



Minutes of the Annual Meeting for Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Sunday, 3rd April 2022 at Trentham Parish Church following the joint service at 10.30am.

1. The Annual Vestry Meeting

- a. Appointment of Secretary:** Sandra Baker was asked if she was prepared to continue as Secretary until the next APCM. Sandra agreed to continue in this role. **Proposed by Adrian Stone, seconded by Jon Mueller. All in favour.**
- b. Minutes of the meetings held on March 22nd, 2021:** the minutes were accepted. **Proposed by Derek Pamment, seconded by David Finn. All in favour.**
- c. Election of Church Wardens for 2022/23:** David Finn and Iris Barcroft were asked if they were willing to continue in this role until the next APCM. Both agreed. **David was nominated by Sue Thomas and seconded by Janice Hawkins. Iris was nominated by Janice Hawkins and seconded by Sandra Baker. All in favour.**

2. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

- a.** Adrian opened the meeting in prayer.
- b. Attendance and Apologies:** Apologies were received from 15 people. Approximately 52 people attended the meeting. Report packs had been sent out electronically using iKnow Church and printed copies were available in Church.
- c. Minutes of the meeting held on March 22nd, 2021, were accepted** (see above)
- d. Audited accounts:**
 - Val Ellis had previously presented the accounts to the PCC and they had been accepted and sent out electronically with the reports and displayed in Church.
 - Val reported that the finances were stable, especially with Standing Orders replacing some cash giving. Val reported that, as a Church, we have been blessed to have come through the last five years (and especially the last two years) with no deficit. Next year may be different due to rising energy costs and additional salaries.
 - Grants – as a Church we gave out £2,800 last year to our Mission partners. This year it is £3,500.

Val proposed that the accounts were accepted dated December 31st, 2021. Seconded by Nick Copestick. All in favour.

Adrian gave a special vote of thanks to Val for all her hard work in keeping the Church accounts in such good order and for her time and commitment.

e. Appointment of Auditors: Val proposed that we continue with DPC accountancy for accounts and payroll. Seconded by Gill Mochrie. All in favour.

f. Appointment of new PCC members:

Members standing down this year are Lisa Walters, Dick France, and Sue Massey. Adrian thanked them for their service to the PCC and Trentham Church. Emma Williams stood down before her term had ended.

There were three vacancies on the PCC for three years and one vacancy for two years.

There was one nomination - Terry Steele. **Proposed by Val Ellis and seconded by Sue Lakin. All in favour**

g. Sidespeople: The secretary read out the names of people willing to serve as welcomers from a list prepared by Stuart Mochrie.

Adrian proposed that the list be accepted of the people who help to welcome at our services. Seconded by Elsie Kay. All in favour.

h. Closing thoughts.

Adrian thanked everyone who had helped to serve the Church community in any way whatsoever (list available). He read out a list, particularly Rev Derek and Lynne Pamment, Val and the finance team, Church Wardens, Ministry Team, Steve and Carly Prescott for the Youth, Families and Children's work they lead - anyone who does anything in Church life and 'does stuff'! A special mention was given to Philip Harrison, our Church organist who died last year. The PCC has agreed to place a small plaque by the organ in his memory. Rob Edwards and Ashley Mellor were thanked for their organ playing.

The meeting ended in prayer.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Reports submitted for the 2023 APCM

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT 2022-2023.

We have so much to praise the Lord for this year.

Let's start with the Youth and Childrens Pastors; we see that the Childrens activities are producing an exciting new era for our youngsters, with a deeper walk with Jesus, an increase in the numbers attending church and the basement , not only from our church family but from the wider community.

The Open The Book team have had the opportunity to visit the two local schools sharing stories from the bible in colourful ways and have been pleased with the reaction from the teachers and children

The highlight of the year was the weekend at Shallowford House, where we witnessed many baptisms and stronger commitment to Jesus, helping to cement our wonderful Christian family with harmony , working together to build on the foundations which have been built over generations.

We also have seen many new people attending our services, after the difficulties experienced with the Covid Pandemic .

We are so delighted that Joe Palfreyman our New Curate has joined us, he has brought with him a deep sense of God's presence.

We feel that God is expanding our Ministry by involving Adrian in three other Churches in Stoke-On-Trent , he will oversee opportunities to welcome new incumbents to Hartshill ,Trent Vale and Penkhull .

Trentham Parish Church is an old building , so there are always challenges with Fabric we constantly have issues where we have to spend money to protect and ensure that any issues are dealt with.

We have improved the lighting outside the centre and at the gates with new PIR lights. Re laid the path, repaired leakage on the roof, Paul noticed a gas leak recently and we called in Mellor Mottram who came quickly to resolve the problem, we now have a window cleaner for the centre. We had to make safe the roof of the Graham Vestry as one of the pillars rendering was breaking up so that had to be urgently taken down and removed .

Adrian and Nick have project managed a complete revamp of our sound projection and streaming systems which will see the benefit for many years to come.

We have had issues when people didn't know where the church was situated, so we decided to ask Stafford Borough Council if we could have signs on Whitmore Road guiding people to our building ,they have now installed the signs . so it should be easier for folk to find us and it also reminds others that there is a church located in Trentham.

We have many challenges with our old building, this month we have a Quinquennial inspection of the whole of the Fabric of the church, which we have to do every five years, we suspect that they will tell us that the roof of the church will need a complete revamp , as various builders have told me that the underside of the roof is in very bad shape, the good thing is that the tiles are mostly in good condition .

We have to say a big thank you to Paul Topping our caretaker who is doing a great job in helping in so many ways for example he has recently decorated the Graham

Vestry , and painted the walls in the centre , he is also so willing and goes the extra mile .

Due to Wendy's illness, the administration has been able to tick over due to the support of Iris and Nick Copestick

Every Sunday Evening we meet for prayer and have seen God at work throughout our church family and beyond

We praise the Lord for the excellent Leadership of Adrian and Esther we are truly grateful for all they offer us.

It is such a joy to represent you are wonderful church family

Iris and David

iKnow Church software

2022 Progress was made in our expanding use of the iKnow software, even though I was missing I was able to work from home.

