8	6	1	7	6
9.30am Parish Communion	26	19	15	38	33
6.30pm Evensong (when permitted)	9	9	5	10	9

Attendance

Easter	44	6	0	124	77
Crib Service	97	60	12	192	183
Christmas (Eve + Morning)	82	65	40	142	112
Number on electoral roll	46	49	49	51	51
Funerals	8	9	10	11	10
Weddings	3	1	1	3	3
Baptisms	5	1	1	4	4
School Service - Easter	140	0	0	0	262
School Service - Summer	137	0	0	241	
Remembrance Service	97	114	0	107	133
School Service - Christmas	180	124	0	0	0

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (PCC)
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

Cash and investment Assets (Auditor)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 2021	
Current Account	£27,710	6,161	33,901	13,438
CBF Account – Gardiner Trust	--	19,090	19,090	19,090
CBF Account – Passmore-Jones	137,349	--	137,349	151,121
CBF Account – Investments	257,798	--	257,798	303,576
CBF – Reserve	--	13,796	13,796	33,796
TOTAL	422,857	39,077	461,934	521,021

INVESTMENT ASSETS

In 2022, the Parochial Church Council owns two properties, No. 3 Church Lane, part of an unrestricted legacy from the estate of Joyce Burton in 2010. This property has recently been revalued to be in the region of £225,000 - £250,000. No. 1 Church Walk was purchased in 2009 with funds from the Gardiner Trust. This property has recently been revalued to be in the region of £140,000 - £165,000.

The Gardiner Trust, founded in 1956 was modified in 1969 to allow income not required for fabric repairs to be used in furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Dulverton. The Parochial Church Council are trustees of the Gardiner Trust.

Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance act on behalf of the Parochial Church Council as custodial trustees in respect of 3 Church Lane.

The Financial Statements are approved by the Parochial Church Council.

Date:

Signed:

Revd Dowell Conning MTh
on behalf of Dulverton PCC

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts				
Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	7,552	-	7,552	5,039
Tax recovered	3,926	-	3,926	1,809
Collections and other giving	12,083	-	12,083	4,097
Grants	12,012	-	12,012	4,100
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies and other donations	-	-	-	13,800
Income from Charitable activities				
Parochial fees	5,848	-	5,848	3,724
Bookstall and magazine	5,198	-	5,198	493
Income from property	12,150	200	12,350	13,495
other income	5,213	-	5,213	2,280
Income from fund raising activities				
General fund raising	5,678	-	5,678	2,007
	<u>69,660</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>69,860</u>	<u>50,844</u>
Income from investments				
Interest and dividends	8,185	263	8,448	8,336
	<u>77,845</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>78,308</u>	<u>59,180</u>
Payments				
Donations to charities	600	-	600	7,065
Mission and Evangelism costs	325	-	325	5,134
Parish share	24,079	-	24,079	23,093
Regular church running expenses	19,008	-	19,008	12,372
Utility bills and insurance	9,745	-	9,745	7,124
Repairs to the church	2,302	-	2,302	2,340
Repairs and cost to other church properties	25	-	25	-
Fund raising and trading costs	1,700	-	1,700	3,693
Administration and support costs	19,852	-	19,852	18,067
Governance costs	-	-	-	120
Other Expenses	209	-	209	355
	<u>77,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,845</u>	<u>79,363</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	<u>(0)</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>(20,183)</u>
Funds in hand 1 January 2022			521,021	492,764
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Funds in hand 31 December 2022			<u>461,934</u>	<u>521,021</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 'PCC' as Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, The 'PCC as trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The 'PCC' trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. That examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual 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 audit opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts				
Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	5,039	-	5,039	5,458
Tax recovered	1,809	-	1,809	4,957
Collections and other giving	4,097	-	4,097	4,161
Grants	-	4,100	4,100	-
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies and other donations	512	13,288	13,800	16,050
Income from Charitable activities				
Parochial fees	3,724	-	3,724	2,264
Bookstall and magazine	493	-	493	2,531
Income from property	13,495	-	13,495	13,560
other income	2,280	-	2,280	4,630
Income from fund raising activities				
General fund raising	2,007	-	2,007	1,441
	<u>33,456</u>	<u>17,388</u>	<u>50,844</u>	<u>55,052</u>
Income from investments				
Interest and dividends	8,314	22	8,336	9,096
	<u>41,770</u>	<u>17,410</u>	<u>59,180</u>	<u>64,148</u>
Payments				
Donations to charities	-	7,065	7,065	5,445
Mission and Evangelism costs	2,134	3,000	5,134	3,895
Parish share	23,093	-	23,093	22,670
Regular church running expenses	12,372	-	12,372	17,723
Utility bills and insurance	7,124	-	7,124	3,756
Repairs to the church	2,340	-	2,340	10,450
Repairs and cost to other church properties	-	-	-	-
Fund raising and trading costs	3,693	-	3,693	639
Administration and support costs	18,067	-	18,067	18,650
Governance costs	120	-	120	-
Other Expenses	355	-	355	2,061
	<u>69,298</u>	<u>10,065</u>	<u>79,363</u>	<u>85,289</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	<u>(27,528)</u>	<u>7,345</u>	<u>(20,183)</u>	<u>(21,141)</u>
Funds in hand 1 January 2021			492,764	495,876
Excess of expenditure over income for the year			(20,183)	(21,141)
Unrealised gains on investments			48,440	18,029
Funds in hand 31 December 2021			<u>521,021</u>	<u>492,764</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

