

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF DANEHILL

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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. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The provision of youth clubs with a Christian ethos. Promotion of Christianity through the hosting of events and meetings, and through home groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£262,519	£267,284	-	-
2023-12-31	£409,143	£307,659	-	-
2022-12-31	£97,092	£118,264	-	-
2021-12-31	£222,620	£213,870	-	-
2020-12-31	£118,440	£138,482	-	-
2019-12-31	£186,550	£197,222	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PATRICK MACBAIN	Chair	2013-05-03
Ashley Kauffman		2022-05-23
Christine Colbourne		2021-05-19
Ian Barras-Hill		2021-05-19
KIRSTY WATSON		2021-05-19

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate

2024



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DANEHILL

WITH CHELWOOD GATE

FROM THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all God’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.’ (Ephesians 3:17-19)

God’s love is too good to keep to ourselves! At All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate, our aim is to ‘know and share the love of Christ’. We love in response to the mercy the Lord Jesus has shown to us, especially revealed when he died so that we might be forgiven and enjoy eternal life.

Paddy would like to express his thanks to the Wardens, PCC and many others who have worked together towards our goals. Progress towards our mission is described briefly below.

Knowing the Love of Christ

The early Christians longed to grasp ‘how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.’ We continue to offer a wide range of services where we can learn from the Scriptures and respond with faithful prayer, joyful praise and loving service. These range from 8am Book of Common Prayer, to the 9.30am Communion and Morning Prayer, to the 11am informal service with children’s groups. We are grateful to God for well-attended Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday events, as well as our various school assemblies and services.

There were an average of 22 adults at the nine thirty service (21 last year), 35 adults and 12 children at the eleven o'clock (35 and 11 in 2022). At Chelwood Gate, an average of 4 people attended 8am (5 last year) and the church was used for a wide range of midweek activities. We hosted 7 christenings in church, 3 weddings and 6 funerals, providing opportunities to support people in our community at special times in their lives.

We offered a number of events to help nurture our faith and prayer life. These included an Alpha Course, Contemplative Prayer, Prayer and a Plate, online Thursday prayer and home groups meeting via Zoom and in person.

Home groups provide an excellent way to build each other up in faith as we dwell upon how the Scriptures relate to our lives today and how we can apply them to daily life.

Sharing the Love of Christ

We are thankful for the way in which the staff, wardens, PCC and others have given sacrificially of their time and skills in God's service. It has been encouraging to see new people using their gifts, from playing music, to being sidespeople, to providing refreshments after services.

We are thankful for the hard work of our Youth (& Families) Worker, Josh Watson and Meg Coppin, our half-time Families (& Children's) Worker, who then passed on the baton to Kate Dillingham. Kate joined us full-time in the role from September and has settled in really well.

The team have worked cheerfully with their different tasks, ably assisted by the volunteer helpers, to share God's love with younger people and their families. Food For Thought has been appreciated, helping us to serve older members of the community and others. The pastoral care group overseen by Shelagh Gilliam has been renewed and refreshed. The 'Love Your Neighbour' initiative continues to be noted in the village as a visible way of showing God's love in action, along with collections for the Food Bank and Homeless. Other excellent events have included Noah's Ark parent and toddler group, Film Fridays, ladies' craft nights, summer socials and the well-attended Ashdown Café, with its dedicated team of helpers. These have helped us to serve people in our villages and beyond.

The Parish Magazine and the church website have been important ways to serve the church and community by providing news and information. Church members have continued to interact with one another and those in the community through friendship as well as pastoral and practical support.

Sharing through Giving

We are thankful to God for those who have given sacrificially as a response to God's kindness, and to enable the work of the church to continue and thrive. We praise God for those who have enabled the church to meet its priorities through legacies and through taking part in giving. Our thanks to Stefan in his commitment as Treasurer, and to those who have supported this work.

We have invested in our vision in a number of ways. These include provision for the work with families, youth and children which is vital

for the churches' long-term future; repairing the bells at All Saints, and ongoing maintenance to keep the church buildings in good order. Steve Coppin and the fabric group have worked tirelessly to help this happen.

Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to the PCC, staff, and all the church teams who do so much to support and to enable the practical running of the churches' activities. The Vicar would like to express his special thanks to Charles and Ash as Churchwardens for their support in a multitude of ways. The Churchwardens have combined strategic thinking with practical help and hard work at many events.

The Vicar is also thankful to his wife Gabriela for the support she has given in Food For Thought, Pathfinders, hospitality, pastoral care, and for her encouragement and help in many areas.

And so we thank God for all that He has done in us and through us over the last year! May we continue to know and share the love of Christ, trusting that God can do 'immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.'

May His name be praised, Amen.

Noah's Ark – the baby & toddler group meets on Monday mornings in All Saints Church.