This software is important in running the booking, weddings, funerals, Baptisms Rota's and it is easier to contact a larger group of people with important information.

If you are not receiving the weekly newssheet you will not be on the system please fill in a form and I will add.

www.trenthamparish.myiknowchurch.co.uk and once you have signed in and set up your account on a pc, you can update or amend your personal information and preferences and add your holidays and times when you know you will not be available - very helpful for rota preparation and swaps.

If you are unsure of how to log in to the system please speak to Wendy in the office.

Administration

It has been a pleasure to return in person following a difficult year for the office, but I would like to thank Iris Barcroft for covering while I went through Treatment, and I was working from home, she kept the office going.

As we are getting to grips with iKnow the office is running smoothly.

If you have any queries please ask via Telephone, email or in-person

Wendy Blantford

Trentham Parish Church Caretaker Report for 2022-2023

As your caretaker my working day always starts with a smile and a sense of deep gratitude to be serving our Lord in such a beautiful building with so many amazing people. I am very conscious that my caretaking role is primarily looking after people and keeping this lovely building in a sound state of repair. I always feel the enormous responsibility of caring for our lovely old Church building and grounds.

As I am writing this report our 2023 quinquennial is going to take place late March and I am pleased and confident to say that the Church is in a general good state of repair. My only major concerns are our on-going problems with an ageing and leaking roof.

We have had a few leaking pipes in the church this year that have caused some damage, one especially above the balcony. These pipes have now been repaired by myself and I have made good and re-decorated the ceilings.

We have had a major issue of some of the render breaking away from the stonework on the side of the building but this situation should soon be repaired and made safe.

I am quite often in contact with our roofing, electrical contractors and our gas engineers and I am very grateful for their speedy assistance with any arising emergency situations. Most recently we have had a major gas leak from our gas meter located by the church gates. Gas had been leaking into the ground for potentially quite a considerable time. This problem has now been dealt with and we have no leaks leading from our gas meter into the boiler room, this will without a doubt now save us a considerable amount of money. I am very grateful to Mellor Mottram for their speedy assistance in this matter.

As ever I have done numerous jobs throughout the year, from decorating, plumbing, weeding, building bicycle racks and burying church mice. No two days are ever the same.

However, the one constant with my role as your church caretaker is our Monday team meetings where we pray and study Gods word before bringing any issues to the table. Without a doubt this centres everything that we do.

Much of my work will go un-noticed but my great labour of love this year was to eventually be able to repair and restore our beautiful old south door. This was very tired, full of woodworm and dry rot. Over many weeks of care and restoration it is now fully restored.

My responsibilities are not just the church building, church centre and church grounds but also our church car park. This year will see extra parking places put in place and I am very pleased that the issue of the security lighting has been resolved.

I would also like to thank Mandy our church cleaner for keeping our church clean and tidy and I would like to thank our church wardens, Iris and David for their continuing support in my role as your caretaker.

In closing I would express my gratitude to the church family with this amazing job as your caretaker.

Yours in Christ
Paul

Deanery Synod report to APCM 26th March 2023

In March 2022 the meeting at St Paul's, Longton, Mike Whittaker was re-elected as Lay Chair and 3 new members elected to the Standing Committee. Dean Shaun Morris presented the Deanery priorities as developed by the Shaping for Mission Team :-

Helping people flourish in Christ-likeness

Growing healthy congregations

Inspiring leaders to lead

A number of approaches were put forward, the main ones being: -

Learning Communities

Mission Action Planning

Archdeacon Megan Smith gave more detail on **"Learning Communities"** based on tried and tested models of Lead Academy (Bucks) and Flourish (Gloucester); which is based upon groups of **Churches coming together to share common goals and values**. Also, light touch documentation for **"Mission Action Planning"** should be available by Easter 2023.

In July 2022 at St Andrews, Sneyd Green an update on **"Shaping for Mission"** was given and the potential for an application from our Deanery to a Strategic Development fund from the Diocese to support our activities. This was in conjunction with the main item of the meeting **"Making Mission Action Planning useful"**, which was led by Simon Foster from the Diocese Mission Department.

In November 2022 the meeting at St Werburghs, Burslem focused on **"Reaching our Community"** which was led by Rev Malcolm Mycock from St Johns, Abbey Hulton.

The guest speaker was GP Dr Steve Smith from **KEYS Community Detox** based in Bristol. The mission of KEYS is to equip Churches and Christian organisations to reach those facing **addiction, such as drugs, alcohol and their underlying issues**. Their 3 key areas to address for those in need are: -

Medical and Healing (both by Health professionals and the NHS)

Spiritual (by Churches and Christian organisations)

KEYS address the **Spiritual** needs using a 12-step program all based on Christian principles (see www.keysdetox.org) including the setting of recovery and support groups.

Adrian Stone, John Massey, Stuart Mochrie, Sue Thomas

Pastoral Visiting Annual Report for 2022

Pastoral visiting resumed this year, following the Covid 19 pandemic . Our team of pastoral visitors saw people in their own homes and took Holy Communion to those unable to attend church.

Lindly House staff were keen that we should resume monthly visits to them, with a service of Holy Communion. We went into Trentham House for a short time, then they made other arrangements. Adrian takes Communion to four of the church family who now reside in Heyfield House .

At Christmas we took gift bags to the housebound and to members of the church family in residential care. A personalised Christmas card was delivered to residents in Lindly House.

Members of the team supported Elsie with the Bereavement Café (see separate report). The annual memorial service in November was popular and brought some comfort for bereaved families for whom we had done funerals.

Stuart Cooke left the team this year and, of course, Rev. Derek Pamment has moved on. He introduced us to a number of useful resources including The Bereavement Journey and Faith in Later Life, which have been of great help. His care and concern for the elderly and vulnerable was much appreciated. We are pleased that both Adrian and Joe have been able to attend our meetings and that between us we are able to support those in need.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the pastoral work of this church in all its forms, so that everyone feels welcome and is valued as a member of the church family.