CASH AND INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Current account	13,438	-	13,438	10,571
CBF Account - Gardiner Trust	-	19,090	19,090	22,140
CBF Account - Passmore-Jones	151,121	-	151,121	128,570
CBF Account - Investments	303,576	-	303,576	277,687
CBF Account - Reserve	9,510	24,286	33,796	53,796
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INVESTMENT ASSETS

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting Policies

(a) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and using the Receipts and Payments basis.

(b) Incoming and outgoing resources: All incoming resources are recognised only when amounts are received and outgoing resources are only included when the amounts are expended by the Parochial Church Council.

(c) Plant and equipment used in the church or churchyard are written off in the Receipts and Payments account on acquisition. Other assets including moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are detailed in the Inventory but not recognised in the financial statements.

(d) Funds: Unrestricted funds represents funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

(e) Stocks: The church hold stocks of books, pamphlets and consumables for resale, and consumption. These are not valued, the costs being included in the Receipts and Payments account as and when they are purchased.

(f) Church fees: Church fees included in the accounts are the proportion of fees due to the Parochial Church Council. Amounts due to the Diocese, officiant or other third party are netted off against the amount received. This is the only circumstance where expenses are netted off against income.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON**

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Accounts

ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1142934

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ALL SAINTS, DULVERTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Note:

The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and all the accompanying restrictions and the departure of our clergy to pastures new have overshadowed all our activities this year, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Aims and purposes of All Saints Dulverton Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This year, since March 2020, the Parish and benefice has been in vacancy. During this time the Wardens have been in authority at All Saints Church.

The members of the PCC are also trustees of the Gardiner Trust which includes No. 1 Church Walk. They are also responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, insurance, church finances and No. 3 Church Lane.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has been committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at or with our church during the Covid-19 regulations and when planning our activities for the year the incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; preaching the gospel in words and deeds through a variety of services, both live and streamed.
- Offering pastoral care for people living in the parish through the Ministry Team and other pastoral support workers.
- Providing a warm welcome for the people of the town and visitors when possible.
- Offering facilities accessible to all including Zoom services and outside altar.
- Providing help, support and guidance to anyone within our parish at the key milestones of life of baptisms, marriages and funerals.
- Working in and with our community with other Christian and charitable organisations to the benefit of our community.
- Supporting our Church School and education and provision for young people in our community.

Review of PCC Activities – 2020

Worship and Prayer

This report will be one, if not the most unusual reports in the history of All Saints Church, Dulverton. 2020 began very positively with the ordination to the priesthood of Revd Martin Collett, the Assistant Curate, on 5th January at All Saints Church presided over by the Bishop of Taunton the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley. This was a large benefice celebration with over one hundred in attendance, little did we know that would be the largest service for some time to come.