We have grown even more in the last year with an average of about 24 families and 36 children each Monday (not everyone comes weekly) and last term we had an all-time high of 46 children one Monday – very busy! We have snack time, a craft, story and singing (including Christian songs). Our main focus is on building relationships with the parents/carers and to show them God's love. My thanks to my wonderful team: Jennie M, Sue H, Fiona L, Meg C, Jenny V, Susie O and Bex W - it wouldn't happen without the team!

Invite Services - We ask families to some of our invite services and were pleased with the attendance of Noah's Ark families at the harvest which saw huge food donations going to the food bank. Our Nativity which featured Twinkle the donkey (aka a miniature Shetland pony), our thanks to Rachel R. At Christingle we saw good numbers from Noah's Ark and from school. Easter also saw good attendance and the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt afterwards. Adventure zone service saw good numbers from the club- we had 9 of the 15 families come which was amazing!

Film Friday – we have had 1 after-school film aimed at children & families (Paddington 2) with 74 people in attendance. Thank you to Sue H who have kindly store ice creams and to Meg C helping with clear up!

Sunday Club, Crèche & All Age Service -

Sunday Club & creche are continuing to thrive at the 11am service. This is important not only in teaching the children but allowing parents to sit in the service. We have a group of younger ones in creche which is great and a core group in Sunday club! The amazing team here are Olivia W, Chloe B, Heather K, and Fiona L thank you to them for not only being there but all the preparation it takes.



All Age Service - The All-Age service runs on the first Sunday of the month, with action songs, children/young people reading and leading prayers. I lead and co-ordinate this service and this helps with the link through for Noah's Ark parents and it has been great to see more of our on the fringe families coming more to this service as well as the other ones.



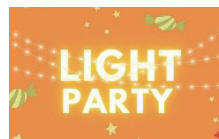
School Assemblies – Along with Paddy & Josh, I take assemblies at Danehill Primary School followed by playground duty. I am in every other week which is great to have this link, to provide bible teaching, get them singing Christian songs (with actions of course) and I get to know the children better. I also go into school to do crafts at lunchtime which has really helped the relationship with the school strengthen as well as strengthen the relationship with the children at school. I have also visited Cumnor Pre-Prep for harvest assembly.

WonderZone Holiday Club – this ran at the beginning of the summer holiday in 2023 with 29 children. A brilliant 2 days of activities, inflatable obstacle course, ice cream van, music (the Forcefield song and actions was the favourite)



and fun as we looked at the greatest rescue ever – Jesus!.We finished with a gathering of the parents to show them all we had done. Last year's dedicated team were Steve C, Kate D, Meg C, Kerrie P, Sue H, Fiona L, Josh W, Lydia H, Cam B and Anna M.

Light Party- We ran this on Halloween as an alternative to trick or treating but also for the people who don't like Halloween and wanted to celebrate light and happy things instead of scary! We had a great time as we dressed up as superhero/ favourite characters. We had games, crafts and hot chocolate! We had 20 families and 32 children, this was for the whole of primary and for younger siblings too. We gave out little books about Jesus being the light of the world as the families left. Thank you to the team and everyone who helped. Thank you to Meg C, Steve C, Sue H, Heather K, Ash K, Anna and Josie M.



Adventure Zone- This was our Easter holiday club that we ran for the 1st time this Easter (2024). It was an amazing 2 morning where we found out about the mystery man who defeated death, Jesus! We have games, crafts, songs (the Super Saviour song and actions were a favourite), and lots of fun. We had 15 children from school years reception to year 2 come along. We invited the families to our Sunday service to show the parents what we got up to, we had a brilliant number come along. A big thanks to our adventure zone team, I wouldn't have been able to do it without you, thank you to Meg C, Steve C, Josh W, Chloe B, Olivia W, Fiona L-, Sue H and Tamsyn L.



The Ark Café- the play café meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month during term time. We run from 9-11 am and we have toys and crafts for the children and tea, coffee and cake for the adults. It is a great time to chat to the parents/carers who come and get to know them better as well! We have been running since February and seen on average about 5 families and 8 children coming along. We run at Chelwood Gate church, and people who come frequently say how lovely the church and space is! Thank you to the team that helps run. Thanks to Heather K, Sara L, Jane C and Viki S.



As I started the role in September 2023, the previous post holder Meg has contributed to the report, especially for WonderZone.

These activities very much focus on relationships as part of our churches outreach, showing God's love, serving our community and sharing the gospel. Please pray for this vital work, for all the families we come into contact with, and that God would prepare their hearts and guide us all.