Pastoral visiting team:

Rev Adrian Stone, Rev Joe Palfreyman

Ann George (Coordinator), Jean Edwards, Elsie Kay, John Massey, Barbara Whitehouse, Marcelle Bennett, Lesley Grocott, Kevin Weston.

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Electoral Roll - as at 8th March 2020

2021	2022	
TOTAL 208 125 IN PARISH 83 OUT OF PARISH	TOTAL 208 125 IN PARISH 83 OUT OF PARISH	

If you are over the age of 16 and live in the parish you are entitled to be on the roll, if you live outside of the parish but have worshipped at Trentham for a minimum of 6 months regularly you can apply to join. Please fill in a form

Electoral Roll Officer

Worship Music at TPC, 2022-23

Worship Music at 11:00 services is being delivered by nearly twenty musicians in different 'bands'. It's been great to see the development of worship leaders and how varied combinations of instruments and singers can interchange easily and work together for God's glory.

I make a special mention of the 'Girls' Group' which has so capably led the worship at Ladies' conferences in Church.

We continue to be inspired by Adrian and Esther, who have taken our worship to a different level and they have also so blessed various outreach events in the city and further afield.

We introduce roughly 8 new songs a year and we are close to being able to add these to the new website, so that congregations can become familiar with them more quickly.

The installation of new amplifiers and speakers, along with the digital sound desk, has enhanced the quality of the sound system, for which we are very grateful. Although there are still some tweaks to be made, the system is as good as can be in our lovely church building.

Life Group Report - Trentham Parish Church APCM 2023

The life Groups at Trentham have been up and running since the last restriction of COVID-19 were lifted. They are a chance for our church members to gather in small groups between Sundays for fellowship, prayer, and bible study. There are currently approximately 10 groups of church members meeting on a weekly or fortnightly basis. The groups range in size from anywhere between 6 – 15 members and meet at a time that suits them with some in the evening and some meet in the day. In the Autumn of 2022 Rev'd Joe Palfreyman took on oversight of the life group leaders as part of my ministry at the Church.

The different groups all have different styles of working which means they offer a range of options to the church community. Some meet in person and some meet on zoom, some have a pastoral focus, others have a biblical studies focus, and some prioritise prayer. In the last year one life group closed, whilst another leader stepped away and the group has evolved to join a with a new leader at a new time.

In October the question was asked as to whether our life groups had space for new members and very few felt they were able to take on any more people. Most people looking for a group find one through relationships with other church members but occasionally someone will search for a space and be left without a group. With this in mind the Life group leaders were invited to a Vision evening where they were introduced to a 'leadership vision planning tool'. This was communicated that the leaders might begin to ask the question "what is Jesus calling our life group to?". The life group leaders were ask to take this tool away and prayerfully consider their life groups vision which will be developed further come spring 2023. As part of finding new vision, we hope to discover a way forward regarding the limit space in our current life groups.

Since Autumn 2022 the life group leaders have also been sent standardised notes based upon that week's sermon. This began in response to feedback that when the life group leaders received notes from the different preachers they received different levels of depth, clarity, and application each week. Thus, standardise notes (provided by Rev'd Joe Palfreyman each Monday) were found to be more helpful. These notes are designed to empower the leaders to lead a session based on that week's sermon in a helpful, low maintenance way.

The life groups continue to be an incredible source of generous volunteers and when called upon there is always at least one group happy to help, particularly with regards to providing food for The 2023 Alpha course.

Intentional Discipleship including Alpha 2022-23

The team consists of Nick and Suzannah Copestick, Val Ellis and Dick and Anna France.

One Course is being run by the team this year.

The Marriage Course is not currently being considered.

Alpha Course 21-22 - Catchup

The Alpha Course commenced at the end of January 2022 and was completed before Easter 2022. There were regularly 10 attenders which made for a good group. Three were already in life groups and there were three who wished to start a life group, which they did and were led mainly by Paul Topping with Anna France in support. She has since left to help on Alpha 2023. These three are now regular church attenders and it is fair to say a blessing to our church. It is however, not really a sustainable group at this size and hopefully can be joined by guests from the following Alpha course.

Alpha Course 22-23

The new course this year again commenced late January and has settled into 13 regular attenders. Only two are past regular Trentham Church attenders making 11 “new” or very recent church attenders. The course team this year consisted of Rob Stanway, Nick and Suzannah Copestick, Val Ellis, Dick and Anna France and Julie Lawton with Rob, Dick and Julie as regular hosts with others filling in week by week on a rota. The numbers meant we had two discussion groups – therefore 4 hosts/helpers each week. An additional member of the team each week has been Rev. Joe Palfreyman whose input with both groups has been invaluable. The course has just about settled down at the time of writing (halfway through course) and discussions are coming on well and high hopes for the Holy Spirit day in March.

Iris’s help in organising the food hospitality has been pivotal. There is no doubt a proper meal does add to the general “conviviality”. There seems little point in materially changing the standard model save altering the evening next year or using a Saturday morning. The Church Centre certainly creates the right atmosphere to house the course.

A concern we have is that at the end of the course we need to find new leaders who are willing to lead a life group with perhaps 5 or 6 of the Alpha guests or possibly

merge it with last year's Alpha group of 3 ladies led by Paul Topping with added support. It could be a successful group and ideally this would be available after Easter.

We therefore need new Life Group leaders to step forward to take on this new Life Group, possibly fortnightly but it is early days to know yet.

The Intentional Discipleship Team need to reassess their roles and future plans this year which have unsurprisingly been disrupted by the effects of Covid over the last three years. Perhaps it could be helping other churches in Stoke-on-Trent whose resources are not yet developed?

As ever, it has been a pleasure and a privilege for us to be involved with this team.

Dick & Anna France 22/02/2023.

Bereavement Friendly Cafe

We started Bereavement Friendly Cafe 18 months ago in the Church centre.

We contacted people who funerals had taken place at Trentham Church.

We had 12 replies so we start up in August 2021 for eight weeks initially, we cover different stages of grieving.

Today there are still 9 of the original members of the group, we have just had 3 new members

The group is led by myself, Elsie, and 3 other church members.