In February we were sorry to lose the Revd Paul Kingdom, our benefice 'house for duty' priest as he went onto pastures new at Silverton, Devon, where he is serving as their new incumbent. In March we were

also sad to say farewell to our incumbent the Revd Andrew Thomas when he moved on after being with us for nearly 6 years. He is now serving as the incumbent minister at Yelverton, Devon.

Since our clergy moved on to other worshipping communities, the PCC has spent much time in pursuing a replacement Rector. This is a long process and made even longer by the COVID epidemic. The PCC has worked hard with other PCCs in the benefice to produce a benefice profile (a document that describes the nature and work of our benefice, its churches and communities, compiled by Andrew Jeffries with all parishes contributing). An advertisement for the vacant post whilst working alongside the Diocese and the Area Deanery. This has taken up much of our time and energy.

Much of the energy left in the PCC has been directed at keeping our Church open, Covid safe and functioning when possible.

Some spending plans have been put on hold until a new incumbent has been appointed. We will then address the "House for Duty" post in the benefice.

March 23rd brought us into the first lockdown, with all churches closed and controversially ministers were excluded from their churches as well. So, our regular pattern of weekly worship came to a shuddering halt. However, moves were taken to keep the church community in touch and worshipping. One of our Readers, Louise Southgate, and a retired Methodist minister began 'Dulverton Churches Together' using the medium of Facebook to facilitate this new venture. They have 'broadcast' services of the word and worship, uplifting talks which have been enjoyed by many.

Steve Ford, one of All Saints Church Wardens, took on the task of producing 'Pew News' our weekly church news sheet. This was emailed weekly from the Parish Office with further copies being delivered by hand to non-internet users. This has proved to be a very useful medium for disseminating news and information to the church and wider community.

During the first lockdown Revd Martin held a weekly celebration of Holy Communion at home in order to maintain a weekly Eucharistic presence in the benefice. This was continued in All Saints when churches reopened for private prayer.

On July 4th services were allowed to resume. The Eucharist on 5th July was the first in the church since 15th March! However, due to the vacancy and Covid restrictions only one Eucharist service was held each week at All Saints to a small, but loyal congregation. All our other regular services were cancelled so the worship life of the church here in Dulverton was much reduced.

Occasional services in the form of baptisms and weddings were completely absent this past year. Weddings were moved to 2021 or even 2022. There were a number of funerals during the year, with numbers allowed being an extra burden on grieving families as was the absence of post funeral 'wakes'. We are extremely grateful to the retired clergy that travelled from Minehead to take services and also our lay readers and lay worship leaders who all provided pastoral care, teaching and theological reflection, and lead worship across the Parish and Benefice. Services continued despite low congregation numbers to keep 'the rumour of God alive' in the parish and benefice. We are also fortunate to have Mr Gary Cooper, our full-time organist and musical director and our loyal band of bellringers, captained by Anne Markwick, who would normally ring for our Sunday service, weddings and funerals and who have been unable to do so.

In October we held a successful 'Loved ones who have Died service' with 20 present. This month also saw the beginning of a second lockdown. The only Remembrance Day commemoration was held at the war memorial on Armistice Day, there was no service in All Saints due to the limited numbers allowed in church.

Christmas was also very much pared down from former years. Due to the generosity of Steve Hall the proprietor of ExeStream Radio we recorded a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols to be broadcast over the Christmas period. A much earlier 'Midnight Mass' was held at 6pm which drew a congregation of 15. The number was slightly increased at 9.30am Eucharist on Christmas morning with 20 present. Due to Covid regulations, we were unable to sing carols around the Christmas tree on Bank Square, but did partake in carol singing while wandering around the town led by our musical director which brought goodly numbers of people out to join in the festive spirit, albeit following social distancing guidelines. During Advent we had arranged to have a weekly Advent study course; unfortunately the first course was postponed and then cancelled due to Covid regulations; a second course, was held online via Zoom.

When the new year arrived the general view across the country was that we were not sorry to see the end of 2020, the 'plague year' which will live long in the memory. However, that aside, we can look back with a degree of satisfaction that services kept going keeping the church alive and active in very trying and difficult circumstances.

The Benefice continued to support one member of the worshipping community through formational training at Sarum College, Salisbury, towards ordained ministry.