Kate Dillingham Families (& Children's) Worker
children@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

2023 has been a year of new ventures in the youth ministry, with the main highlight being the introduction of Forest Youth in partnership with West Watch Trust. Each Monday we meet with a group of 5 young people at our forest site where we light fires, play games and cook s'mores whilst being inspired by God's beautiful creation. No phones are allowed, and it's been great to get outside, away from the busyness of life. More and more studies are coming out that show the positive impact these types of sessions can have for young people, from teaching new skills and getting hands on with nature to reducing anxiety and building a safe community. As part of this I have become a qualified forest school leader, and having run this as a successful pilot programme, we're now hoping to grow and reach more young people in this way! At some point in the future we're also looking to launch a forest church on the same site, encouraging people to come together and worship God whilst enjoying the incredible world he has made.

We also went back to May Camp and Newday, taking 15 to May Camp and 4 to Newday. They were great times away as a group, where we learnt about God and had fun along the way. We've had to rethink our retreats strategy in 2024 due to the arrival of Josh and Kirsti's second child, but as a result of this we have run the first ever All Saints Youth Weekend away! We took 15 young people from across our youth groups to Carroty Wood, a Christian outdoor activities centre in Kent where we spent the weekend climbing, abseiling and swimming, all whilst exploring how we can be fearless in Christ. This weekend went really well, and was a great chance for us to go away together and build the community within the group. We're hoping we can build on the success of this weekend away, and are looking at dates for the 2025 weekend away!

On top of this, we've also had our usual regular groups that run week in, week out. TNT and H-Kafe are our informal spaces for young people to meet, have fun and unwind, with TNT running on Thursday night is Danehill, and H-Kafe running after school in Horsted Keynes. We see a total of 25 young people each week across these groups, and over the course of the year we've had contact with at least 60. We've also had a growing group of older young people that have been stepping up as young leaders and helping out at these groups. As a part of these groups we've been on night hikes, taken trips out to go climbing and run parties, always having a tonne of fun!

As a part of H-Kafe, we've also been supporting the growing Horsted Keynes Youth Council, which is a group of young people keen to support their local community. So far they've organised youth events, taken a trip up to parliament, and been tackling issues such as graffiti, littering and vaping. It's been amazing to see how much these young people care about their village, and a privilege to support them in making positive change.

Pathfinders is our regular Sunday group that runs alongside the 11am service, and we have 10 young people that are keen to learn more about what the bible has to say to them today. Each week we've been looking at the same verses as the 11am in a way that's applicable to the group, growing together in our understanding of scripture. Recently, we've been taking a look at an overview of the entire bible story, seeing how it all fits into God's plan to rebuild his kingdom.

We have been continuing to engage with Danehill Primary School, where we run assemblies and help with playground duty. It's been great to be able to support them in this way, and it has enabled us to build relationships with the students and teachers. I particularly like inviting the school up to the church for their special assemblies like Christmas and Easter, where we get to see their parents and

strengthen ties between the church and the wider village community.

I'm also involved in Oathall Secondary School where I help run a lunchtime Christian Union on Wednesdays for 20-25 young people. It's been inspiring to see these young people willing to spend their lunchtime learning more about Jesus, and learn what God has to say for their lives today. We've been going through the fruits of the Spirit in our latest series, seeing how we can grow each of these fruits in our lives.

And as always, these groups can only run thanks to the support of an amazing team of volunteers. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the young people of our villages and churches! If you want to get involved in the youth ministry, please get in touch with Josh at youth@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk.

Schools

Paddy, Josh, Meg and more recently Kate have been pleased to take school assemblies and to assist with breaktime supervision. Kate also helps with a crafts lunchtime club on Thursdays and Paddy serves as a school governor. The school continues its termly services at the church and values the link with us.

Danehill School's aim is to 'nurture, engage and inspire our community through our innovative, enlivened curriculum. Our strong Christian values enable all to flourish. We are all learning together, learning for life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). The school seeks to immerse its Christian values of curiosity, imagination, discipline, collaboration and persistence into all aspects of learning. The church also enjoys good links with Cumnor House School and has had opportunities to lead services for its pupils.

Safeguarding

It is important for us to be aware of our Safeguarding Policies, our Behaviour Code and where we can find Safeguarding resources so that we can be confident in tackling any safeguarding concerns. The key documents can be found at the website below.

www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding

A reminder to those who volunteer within the Church and hold DBS certificates that these need to be renewed every five years.

It is a requirement from the Diocese that anyone volunteering within the Church, especially with our Young People, holds a valid DBS certificate. I will be monitoring to ensure that the necessary certificates are in date.

We have continued to welcome a number of new volunteers to the existing numbers since last year with a record number of people in the past year of signing up to be volunteers with the Church and to assist with Josh and the youth work. We give thanks to God for those who continue to help in the Church.