The group is a very friendly and supporting group, they share friendship and support and share their feelings.

We meet weekly and we are now doing outside activities coffee/walk mornings, cinema, concerts, theatre and days out to RHS gardens in the next few weeks.

This time last year people would only go out for a coffee

Myself and the team are supported by Adrian Stone(Vicar) and Ann George(Pastoral Leader)

Elsie Kay

2023 APCM report on Church flowers

This year has seen a group of eight ladies from the Church taking it in turns to provide flowers for the altar on a fortnightly rota. The displays have been very colourful and much appreciated by the Church family. There are only a few occasions when flowers are not on display e.g., during lent and advent. The ladies have come together as a group to create displays at Easter and Christmas. Flowers are provided by families for some occasions like a wedding or funeral. It is a way of serving the Church and God by exhibiting His beautiful flowers and a way of thanking God for His creation.

Sandra

Hospitality

Following a couple years of being unable to share hospitality it is a pleasure to report that over the past year we have had several opportunities to do so.

Listed below are the many activities that we have provided or helped with hospitality.

Alpha breakfast, Coffee on a Sunday, Bereavement Cafe, Friday lunch, Heritage Day, Newcomer's afternoon teas, Renewal retreat/lunch, Mens breakfast, Children and youth parties. Mulled wine and mince pies for the Carol service. Maundy Thursday, Clergy breakfast.

In addition we had the wonderful opportunity to hold a church weekend at Shallowford, where we were able to provide the food for the whole weekend.

None of the above would have been possible without the commitment of many individuals who have led and organised these events but also the numerous helpers who volunteered to deliver them.

Once again the Lifegroups have taken up the job of providing the coffee each Sunday and this year are providing meals for Alpha for which we are very thankful.

Iris Barcroft.

MISSION GIVING REPORT for the year ending December 2022

Val Ellis - PCC Treasurer

06 March 2023

Trentham Church currently has five mission organisations which they support. These organisations have been chosen by the church family and approved by the PCC.

The year ending December 2022 is the first of three years which the following five organisations will be supported

Each of the organisations was awarded £3,400 in 2022.

(1) FOODBANK

Representative - Stuart Cooke

The Foodbank initiative has continued to operate - with collections from church and at The Man in Space carpark on Saturday mornings. The number of designated drivers has increased and this ensures that the operation runs smoothly and we are grateful for so many willing volunteers. The idea of helping Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank began during lockdown when we assumed it would be only a temporary need. Sadly, the need is even greater now as we live in such an uncertain economic climate and we are ever thankful for the generosity of the church family and the much wider community of Trentham who are willing to give so generously.

(2) THE KABANDA TRUST, Rock of Joy Children's Centre in Lungujja, Uganda.

Representative - Sue Thomas

The Kabanda Trust is honoured to continue to be one of Trentham Church's Mission Partners. We particularly appreciate your prayers both for the Trust and for Pastor Steve and his people at Kingdom Gospel Church (KGC) and Rock of Joy Children's Centre in Lungujja, Uganda.

This year we have not only valued the annual donation which has helped towards the ongoing work at Rock of Joy but have been particularly touched by the amazingly generous gifts of over £8000 which we received in response to David Finns initiative to "Donate your Dinner" to help provide meals for the community of Lungujja during the Covid 19 pandemic.

During our visit to Uganda in November 2022 we were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the members of KGC and of the community around. Trentham Church's support had allowed KGC to provide "Food Bank" type help to over 2000 families for several months, to give antenatal and practical support to over 70 pregnant mothers, to build a well to supply fresh water to an area in the community and to support some small business who had severe financial challenges. Many seeds of faith were sown and undoubtedly because of your generosity, lives have been saved and babies born who may not have survived in the circumstances that existed. Working together with their local council they were able to reach out to a number of Muslim families, members of whom joined us in an overflowing church at a special service of Thanksgiving and Praise for all that God had done for them during Covid.

Pastor Steve asked us to pass on his heartfelt thanks for the love of Jesus shared with them and to encourage Trentham Church with the words of 2 Corinthians 9"12 - 15

***12** This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. **13** Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **14** And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **15** Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

(3) NIGHT SHELTER

Representative - Iris Barcroft

This past year has been very different to how the Night Shelter operated prior to the pandemic. One of the problems that they have had is finding enough volunteers to be able to open overnight for their guests to be able to stay. However, they have been able to help those in need in other ways through providing meals, change of clothes, showering facility and a room in a hotel on very cold evenings. They also sign post their guests to other organisations and facilities who can help with accommodation and other types of support e.g., benefits and health. The Night Shelter are very appreciative of our Mission partner donation and the generosity of the church family and Trentham Community in providing food and clothes, without this help they would find it very difficult to provide the wonderful service that they do.

(4) SALTBOX

Representative - Simon Webster

Saltbox have been very appreciative of our donation which has enabled them to continue to provide the support and valued services in Stoke on Trent and North Staffordshire.

Saltbox is a Stoke-on-Trent based charity which promotes Christian values in society. Saltbox works with local churches and Christian organisations and coordinates united Christian events such as City Celebrations and prayer events like the annual Civic Prayer Breakfast. Saltbox also provides three caring services to help and support vulnerable people including: Restart (providing housing and support for 130 homeless and ex-offenders), CareLink (supporting 300 older vulnerable people with a

befriending service) and Money Matters (providing debt advice for the various Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank distribution centres).

(5) CHURCH FAMILY MISSION

Representative – Janice Hawkins

The current beneficiaries of this support are Janice and David Isherwood.

Janice and David lived and worked in a family called Footprints. Children living there have either been abandoned or removed from dangerous situations. Many of them have learning difficulties due to drug/alcohol abuse.

David and Janice thank everyone at Trentham Church for their prayers and financial support.



Aa



2 March 2023 at 10:47

AGM report for MU 2022-2023

During the last year we have regained momentum after the Covid restrictions and are back to meeting monthly on the second Thursday at 2.00, to which anyone is welcome to join us. Mothers Union is a C of E charity that prays for and supports family life in its diverging needs.