While the clergy of the parish were with us, they maintained strong links with our local schools, one of which is a church school, by leading collective worship each week until the schools closed. One of our Lay readers did supply on-line collective worship material when requested. We have also elected a Foundation Governor, Mr Bill Gash to the Governing body.

Pastoral Care

As much as possible has taken place within the Covid regulations and guidelines. Support, particularly for the bereaved has continued through the dedication of the Ministry Team.

Some of our congregation have donated generously directly to the Dulverton Food Bank and its ever-expanding work in providing food boxes across the area. In addition, collections and donations have supported the work of Dulverton Good Neighbours and Exmoor Youth Project. Dulverton, together with the other PCC's of the benefice have also contributed to the giving of a bible for each child leaving the local primary school.

The church was initially open every day providing a quiet, still and prayerful space. Requests for prayers and community needs are prayed for in church services. We take this opportunity to thank those who have kept the church open and running during the pandemic.

The Memorial Garden, to facilitate an open place of quiet and reflection for the community, was completed this year.

The Dulverton and Brushford church magazine is produced on a monthly basis, but due to the effects of Covid-19 is now struggling financially as it has received no funding or donations from readers. The magazine is totally financially independent of the PCC's. The magazine gives the church a voice in the parishes of Dulverton and Brushford and is a valuable resource for the church and community partnership.

Safeguarding

The Church has a Safeguarding Person who is responsible for the Safeguarding policy in the church and reports to every PCC meeting and keeps track of training and monitoring and reporting of any incidents. All Saints Church is particularly vigilant, and all members realise they have a responsibility for children and vulnerable adults. We have had no safeguarding incidents reported this year.

Annual Music Report

Compared with last year's Annual Music Report of 2019-20, the contents of this year's reads as a stark, sobering contrast.

Musical activities at All Saints' have been as decimated as just about everything else during the past year. Yet there is always reason to hope: if anything, I see that our congregation has appreciated most markedly whichever particular form of music allowed in church at any one time. In other words, it has been a time of constant fluctuation, frustration & making do as best we can. I look forward to making another, very different, report for 2021-22!

All Saints' Choir. At present it is a shadow of what it was at the beginning of last year, with most members continuing to self-isolate. Church Wardens have kindly ensured our ability to meet and function as a choir (when permitted to do so) by purchasing visors to facilitate singing. The number of regulars still able to attend has been doubled by the arrival during lockdowns of two new members, Bill & Amanda, and we welcome them with gratitude. Our small choir has been the only means of singing in public in this locality, and thus a lifeline for those for whom singing is such an important part of who they are, their way of life, and their way of contributing enrichment to the life of this church & community. My thanks to all involved for continuing to make this possible, stemming the prevailing national tide.

Our **United Benefice Choir** has fared less well, and indeed, has been unable to meet for the entire year - except on the occasion that Carol Singing (supported by All Saints) was permitted out of doors around Dulverton, before last Christmas. We look forward to their eventual return: when larger groups are once again allowed to meet safely, and when Evensong - much missed by regular attendees - is once more scheduled.

Like the UBC, our popular toddler music & rhythm weekly class, **Rhythm n'Brews** (another one year old regular feature of church & music life at All Saints) was cancelled early March 2020 and hasn't opened since; and at the time of writing, I see no possibility of it safely returning for quite a while yet.

All other regular musical activities, based at All Saints (or making frequent visits here) - the **Saturday Music Club**, the **Community Choir**, the **Exmoor Piano Group**, the **Community Music Festival**, **Culm Valley Orchestra** - have inevitably been cancelled; as have festivals with long-held associations, such as Simonsbath or the Two Moors. We hope for their return at some point in 2021/22; but since long-term planning is such a crucial part of these kind of activities, it may be quite a while yet before we see anything like a return to what we enjoyed in previous years.

The new benefice-wide monthly concert series, **Music on Exmoor** - planned to start in March 2020 - never transpired, of course: killed off before it even had a chance to shine. At present, I am not sure if it is something that could be feasible in the post-lockdown world: I anticipate fewer people venturing out to public, organised events in general. What has thrived is the online music scene, and especially closed-concert recordings relayed on screen; maybe this is something to look at in the future, to accommodate the wider audiences available during this time, and indeed, for a while to come.