Fred Harrison, Safeguarding Officer

Finance Report

2023 Review – Financially, 2023 has been a good year for our church. Regular donations this year have once again increased over last year, the number of donors contributing regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) increasing by over 25%, we increased the Parish Share we pay to the Diocese by 4% to £60k, as well as pledging to increase it by 4% every year for the next 2 years. We raised every penny of

the £18,500 cost of repairing the church bells, through the generosity of our bell ringers, gift aid and a negotiated VAT reclaim, and we are now half way towards raising the £50k plus we need to effect some repairs to the roof.

We appealed through the Parish Magazine for help in paying for the printing and associated costs of producing the mag, and were astonished by the response - with over 150 people in our parish sending us their contribution – not by any means all of them churchgoers.

We of course need all of this support and more to help finance the vast range of activities the church organises, not least of which is our family, children and youth work which is building the platform from which the all-important growth for the future of our church will come.

Thanks to a very large legacy left to us by Hazel Bailey, our total income for the year was £407k. Our outgoings were £206k. Although this is clearly a positive situation our future ability to pay our way cannot assume, or rely on, the receipt of any future legacies (although any and all would be really welcome) so it is only by the increasing generosity of our church family in their regular giving, and the addition of new families and children into our community, that we can assure the future for our church.

2023 has also been a year of catch-up. Following an earlier blip we have now fully recovered all the delayed Gift Aid for 2021 and 2022 , and have both claimed and received our HMRC payment for 2023. Our SOFA accounts for 2021 and 2022 have now been audited, signed off and submitted to The Charities Commission, and 2023 accounts are now also ready for submission.

2023 has been a good year for our church, and as we work towards growing our congregation, and the resultant increase in donations, we are truly thankful for the financial help we currently receive from our generous parishioners, and hope that we can increasingly rely on this help long into the future.

Stefan Mercado
Treasurer

Electoral Roll

In 2023 we had 167 people on the electoral roll. This year we have 184 people on the 2024 updated roll. 18 people have joined the church electoral roll this year, and 1 person has been removed (deceased). But it's lovely to see the church really growing. Thanks are due to Paddy, Meg, and the churchwardens, for their invaluable help.

Alice Marsh (Electoral roll officer)

Fabric Report

It's been another extremely busy year for the Fabric Committee (Steve, Charles, Will and Robert).

The work has included:

- Minor repairs AND the monthly actioning of 24 different maintenance items for our four properties (41 Oak Tree, Vicarage, All Saints Danehill and Chelwood Gate).
- Major repairs to bells 3 and 4 at All Saints Danehill – a huge thank you to the Bell Ringers and those who made private donations to cover the vast majority of the cost.
- The installation of new security lights at All Saints Danehill.

- Weekly monitoring and intervention to minimise the oil heating costs at All Saints Danehill whilst maintaining a warm and welcoming environment. This has also included the raising of £660 via Easy Fundraising to help offset heating costs.
- Offsetting our CO2 heating emissions at All Saints Danehill with Climate Stewards whilst we wait to move to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil which will reduce our CO2 heating emissions by up to 90%.
- Repairs to the North Roof at All Saints Danehill.
- Replacement of the boiler room door at All Saints Danehill.

Current large works in progress include:

- The repointing at All Saints Danehill of the tower and other parts of the building. This work is now scheduled for August 2024– watch out for scaffolding etc.
- Replacement of the north roof at All Saints Danehill. The Friends have offered to fund 50% of the cost and we are currently awaiting the results of 22 applications to grant providers for the other half of the cost. If successful, planning permission and faculty will be pursued July-Dec 2024 with work commencing asap in 2025.
- Measurement of our carbon-footprint as a church and further actions to achieve net-zero in good time for the 2030 CofE target.
- Preparation for the Quinquennial Inspection in August 2024.

A huge thank you to Steve, Charles, Will and Robert, for all your ongoing time and effort which indirectly enables us to know and share the love of Christ. Special thanks must also go to those people who regularly work alongside the Fabric Committee – Russell Skinner the electrician, Bob Brown the plumber, Paul Edwards the handyman, Mick & Philippa Payne the gardeners, Hancocks the heating engineers, Benji Martin the net-zero consultant and Mark Anderson the architect.

Chelwood Gate Church

We are grateful to everyone who helps to care for Chelwood Gate Church building. This includes those who provide beautiful flower displays, Hannah and Jamie and those who have cleaned the building and Jane Leuchars and Frances Parrish for their help and input on various practical matters. It has been encouraging to see the building used for a wider range of activities such as the Ark Café for families and children, youth events, Food For Thought, Contemplative Prayer, PCC meetings, events run by outside groups, Sunday services and special days such as Maundy Thursday and Ascension Day.