At the meetings we pray and praise and either have a speaker or involve in discussion and activities related to the ethos of the charity.

The last 12 months has seen us sadly lose a few members to heaven or care facilities, but all have connected closely with us over many years. We now have 21 local members.

Members can join online and I encourage you to look at the Mothers Union website to find out more and consider becoming a member yourself to support this worldwide charity, working in 84 different countries.

Any member here at Trentham would be happy to tell you more

Maureen Pennington

Report for Next Level Youth Ministry at Trentham Parish Church

Next Level Youth on Sunday

Along with myself, there is a talented team who help to run the group on Sunday. Numbers have varied from 5-11 young people, whose ages range from 11-16. The topics we have looked include the journey from non-believer to believer, fear, encounters with Jesus, Biblical characters, school. The young people have been sharing words of prophecy, asking great questions during discussions, and slowly developing hearts for prayer.

We have introduced uplighters and inflatable sofas to create a more chilled atmosphere which has helped the young people open up more as well as there being variety of games, discussion, prayer, and Bible study.

Next Level The Basement

The Basement has continued to go well. When we finished in the summer there were only 3 young people attending, but through advertising in Trentham Academy, on Trentham Talking and through word of mouth the numbers have averaged 18 young people attending each Friday. They have come mainly from the local Trentham area, as well as Stone and are year 7-year 9.

Relationships between the group have really developed through the team games which are running brilliantly. In the God slot we have been looking at Fruit of the Spirit and currently looking at Mental Health which link in with the Bible. Great times of discussion and requests for prayer.

Limitless Festival

Some of the young people from the Basement and church went to Limitless, they had not experienced anything like it before, they took it in their stride, and they all made first time commitments and recommitments. Some of the young people have signed up already to go again this year. They were there with 3,000 other young people , where they joined in with the worship, prayer and listened to some great talks, there were times to chill out and relax at the silent discos, cinema, football and enjoy meal times together.

Limitless One

In February we took 18 young people (church and Basement Youth year 6-year 9's) along to a Life Central Church- Halesowen which was amazing for an evening of worship, teaching, ministry and a whole lot of fun! It was so special to be part of their evening where they were encountering Jesus in different ways.

Governor

In November started as a parent Governor at Priory CoE Primary school which I am starting to get the hang of as I learn the ropes.

Junction/Blaze

I am part of a leadership for a Stoke network called Junction which has the vision 'To engage, equip and energise young people to encounter Jesus through prayer, evangelism and discipleship.' I am heading up the prayer nights called Blaze which is Kingdom focussed and going after young people having 'revelation from Jesus'- Galatians 1:11-12 in prayer.

Trentham Academy

The mentoring continues to go well.

I have started working with one of the Behaviour Managers doing group work relating to Wellbeing.

At Christmas, a team of us from Trentham- Adrian, Esther , Joe and myself (Steve) went in and led part of the whole school assembly which was well received judging by the responses during and after the assembly from both staff and pupils.

Thanks

I want to say a big thank you to Jon Mueller, Rebecca Smith, Marcelle Bennett for their time, commitment and dedication for the time their gave in serving the young people, who have stepped down since the last report.

Future events

Future events include: -

Limitless Festival

Please continue seeking God's heart to join in with what he is doing with the above groups.

Steve Prescott

Youth Pastor

PCC REPORT January 2023 for Children, Families

Wow, what a year we have had in children and families work at Trentham Parish Church. I would like to say how I have loved this year, getting to know the children and families more and seeing them get closer to Jesus.

Little Stars – We had to split little stars into 2 groups because it got too busy for it to be safe and enjoyable, so now we have two sessions on a Tuesday morning with about 30 families registered at each session. Little stars has a fantastic atmosphere and the children and adults love the praise and play we do at the end of the sessions. We sing, pray and listening to a bible story (sometimes told by a puppet). It was amazing to see a lot of the families come to the nativity and the Christingle services. We are building relationships up with the families because we have had some prayer requests and able to pray for them there and then.

Kids on Sunday – We have had a great year getting to know each other but mostly getting to know Jesus more. We have been recently learning about God's nature – So the children understand that God is Holy, Loving, Merciful, Full of Grace, Friend of sinners. We will continue this topic into the next half term. We spend time waiting and listening to the Holy Spirit, God has spoken to children and leaders with pictures, words, and feelings. The children have fun winning points each week and then on the first Sunday of each month they get prizes, the children absolutely love this.

"The Little Ones" on Sunday – Is a new group that has only been running a few weeks. This is an exciting group for children 4 and under (if they haven't started school yet). This group needed to form because we have suddenly had an influx of younger children joining the church and it is so important to start sharing Jesus with them as early as possible. This group isn't a childcare facility but a group where the children will learn about Jesus and get to know Him through, songs, stories, crafts and toys. It has started off well and I'm excited to see what will happen with it.

The Younger Basement – Is held on a Friday night 5pm-6:30pm in the church centre for years 4,5,6. We get about 20-25 young people every week, most of them are children from unchurched backgrounds. It is fantastic to see our church children interacting with their friends that they have invited from school. We have free time where the children play table tennis, table football, card games, pool, paint nails, glitter tattoos and face paints, an amazing tuckshop and then we play some team games, after that we have a God slot where we talk about relevant things for the children. This term we have been talking emotions, anger, worry, Jealousy, grief, and guilt are just a few we have done so far. So, we talk about them, but we always bring it back to Jesus. The children really listen and join in and some of the answers they come up with when asked a question are amazing. We always finish with a prayer, which some of the children want to say themselves. It is such a privilege to get to know these children and help them and show them Jesus's love.

Light Party – On 31st October 2022 we held a light party, an alternative to Halloween. It was such a fantastic time had by all, children and leaders. We played fun games, had snacks, watched a short video clip about Jesus being Light of the world. It was great to be able to do this outreach and tell the children about Jesus. We are looking forward to the next one.