To conclude, I would say that the lockdown experiences have allowed the musical community here to rethink what it can offer, and how best to do it. For instance, live music teaching is no longer an occupation I can personally count on; but making online music recordings - particularly with the arrival of the new **Exmoor Studios**, at the Old Bank - is something that does make sense, since there is an ever-growing need for it. Such changes can benefit the community in different ways; and the ability to adapt, and to make the best of it, must surely be a central lesson as we slowly move out of lockdown.

Financial Review

The PCC is now coming towards the end of its Five-Year Plan for Mission Sustainability and Improvement which has seen two of the three cottages being sold and the proceeds invested in charitable funds which continue to generate income. The third cottage remains tenanted. A copy of the Parish Plan is available upon request.

The effect of Covid-19 on church income was quite marked. Receipts from regular planned giving showed a reduction of about 30% over the year. While receipts from collections, donations and other giving dropped by almost 80%. The only fund-raising to take place for the year were two Lent lunches in early March and receipt of the 100 Club subs, all other fund-raising events had to be cancelled.

Fortunately, our income continued to be boosted by the rent received for the telecommunications mast installed in the church tower which has helped enormously, together with the rent received for No. 3 Church Lane (which remained at its normal level) and Printing at the Vicarage at 1 Church Walk (the rent for which was reduced by 50% due to the business having to be closed during lockdown).

The Parish Share/Common Fund, which is paid to the diocese, is calculated largely on the size of the congregation. The number of people on the Electoral Roll has remained the same over the last couple of years, although an increase in the Parish Share was approved in the DBF budget which saw our Share rise to £22,738 from £20,564 in 2019, despite the lack of funds coming in this was paid in full, helped in the main part by drawing down from savings held.

Income for 2020 was £64,855 which included an unrestricted Legacy.

Our running costs were lower than usual this year, particularly in regard to heating and electricity in the church due to it not being open to the public on a daily basis and services reduced to once a week. The church was not heated when not in use; an exception was made during extreme weather. Staffing costs remained similar to last year with three staff being retained, a Parish Administrator/Treasurer, Music Director and a church cleaner (all part-time).

Due to Covid-19 and with very little in the way of income, our costs did indeed exceed income. We still need to raise well in excess of £1200 each week to meet our current running costs.

The Gardiner Trust is a restricted fund for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. It owns the property at 1 Church Walk which is the parish office and meeting room for the Benefice and is also home to Printing at the Vicarage.

In addition, we hold unrestricted funds of approx. £406,000 invested in charitable funds to generate income and we hold a recommended amount in our Reserve Fund sufficient to cover 3 months running costs should an emergency arise.

Apart from normal maintenance carried out on the church, there was only one major expense, this being the completion of the Memorial Garden project.

We have again supported the purchase of bibles for leavers at All Saints School and the subsidy low rents at Number 3 Church Lane and also during Covid-19, the Printing at the Vicarage.

A Parish Plan is in place to help us to improve our efforts towards investing in people and mission. We produced a monthly magazine providing information on church services and activities and other local events and news.

Events at All Saints

Unfortunately due to the pandemic and church closures, we have had to cancel all the events planned for the church in 2020. Even Dulverton by Starlight (of which the church is a member) could not be held but instead was done virtually online.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers, who are not named here, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly and looking so welcoming to visitors and regulars alike. We do sincerely thank you all for your time and expertise given so generously and your willingness to help. No matter how large or small the task, each is essential for the smooth running of the church and our continuing ministry.

Administrative Matters

Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (currently in vacancy), assistant curate Revd Martin Collett, the churchwardens and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. PCC members are responsible for making decisions concerning the parish and deciding how PCC funds are spent. The PCC has established the following committees:

- Finance and General Purposes
- Community/Events
- Education
- Mission

Benefice Groups: Working across all the churches in the benefice

Ministry Team
Facebook Church
Benefice Wardens
Vacancy Appointment Group
Exmoor Deanery Synod

PCC Members:

Ex Officio Members

Rector of Dulverton Benefice	In vacancy
Associate Vicar Dulverton Benefice	In vacancy
Curate	Revd Martin Collett