Flower Rota

As the head of the Church's flower team my job is to prepare a rota for the year covering all the weeks when flowers are required. My team are divided into pairs and each one will cover between 4 and 6 weeks. Each week they will arrange two pedestals; one at the altar and the other by the pulpit. At Festivals and weddings, I will call upon several of them to help with all the extra arrangements required! We are a very happy team and work together very well and I think and hope they enjoy it as much as I do. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers!! **Diana Freeland**

Parish Magazine

We have continued to produce eleven issues of the magazine per year usually with 22 pages of editorial. We have regularly received interesting content on local history, wildlife, computing and recently on astronomy thanks to the efforts of my co-editor, Wren Martin, who produces such consistently high quality work. I am very grateful for the work that these regular contributors put in, also to Rob May for co-ordinating the adverts and inserts, to the team at Danewood Press and to our proof reader, Michael Virtue. **Chris Drewery**

Music

We have been grateful at the 9.30am service for the commitment and skill of David Usher, Simon Casciano, Katren Bishop and Carol Watson on the organ. Also for Jenny Virtue who organises the hymn choices with input from Barbara and Katren. We give thanks for the 11am singers and musicians, especially our regulars, Simon Casciano, Josh Watson and Tamsyn Llewellyn, amongst others. See also the 'Worship' report below.

Worship

Over the last year we have started to grow our worship team for the 11am service. There is a team of 17 of us that rehearse regularly on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and are on the rota to play at our regular services. It's amazing to see this team growing and encouraging people to use their gift to worship God! If this is something you'd like to be a part of, why not come along to one of our rehearsal times, or get in touch with Josh.

Home Groups

Home groups continue to meet regularly and the number of participants has remained steady throughout the year. Two meetings have been held on zoom and the third has met in a home, fuelled by light refreshments and good company. Each session is a blend of chatting and catching up followed by a Bible study or reflection on a theme in the Christian faith. Recently groups have explored the book of Acts, Ezekiel and Luke and have been struck by their relevance to daily life. Groups are always ready to welcome new members: it also an option to start another group. **Ash Kauffman**



Leading Services

It has been good to have a number of people leading and preaching at services, as part of our vision to have plenty of leaders. As well as the Vicar, those involved in 2023 have included Rev. Peter Francis, Andrew Hicks, Cedric Parrish, Fergus Llewellyn, Kevin Cherry, Meg and Steve Coppin, Josh and Kirsti Watson, Ash and Heather Kauffman and others.

Support Ministries

In addition to those listed in these reports, we are thankful for the many people who take part in 'behind the scenes' roles to enable church services function smoothly.

These include our Verger and Sacristan, Jennie Marten, who is a constant support for weddings, baptisms, funerals, in preparing Communion and in many other ways; the readers and pray-ers; Cedric Parrish for assisting with the news sheet; Jenny and Michael for hosting the men's breakfast and Gabriela the ladies' breakfast; for those who prepare rotas; Jane Leuchars and Frances Parrish who have assisted with practical matters at Chelwood Gate; the Lay Ministers of Communion and the sound and laptop operators. We are thankful to Paul Marten for his flag raising and clock-winding; those who lock and unlock church; the sidespeople and welcomers and those who have served hot drinks. To Meg Coppin for her work with Planned Giving and in arranging household supplies for church. To the fabric group and to Steve Coppin for fundraising, heating and in working tirelessly along with Meg in many practical ways for the church. To Heather Kauffman for support on publicity and social media. To the brass polishers. To Diana and the flower team. To Hannah and Jamie our cleaners. We record our thanks to all those who have helped with pastoral care and supporting the bereaved; also to those offering lifts, co-ordinated by Roy May. We are grateful to the Friends; the parish magazine distributors, Ian Barras-Hill and Margaret Weller: and to many others.

Pastoral Care

As a church the pastoral care we offer to our congregations and community has continued to grow and develop. A team visits people in hospitals, care homes and their own homes. The Vicar takes communion to people who are ill or housebound. Prayer is a very important part of caring for people, those in need of prayer are mentioned on the weekly news sheet and in the Prayers of intercession during services.

We are reaching people through social and outreach events the Ashdown café , Food for Thought, Craft evenings , Home groups and Youth & Family activities. We are offering lifts to hospitals, the doctor's surgery and other occasions where it is necessary to have a driver. Pastoral care and all that we can do is advertised in the Parish magazine.

As Pastoral care coordinator I have completed the Diocesan Authority Lay Ministry course for Pastoral care. **Shelagh Gilliam**

Contemplative Prayer

The group tries to contribute to the prayer life of the Parish by putting aside a quiet hour when we listen to God speaking to us through words from Scripture, seeking to increase our openness to God. After taking the Word into our minds and hearts during times of silence, we then use it in intercession for others. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10am in Chelwood Gate church: people come from our own Parish, and also from further afield and we value the fellowship that we enjoy. Not all of us can make the meetings, but we share the thoughts each month and use the time for private prayer, wherever we are. In 2022 we held a Quiet day for Advent here in the Parish, and members of the group also attend an annual retreat at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan Centre in Godstone. Anyone is welcome to come and join us, on an occasional or regular basis. **Catherine Older** 19

Ashdown Café

Ashdown Café is now in its ninth year and is getting more successful as each year goes by.