Ash Green Assemblies – Adrian and I have been going into Ash Green school to do assemblies probably once a month sometimes more. These are great opportunities to build relationships up between the church and the school and to tell them about Jesus. At Christmas the school came to the church for a special carol service, it was brilliant to have all these children and teachers in our church. I had the privilege to talk to them about Darkness not being able to overcome light – Jesus being light of the world. This Easter they are coming again for an Easter service, which is very exciting.

I just want to say thank you for all the support from the teams, they are amazing, we really could not do any of this without them. If you are interested in joining any of the children's teams, please contact me for a chat.

Please continue to pray for our children and families who are part of all the different groups.

Carly Prescott,

Children and Families Pastor

Open the Book Team **Report to the APCM 26 March 23**

The members of **OPEN THE BOOK** (OtB) Storyteller Team continue to be enthusiastically welcomed into both Ash Green Primary Academy and Priory Church of England Primary School once a month.

At the request of both school when post Covid, we were able to resume our physical visits, we began again with the creation story and moved through the Old Testament to the story of Abraham. We are currently telling stories about Jesus. The children love the presentations, and it is a joy to see their faces as they watch and listen to the storytelling and we pray that the seeds planted in their lives by hearing stories from the Bible will be watered and grow as they do.

We continue to respond to other opportunities to serve the schools in practical ways. Members of the Team have accompanied school outings whilst others provide much appreciated cakes for the school's staff at the end of each term.

It is a pleasure to be able to work together with Hanford Parish church in this ministry and to develop supportive relationships with each other.

We continue to value the prayers of the church as we continue this ministry.

Sue Thomas
(Open the Book Storyteller Team Leader)

Safeguarding Report for Trentham APCM

26 March 2023

The PCC of Trentham Parish Church and the incumbent, Rev Adrian Stone, have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in our church community. They take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults for whom they have responsibility and seek to create a culture of support and vigilance where everyone feels welcome, safe, loved and valued.

In May 2019 the PCC adopted and was working towards implementing the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy on Safeguarding Children "Protecting All God's Children" (2010), Promoting a Safer Church (2017) and a Parish Policy and Procedure on safeguarding children and adults who may be vulnerable. These are reviewed and updated as necessary every year.

The PCC has appointed Mrs Susan (Sue) Thomas as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for the calendar year 2023/24. She is the point of contact through which any safeguarding concerns will be channelled. Safeguarding is now a fixed item on the PCC agenda to which the PSO provides a report. The PSO is supported by the Safeguarding Advisory Team continue to review our safeguarding processes.

Safeguarding Advisor Team (SAT):

Iris Barcroft:	Church Warden
Joe Palfreyman:	Curate
Carly Prescott:	Children's Pastor (also appointed by PCC as DBS admin assistant in Mar 2022)
Steve Prescott:	Youth Pastor
Ann George:	Pastoral Care Minister

All members of the SAT have undertaken Safer Recruitment Training.

Safeguarding Development Plan

The SAT has established a Safeguarding Development Plan which this year has focused on reviewing our SAFER RECRUITMENT POLICY and a developing POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORT provided by the church. Associated forms and information sheets, many of which are out of date are also being reviewed. A TEAM INFORMATION PACK has been created for those who offer to serve on our teams. PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING A CONCERN are also being reviewed along with a plan to disseminate this information to all who serve on our teams. All paperwork, confidential documents and records are now kept in a locked filing cabinet in the locked office in the Church Centre.

Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS)

As a PCC who provide, sponsor and approve children's' work, it is a legal requirement for all PCC members as well as those who serve with children, young people and vulnerable adults to obtain an enhanced DBS check. During the year we have updated those DBS which had expired and completed checks on everyone who has volunteered to serve on a team. A mammoth task of checks.

Safer Recruitment

Owing to a large number of new volunteers to serve on our children's' and young people's teams, the SAT has focused on refining our Safer Recruitment procedures. As a result, an updated Safer Recruitment Policy & Procedure were accepted by the PCC at their last meeting in March 23. All new volunteers are now being Safely Recruited.

Training

With regard to our responsibility to train and equip church officers in line Lichfield Diocese's Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework 2021 - 24; from 1 January 2022 all PCC members are required to complete both the Church of England Basic Awareness and the Foundation Level Safeguarding Training. Along with our Clergy, Licenced Minsters and members of the PCC, all staff are also in the process of undertaking/ updating the appropriate level of training online. The SAT hope to arrange Diocesan Safeguard Training for all member of the Children, Youth and Adult teams as soon as possible.

The PSO and SAT are grateful for the support and co-operation of all the church as we seek to develop a culture where Safeguarding is a key feature of our care for each other.

Sue Thomas

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D. Objectives and Activities

Within the fellowship of the Church of England, the Lichfield diocese and the local community, Trentham Parish Church Council has sought to incarnate the strapline *"Sharing the love of Jesus"*.

The five points from the vision of Trentham Church are: -

1. Seeking the Heart of God
2. Preach the Authentic Gospel
3. Value Each Other and Identify Gifts
4. Intentional Discipleship and Discipling
5. Outreach to the Community and Beyond

Annual Report for 2022 (Continued)

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E. Achievements and Performance

Reports from all groups and activities will be submitted at the APCM which is to be held in March 2023.

F. Reserves Policy

The PCC discussed the following factors in arriving at their reserves policy:

- Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons – whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard, it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others (including employees) is important.
- A wish to have six months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major problem (£70k). This does not include repairs to the building.
- Remaining work on the sound system (5k).
- Staff salaries (56k).
- The quinquennial is due to take place in 2023. It would be prudent to allow for repairs now (£60k)
- There was a general wish that more should be spent on outreach to the community.

Policy: It is the policy of this church to hold in reserves no more than 6 months general running costs and no less than 3 months general running costs.
It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely building works at the next quinquennial inspection.

Rev. Adrian Stone
Senior Minister

Date: -----

Accountants Report

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the charity / PCC and the examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent Examination is needed.

It is our 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of this report

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

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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 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.