Churchwardens:	Steve Ford Edward Thomson
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Deanery Synod Representatives:	Jenny Barker Andy Jeffries
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Safeguarding	Steve Ford
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Elected Members	Andy Jeffries	2020 – 2023
	Roz Roberts	2020 – 2023
	Gill Summersgill	2020 – 2023
	Jenny Barker	2019 - 2022
	Frances Harrison	2020 - 2023
	Bill Gash	2020 - 2023
	Mike Willison	2020 – 2023

Non-Members attending:
Administrator/Treasurer:

Debra Gale

Average attendance on a normal Sunday

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
8am Holy Communion (1662 said)	6	7	6	8	8
9.30am Parish Communion	15	38	33	41	43
Family Communion	-	-	-	-	-
Solemn Sung Eucharist	-	-	-	-	-
6.30pm Evensong (when permitted)	9	10	9	7	9

Attendance

Easter	0	124	77	120	103
Christmas (Eve + Morning)	40	142	112	121	94
Crib Service	12	192	183	178	102
Number on electoral roll	49	51	51	58	63

Funerals	10	11	10	13	15
Weddings	1	3	3	4	4
Baptisms	1	4	4	0	5
School Service - Christmas	0	0	0	0	0
School Service - Easter	0	0	262		
School Service - Summer (Covid)	0	241			
Remembrance Service (Covid)	0	107	133		

Annual Fabric Report according to section 50 of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and care of Churches measures 2020.

We are pleased to report that the church building is well maintained and in good condition. We are now coming to the fifth year of our Quinquennial Report. This means that 2021 will be another quinquennial inspection conducted by the church architect. The Church Architect having been selected this year and will be common to all the churches in our benefice. A report regarding essential work will then be produced and form the basis of our budgeting and work for 2021- 2026.

The work from the last quinquennial has been completed and nothing remains outstanding.

This past year we have conducted maintenance work in the following areas:

- Repair to lighting installations, outside floodlights and the emergency lighting in the tower.
- Annual PAT testing was carried out and any portable appliances that did not pass were removed or repaired.
- Gutter clearing and roof inspection indicated that the ridge tiles are not very secure in places and will need to be re-seated, in the future.
- Inspection and repair of the cold-water feed to heating system boiler and the bleeding of all church radiators to improve efficiency. Work was delayed due to Covid-19 and is on-going.
- The cleaning and inspection of the boiler flue was carried out.

- The boiler failed to light during a time the church was without oil and a heating engineer was called out to re-prime the system.
- The Church lightning conductor has been inspected and repaired.
- The Church has begun a move towards a reduced carbon footprint with the gradual replacement of all light bulbs to LED ones.
- Monitoring of the bells continues and remedial work carried out when necessary.
- Ecclesiastical Insurance visited to reassess our insurance liabilities, checking plans and church fixtures and fittings, security and safety processes. They were satisfied and subsequently reduced our insurance premium slightly.

The memorial garden is complete with planting done during the spring. As hoped, it does provide a peaceful, prayerful space for the community to use; a space to reflect and remember. As yet there have not been any memorial plaques added to the wall, due mainly to the lockdown. We do have a plaque ready to be installed but this will not be done until there is a relaxation of rules enabling the family to attend. Wooden benches are yet to be installed but should be in place by the end of 2021.

There are some gravestones in the burial areas in need of regular inspection as they become less stable. The Graveyard is closed and as such we are grateful to the Dulverton Town Council for its care and maintenance.

The PCC have put on hold the remodelling of the servery of the Church along with the removal of pews from the North aisle of the church.

We are pleased to report that there has been no incidents of vandalism or criminal damage in the church. All artefacts are accounted for and can be viewed on the Church Terrier.

There has been no accidental damage to report.

The Terrier has been inspected adjusted and maintained in accordance with the regulations.

These works have been reported to the PCC via the regular reports to the PCC of the Finance and general purposes committee every 2 months.