On the second Friday of the month up to 50 people come to the Memorial Hall to enjoy coffee, tea home-made cakes & each other's company. During the past year it has been good to see an increase in the middle-aged members of the community.

Children from Badgers class at Danehill school come in November and May to perform songs to a large captive audience, In November we were very pleased to welcome Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester.

The Café does not run to make money - we only hope to cover our costs - but due to people's generosity we have been able to make contributions to St Peter & St James Hospice, the Primary School, Air Ambulance, the Memorial Hall and the Social Club.

The Café could not run without a wonderful group of ladies who serve coffee, tea and cakes and work tirelessly in the kitchen washing up. We are grateful to the lovely gentlemen who help put tables & chairs away and to Josh Watson who puts out the tables and chairs on the Thursday evening before the Café.

Shelagh Gilliam

Our group has had another positive year of Bible study, prayer and close supportive fellowship. We have used a wide variety of study materials over the course of the last year and have found the website www.faithandworship.com to be an extremely valuable resource. We used a number of resources for Advent and Lent studies, examined the ministry of Elijah and then completed an in-depth examination of Luke's gospel. We have now embarked upon a study of the book of Acts using a guide by N.T. Wright.

Our members continue to be drawn from a wide variety of church backgrounds and neighbouring parishes and we value the richness that this diversity brings to our discussions. As well as meeting for study and prayer we also have regular get-togethers for coffee and chat. We all value the close bonds of fellowship that we have built up over the years.

As a group, Coffee Plus has continued to make regular donations to charity. Over the years we have donated approximately £8,600 to a variety of good causes. Our members donate approximately £1 a week, and from March 2023 to March 2024 we were able to give an inspiring £700 to the following charities:

Off the Fence (for the women's refuge)

Hope House Haiti (a Christian orphanage and school in Haiti run by faith alone and with no regular income other than through donations)

International Aid Charity (donation focused upon those with disabilities)

Mercy Ships (modern hospital ships bringing world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to the places they're needed most, to provide life-changing surgery)

We look forward to another year of study, prayer and fellowship, repeatedly turning back to God our loving Father by following the example of His beloved Son Jesus Christ, and enabled to do so by the power of the Holy Spirit.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

It's a real blessing to be able to show God's love in a practical way and this year we have focussed on (a) collecting food, household and personal items for the East Grinstead Foodbank, (b) clothing for homeless persons through Turning Tides in Worthing and (c) a litter pick of the A275 as part of the Great British Spring Clean.

In the financial year ending 2023, the East Grinstead Foodbank fed 2,612 people (1667 Adults and 945 Children) – and you won't be surprised to hear that this is another “high” on demand. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Food Bank, you really do make a difference in the lives of people.

Turning Tides has seen an alarming rise in people needing support. The figures differ between services, but increases of 29%, 59% and 66% have been seen in the last year. That's why our support is invaluable – directly impacting the lives of people experiencing homelessness. It was a great pleasure to absolutely fill the car on two occasions with Summer and then Winter clothing – thank you all.

And then at litter pick (of the A275 from Danehill to Wych Cross) we collected 18 bags of litter (yes 18!) which included 11 hub caps, 1 iPad and a mobile phone, and a great time was had by all stopping for refreshments () along the way. It's great for people to see us out doing things like this for our community (especially with our “All Saints Danehill Volunteer” hi-vizs) and we received many positive comments and honking of car horns!

Our next action is the Summer Clothing collection for Turning Tides and I'll be in touch about what is needed. Thanks again. **Steve Coppin**

Danehill Bellringers

The much needed work on the bells was carried out by White's of Appleton during August 2023. This involved completely dismantling two of the bells and taking the parts back to their workshop for refurbishment and repair. They are now ringing beautifully and are popular with visiting ringers who always comment on how easy they are to ring compared with other local towers.

We now need to focus on getting some new ringers if the bells are to continue ringing and calling people to worship for the next 25 years. We have 8 regular ringers with an average age of 70+ so could do with some younger people. As we say, the bells are nothing without the people to ring them!

Our handbells were, as usual, popular at Christmas when we visited local nursing homes to ring carols and also rang at Chelwood Gate tree lighting and for the carol service.

Susan Hollyman

Prayer and a Plate

We meet once a month at the Llewellyns' home to pray and enjoy food together. We meet on Monday evenings at 6pm and share a light supper, followed by a time of prayer together around the kitchen table. All ages are welcome. It has been a great encouragement to pray and to also thank God for answers to prayers.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

We come with hearts full of gratitude for yet another year.