Helen Tidyman

Independent examiner

DPC Accountants Ltd
Stone House
Stone Road Business Park
Stoke-On-Trent
ST4 6SR

Date:

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Un- restricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and legacies	4a	182,296	-	182,296	190,394
Other trading activities	4b	9,705	-	9,705	5,456
Investments		182	(39)	143	15
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		192,183	(39)	192,144	195,865
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants & donations	5a	22,250	-	22,250	17,500
Charitable activities	5b	173,119	300	173,419	142,390
Church administration & management	5c	11,917	-	11,917	11,254
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		207,286	300	207,586	171,144
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(15,103)	(339)	(15,442)	24,721
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		278,188	1,974	280,162	255,441
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022		263,085	1,635	264,720	280,162

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	39,398	38,826
Investments	8	1,635	1,675
		<hr/> 41,033	<hr/> 40,501
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	9,440	12,325
Cash at Bank		217,817	230,998
		<hr/> 227,257	<hr/> 243,323
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,570)	(3,662)
		<hr/> 223,687	<hr/> 280,162
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<hr/> 264,720	<hr/> 280,162
NET ASSETS			
REPRESENTING			
General Funds	11	263,085	278,188
Restricted Funds	11	1,635	1,974
		<hr/> 264,720	<hr/> 280,162

Approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC on and signed
on its behalf by:

Rev Adrian Stone
Senior Minister

D Finn
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is registered in England and Wales with a charity number 1144889. The registered address is Park Drive, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8AB.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. These financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102)).

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption available for smaller charities not to produce a cash flow statement.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, the functional currency.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are applied in accordance with the direction of the payer/donor. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is matched to the income.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when any preconditions have been met.

Funds raised by special events are accounted for exclusive of expenses.

Income from Investments

Interest on Deposits is accounted for when receivable; such income is paid to the PCC without the deduction of income tax.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure where matched to specific income in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Equipment acquired since 1 January 1996 for use within church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life. For fixtures and fittings this is 5 years.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December are shown at Note 9 below as "Debtors", these sums have been received after the accounting date. Income Tax recoverable is calculated by reference to receipts under gift aid to 31 December.

Current liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

4. INCOMING RESOURCES

a) Incoming resources from Donors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Bankers orders & regular cheques	127,564	-	127,564	135,653
Income tax recoverable	32,511	-	32,511	34,266
Collections (open plate) at all services	6,454	-	6,454	4,405
Other giving and sundry donations and receipts	15,767	-	15,767	16,070
	182,296	-	182,296	190,394

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

b) Income from charitable & ancillary trading

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fees	9,645	-	9,645	4,137
Trading	60	-	60	1,319
	9,705	-	9,705	5,456

5. RESOURCES USED

a) Grants

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
Missionary and Charitable Giving:		
Salt Box	3,400	3,500
Toilet twinning	250	-
Foodbank	3,400	-
Ukraine	5,000	-
Open doors	-	3,500
Stoke night shelter	3,400	3,500
Kabanda Trust	3,400	3,500
D & J Isherwood	3,400	3,500
	22,250	17,500

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

b) Activities directly relating to the Church

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Caretaker	4,152		4,152	3,681
Ministry - Diocesan Parish Share	72,000		72,000	80,177
- Clergy and Curate Expenses	6,074		6,074	5,041
- Youth Pastor	34,408		34,408	13,780
Church Music (Organ)	3,518		3,518	2,376
Cleaning	2,595		2,595	2,870
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	6,425		6,425	5,026
Education and Training	1,696		1,696	899
Flowers	63		63	244
Leasing Costs – Office Photocopier	1,488		1,488	1,488
Accountancy fees	1,134		1,134	960
Church bibles and books	-		-	1,367
Miscellaneous running costs	6,369		6,369	6,578
Heat, Light and Telephone	11,055		11,055	5,668
Printing and advertising	1,336		1,336	714
Repairs and Maintenance	13,789		13,789	5,140
Outreach	999	300	1,299	710
Insurance	4,501		4,501	4,330
Expenditure re flat	1,517		1,517	1,341
	173,119	300	173,419	142,390

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

c) Church Management and Administration

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
Administration	11,917	11,254
	<u>11,917</u>	<u>11,254</u>

6. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries (including employers NIC and pension)	51,872	29,685
	<u>51,872</u>	<u>29,685</u>

During the year the PCC employed an average of 6 staff. (2021– 5)

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received any remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Net Book Value 2022 £	Net Book Value 2021 £
Kitchen	5,649	7,532
Computer and monitor	295	393
Live streaming system	4,946	6,595
Projectors and screens including sound system	2,420	3,225
Strimmer	90	120
Appliances for kitchen	700	933
TV	189	252
Dishwasher	660	880
Heater	25	34
Dehumidifier	69	104
Vacuum cleaner	150	-
I Pad	510	-
Defibrillator	936	-
Sound system	4,000	-
Car park	<u>18,758</u>	<u>18,758</u>
	<u>39,398</u>	<u>38,826</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

8. INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	1,675	1,075
Income received	-	-
Contribution / (encashment)	(40)	600
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,635</u>	<u>1,675</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	9,440	12,325
	<u>9,440</u>	<u>12,325</u>

10. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	3,570	3,662
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	
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"Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole"

D. Objectives and Activities

Within the fellowship of the Church of England, the Lichfield diocese and the local community, Trentham Parish Church Council has sought to incarnate the strapline "Sharing the love of Jesus".

The five points from the vision of Trentham Church are: -

1. Seeking the Heart of God
2. Preach the Authentic Gospel
3. Value Each Other and Identify Gifts
4. Intentional Discipleship and Discipling
5. Outreach to the Community and Beyond

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(to be presented to the APCM in March 2023)

E. Achievements and Performance

Reports from all groups and activities will be submitted at the APCM which is to be held in March 2023.

F. Reserves Policy

The PCC discussed the following factors in arriving at their reserves policy:

- Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons – whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard, it is also clear that sensible planning for known events and responsibility for others (including employees) is important.
- A wish to have six months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major problem (£70k). This does not include repairs to the building.
- Remaining work on the sound system (5k).
- Staff salaries (56k).
- The quinquennial is due to take place in 2023. It would be prudent to allow for repairs now (£60k)
- There was a general wish that more should be spent on outreach to the community.