Prepared by Church Wardens

Steve Ford Steve Ford

and

Edward Thomson Edward Thomson

APCM April 2021

Approved by the PCC and signed on
their behalf by Church Warden – Steve Ford

21st April 2021 Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Cash and Investment Assets				
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2019	2018
Current Account	10,545		20,818	29,516
(CCLA) CBF Account – Gardiner Trust	22,140		24,287	22,158
(CLLA) CBF – Passmore-Jones	128,569		116,900	96,495
CBF - Investments	277,685		273,755	248,264
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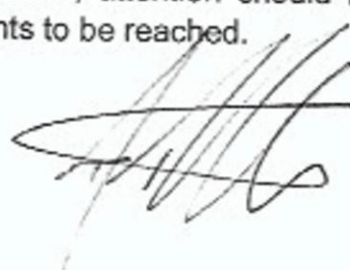
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts				
Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	5,458	-	5,458	8,235
Tax recovered	4,957	-	4,957	3,511
Collections and other giving	4,161	-	4,161	8,550
Grants	-	-	-	14,090
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies and other donations	16,050	-	16,050	13,012
Income from Charitable activities				
Parochial fees	2,264	-	2,264	3,088
Bookstall and magazine	2,531	-	2,531	1,200
Income from property	13,560	-	13,560	14,272
other income	4,630	-	4,630	2,635
Income from fund raising activities				
General fund raising	1,441	-	1,441	8,482
	<u>55,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,052</u>	<u>77,075</u>
Income from investments				
Interest and dividends	9,096	-	9,096	9,780
Disposal of property	-	-	-	-
	<u>64,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,148</u>	<u>86,855</u>
Payments				
Donations to charities	5,445	-	5,445	7,577
Mission and Evangelism costs	726	3,169	3,895	9,202
Parish share	22,670	-	22,670	20,501
Regular church running expenses	17,723	-	17,723	10,094
Utility bills and insurance	3,756	-	3,756	8,176
Repairs to the church	10,450	-	10,450	10,867
Repairs and cost to other church properties	-	-	-	-
Fund raising and trading costs	639	-	639	5,813
Administration and support costs	18,650	-	18,650	13,033
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	2,061	-	2,061	7,971
	<u>82,120</u>	<u>3,169</u>	<u>85,289</u>	<u>93,234</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	<u>(17,972)</u>	<u>(3,169)</u>	<u>(21,141)</u>	<u>(6,379)</u>
Funds in hand 1 January 2020			495,876	458,786
Excess of expenditure over income for the year			(21,141)	(6,379)
Unrealised gains on investments			18,029	43,469
Funds in hand 31 December 2020			<u>492,764</u>	<u>495,876</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

CASH AND INVESTMENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020 £	2019 £
Current account	10,571	-	10,571	20,615
CBF Account - Gardiner Trust	-	24,287	22,140	24,287
CBF Account - Passmore-Jones	128,570	-	128,570	116,900
CBF Account - Investments	277,687	-	277,687	271,328
CBF Account - Reserve	53,796	14,327	53,796	62,746
	<u>470,624</u>	<u>38,614</u>	<u>492,764</u>	<u>495,876</u>

INVESTMENT ASSETS

In 2018 the Parochial Church Council owns 2 properties, Number 3 Church Lane was part of an unrestricted legacy from the estate of Joyce Burton in 2010. Number 1 Church Walk was purchased with funds from the Gardiner Trust in 2009. The value of 1 Church Walk in 2010 was considered to be £160,000, it has not been revalued. The Gardiner Trust, founded in 1956 was modified in 1969 to allow income not required for fabric repairs to be used in furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Dulverton. The Parochial Church Council are trustees of the Gardiner Trust.

Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance act on behalf of the Parochial Church Council as custodial trustees in respect of 3 Church Lane.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and
 signed on it's behalf by: _____

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH DULVERTON
NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- (b) Incoming and outgoing resources: All incoming resources are recognised only when amounts are received and outgoing resources are only included when the amounts are expended by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c) Plant and equipment used in the church or churchyard are written off in the Receipts and Payments account on acquisition. Other assets including moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal are detailed in the Inventory but not recognised in the financial statements.
- (d) Funds: Unrestricted funds represents funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.
- (e) Stocks: The church hold stocks of books, pamphlets and consumables for resale, and consumption. These are not valued, the costs being included in the Receipts and Payments account as and when they are purchased.
- (f) Church fees: Church fees included in the accounts are the proportion of fees due to the Parochial Church Council. Amounts due to the Diocese, officiant or other third party are netted off against the amount received. This is the only circumstance where expenses are netted off against income.