First, we are thankful to God for His many gifts; for health and strength to enjoy and share them. Second, we are thankful for His promise of blessing. And unlike us, He keeps His promises all the time.

This year Food For Thought enjoyed the company of anything from fourteen to twenty-seven friends, who give more than they receive. The team has enjoyed laughs and problem-solving, the electricity, packing up, the kitchen having to get a hygiene rating, etc. Still, there are smiles at all times, and heartfelt service. Paddy inspires and entertains us all with wholesome Christian ‘thoughts’.

The word companionship comes from two Latin words, *com panis* (with bread!), and don't we all need it! We are always looking for more people to join the team, be it sharing their tiptop soup, setting up, joining at the tables or offering genuine companionship. We are thankful to the solid team, Christine Colbourne, Sara Lawrence, Sue Hicks, Dee Ladd, Jenny Virtue, Elizabeth Forty, Pippa Mercado, Jim Stott, Gabriela MacBain, Paddy MacBain and anyone else involved who has served in the spirit of Richard Gillard's beautiful hymn:

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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. | 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. |
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Parochial Church Council

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting to the parish at large the whole mission and vision of the church. It is responsible for maintaining both church buildings, in Danehill and Chelwood Gate. The PCC has shown regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, seeking to represent the churches in sharing Christ's love in word and action. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Our deep and hearty thanks go to all who have served on the PCC. The PCC members have been as follows:

Vicar: Revd. Paddy MacBain*

Warden and Chair: Ashley Kauffman

Warden and Vice Chair: Charles Critchley

Secretary to September 2023: Kirsti Watson

Treasurer: Stefan Mercado

Ian Barras-Hill

Cameron Beardsmore

Steve Coppin

Christine Colbourne

Jenna Davies

Mae Lewis

Will Loveridge*

Other roles:

Fred Harrison, Safeguarding Officer

Alice Marsh, Electoral Roll

*Indicates Deanery Synod member

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2023



FROM THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS

'This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.. we love because he first loved us.'

(1 John 4:10,19)

At All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate, our aim is to 'know and share the love of Christ'. We love in response to the mercy he has shown to us, supremely revealed when he gave up his life upon the cross. We do this as we pray, serve and give so that God will be honoured and that more people will receive and enjoy his love.

Paddy would like to express his thanks to the Wardens, PCC and many others who have worked together towards these goals. Progress towards each part is described briefly below



The early Christians ‘devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.’ (Acts 2:42) We continue to provide a wide variety of services where we can learn from the Scriptures and respond with prayer, praise and action. These range from 8am Book of Common Prayer, to 9.30am Communion and Morning Prayer including the special third Sunday services, to the modern AllSaints@4, to the 11am informal service. We are grateful to God for well-attended Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday events, as well as our various school assemblies and services.

With last year’s figures in brackets, there were an average of 21 adults at the nine thirty service (20 in 2021), 35 adults and 11 children at the eleven o’clock (33 and 12), 16 adults and 7 children at Worship@4 (2021 – 14 and 6). At Chelwood Gate, an average of 5 people attended 8am (2021 – 6). This year there were 11 funerals in church (7 in 2021), 10 christenings (4 last year) and 6 weddings (7 in 2021).

We ran a number of events to help nurture our faith and prayer life. These included an Alpha Course, Contemplative Prayer, online Thursday prayers and home groups meeting via Zoom and in person.

There have been a good variety of people who helped with leading services, preaching and the myriad of practical tasks and skills which are needed to enable us to provide worship and prayer for this parish.



We are grateful for the way in which the staff, wardens, PCC and others have given freely of their time and skills in God's service. It has been heartening to see new people using their gifts, from playing music, to being sidespeople, to providing tea and coffee after services.

We are thankful for the hard work of our youth & families' worker, Josh Watson and Meg Coppin, our children & families' worker. Josh and Meg have worked cheerfully in their different roles, ably assisted by the volunteer teams, to share God's love with younger people and their families.

Food For Thought has been appreciated, helping us to serve older members of the community and others. The 'Love Your Neighbour' initiative continues to be appreciated in the village as a way of showing God's love in action, along with the Food Bank collections in the church porch. Other excellent events have included Noah's Ark parent and toddler group, Film Fridays, the ladies' craft nights and the well-attended Ashdown Café, with its committed team of helpers.

The Parish Magazine and the church website have been useful ways to serve the church and community by providing news and information. Church members have continued to serve one another and those in the community through friendship as well as pastoral and practical support.



Giving generously. We are thankful to God for those who have given sacrificially as a response to God's kindness, and to enable the work of the church to continue and thrive.