Policy: It is the policy of this church to hold in reserves no more than 6 months general running costs and no less than 3 months general running costs.
It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely building works at the next quinquennial inspection.

Rev. Adrian Stone
Senior Minister

Date: -----

Accountants Report

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the charity / PCC and the examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent Examination is needed.

It is our 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of this report

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

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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 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.

Helen Tidyman

Independent examiner

DPC Accountants Ltd
Stone House
Stone Road Business Park
Stoke-On-Trent
ST4 6SR

Date:

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Un- restricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and legacies	4a	182,296	-	182,296	190,394
Other trading activities	4b	9,705	-	9,705	5,456
Investments		182	(39)	143	15
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		192,183	(39)	192,144	195,865
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants & donations	5a	22,250	-	22,250	17,500
Charitable activities	5b	173,119	300	173,419	142,390
Church administration & management	5c	11,917	-	11,917	11,254
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		207,286	300	207,586	171,144
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(15,103)	(339)	(15,442)	24,721
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Balances brought forward at 1 st January 2022		278,188	1,974	280,162	255,441
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022		263,085	1,635	264,720	280,162

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	39,398	38,826
Investments	8	1,635	1,675
		<hr/> 41,033	<hr/> 40,501
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	9,440	12,325
Cash at Bank		217,817	230,998
		<hr/> 227,257	<hr/> 243,323
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,570)	(3,662)
		<hr/> 223,687	<hr/> 280,162
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<hr/> 264,720	<hr/> 280,162
NET ASSETS			
REPRESENTING			
General Funds	11	263,085	278,188
Restricted Funds	11	1,635	1,974
		<hr/> 264,720	<hr/> 280,162

Approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC on and signed
on its behalf by:

Rev Adrian Stone
Senior Minister

D Finn
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is registered in England and Wales with a charity number 1144889. The registered address is Park Drive, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8AB.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. These financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 as the applicable accounting standards and the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102)).

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption available for smaller charities not to produce a cash flow statement.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, the functional currency.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are applied in accordance with the direction of the payer/donor. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is matched to the income.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when any preconditions have been met.

Funds raised by special events are accounted for exclusive of expenses.

Income from Investments

Interest on Deposits is accounted for when receivable; such income is paid to the PCC without the deduction of income tax.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure where matched to specific income in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Equipment acquired since 1 January 1996 for use within church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life. For fixtures and fittings this is 5 years.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December are shown at Note 9 below as "Debtors", these sums have been received after the accounting date. Income Tax recoverable is calculated by reference to receipts under gift aid to 31 December.

Current liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

4. INCOMING RESOURCES

a) Incoming resources from Donors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Bankers orders & regular cheques	127,564	-	127,564	135,653
Income tax recoverable	32,511	-	32,511	34,266
Collections (open plate) at all services	6,454	-	6,454	4,405
Other giving and sundry donations and receipts	15,767	-	15,767	16,070
	182,296	-	182,296	190,394

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

b) Income from charitable & ancillary trading

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fees	9,645	-	9,645	4,137
Trading	60	-	60	1,319
	9,705	-	9,705	5,456

5. RESOURCES USED

a) Grants

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
Missionary and Charitable Giving:		
Salt Box	3,400	3,500
Toilet twinning	250	-
Foodbank	3,400	-
Ukraine	5,000	-
Open doors	-	3,500
Stoke night shelter	3,400	3,500
Kabanda Trust	3,400	3,500
D & J Isherwood	3,400	3,500
	22,250	17,500

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

b) Activities directly relating to the Church

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Caretaker	4,152		4,152	3,681
Ministry - Diocesan Parish Share	72,000		72,000	80,177
- Clergy and Curate Expenses	6,074		6,074	5,041
- Youth Pastor	34,408		34,408	13,780
Church Music (Organ)	3,518		3,518	2,376
Cleaning	2,595		2,595	2,870
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	6,425		6,425	5,026
Education and Training	1,696		1,696	899
Flowers	63		63	244
Leasing Costs – Office Photocopier	1,488		1,488	1,488
Accountancy fees	1,134		1,134	960
Church bibles and books	-		-	1,367
Miscellaneous running costs	6,369		6,369	6,578
Heat, Light and Telephone	11,055		11,055	5,668
Printing and advertising	1,336		1,336	714
Repairs and Maintenance	13,789		13,789	5,140
Outreach	999	300	1,299	710
Insurance	4,501		4,501	4,330
Expenditure re flat	1,517		1,517	1,341
	173,119	300	173,419	142,390

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

c) Church Management and Administration

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
Administration	11,917	11,254
	<u>11,917</u>	<u>11,254</u>

6. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries (including employers NIC and pension)	51,872	29,685
	<u>51,872</u>	<u>29,685</u>

During the year the PCC employed an average of 6 staff. (2021– 5)

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received any remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Net Book Value 2022 £	Net Book Value 2021 £
Kitchen	5,649	7,532
Computer and monitor	295	393
Live streaming system	4,946	6,595
Projectors and screens including sound system	2,420	3,225
Strimmer	90	120
Appliances for kitchen	700	933
TV	189	252
Dishwasher	660	880
Heater	25	34
Dehumidifier	69	104
Vacuum cleaner	150	-
I Pad	510	-
Defibrillator	936	-
Sound system	4,000	-
Car park	<u>18,758</u>	<u>18,758</u>
	<u>39,398</u>	<u>38,826</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

8. INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	1,675	1,075
Income received	-	-
Contribution / (encashment)	(40)	600
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,635</u>	<u>1,675</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	9,440	12,325
	<u>9,440</u>	<u>12,325</u>

10. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	3,570	3,662
	<u>3,570</u>	<u>3,662</u>

11. FUND RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	
Balance at 1 January 2022	278,188	1,974	280,162
Transfers	-	-	-
Net (decrease)/ increase for the year	(15,103)	(339)	(15,442)
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>263,085</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>264,720</u>

The restricted funds relate to £1,635 for the decorating fund.