We praise God for those who have enabled the church to meet its priorities through generous giving. The pandemic has had a knock-on impact and so your continued support in this area is vital to the church's mission and is appreciated. Our thanks to Stefan as an efficient and strategic Treasurer and to Charles and Will for their assistance to him.

We have invested in our vision in a number of ways. This includes provision for the work with youth, children and families' work which is crucial for the churches' long-term future. We have undertaken minor repairs at both churches, installed display screens for the side pews at All Saints Danehill and have provided new equipment to monitor efficient oil usage.

Giving a warm welcome. We have tried to make our services as accessible as possible to visitors, and a number have commented on the warmth of welcome they have received.

Giving opportunities to grow. Home groups, whether on Zoom or in person, provide an excellent way to encourage ourselves and others in faith as we dwell upon how the Scriptures relate to our lives today and how we can apply them to daily life.

Once again we would like to express our gratitude to the PCC, staff and all the church teams who do so much to support and to enable the practical running of the churches' activities.

The Vicar would like to express his special thanks to Charles and Ash as Churchwardens for their support in a multitude of ways. The Churchwardens have combined strategic thinking with practical help and hard work at many events.

The Vicar is also thankful to his wife Gabriela for the support she has given in different areas of ministry including Food For Thought, Pathfinders, hospitality, pastoral care, and for her help and encouragement in many ways.

And so we praise God for all that He has done in us and through us over the last year! May we continue to pray, serve and give, knowing that He can do 'immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.' To Him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.



Noah's Ark -

The baby & toddler group meets on Monday mornings in All Saints Church.

We have grown a lot in the last year with an average of about 22 families and 30+ children each Monday (not everyone comes weekly) and last term we had an all-time high of 37 children one Monday; very busy! We have snack time, a craft, story and singing (including Christian songs). Our main focus is on building relationships with the parents/carers and to show them God's love. We receive comments about how welcoming and warm our church is. This year we have re-branded. My thanks to my wonderful team: Jennie M, Sue H, Fiona L, Jenny V, Susie O and Heather K - it wouldn't happen without the team!

Invite Services - We ask families to some of our invite services and were pleased with the attendance of Noah's Ark families at the harvest which saw huge food donations going to the food bank. Our Nativity which featured Twinkle the donkey (aka a miniature Shetland pony), our thanks to Rachel R. Easter also saw good attendance and the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt afterwards.

Film Friday – we have had 2 after-school films aimed at children & families each with an average of 80 in attendance. Thank you to Sue H and Jenna D who have kindly store ice creams and to Steve C who deals with clear up – no mean feat with that many children and ice creams!

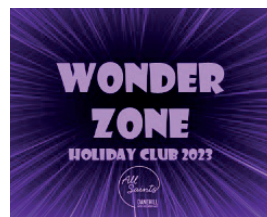
Sunday Club, Crèche & All Age Service - Sunday Club & creche are continuing to thrive at the 11am service. This is important not only in teaching the children but allowing parents to sit in the service. We have an influx of younger ones and so have just moved our Year 6 children (x3) up to Pathfinders with Josh. The amazing team here are Olivia W, Chloe B, Melissa C, and Fiona L thank you to them for not only being there but all the preparation it takes.



All Age Service - The All-Age service runs on the first Sunday of the month, with an action song, children/young people reading and leading prayers. I lead and co-ordinate this service and this helps with the link through for Noah's Ark parents and it has been exciting to see 2-3 Noah's Ark families who have started to come along on the first Sunday for this.

School Assemblies – Along with Paddy & Josh I take assemblies at Danehill Primary School followed by playground duty, it is great to have this link, to provide bible teaching, get them singing Christian songs (with actions of course) and get to know the children. I have also visited Cumnor Pre-Prep for harvest and Easter assemblies.

WonderZone Holiday Club – this ran at the beginning of the summer holiday in 2022 with 22 children. A brilliant 2 days of activities, inflatable obstacle course, ice cream van, music and fun as we



focused in on Jesus' words of being to others as you would have them be to you. We finished with a gathering of the parents to show them all we had done. As I write we already have 16 booked for this year. Last year's dedicated team were Steve C, Kerrie P, Sue H, Fiona L, Josh W, Lydia H and Bethany.

Baptism Support – I have worked alongside Paddy where a Noah's Ark family have requested a baptism in visiting them, chatting with them about baptism, the parental responsibilities and the service details. This again is a great link for the relationships we are building at Noah's Ark.

These activities very much focus on relationships as part of our churches outreach, showing God's love, serving our community and sharing the gospel. Please pray for this vital work, for all the families we come into contact with, and that God would prepare their hearts and guide us all.

Meg Coppin, Children's (& Families) Worker
children@allsaintsdaneshill.org.uk

Ashdown Café

The café has gone from strength to strength during the past year. There have been regular visitors and it has been good to see several younger people who stay for a long time talking and enjoying coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits. The senior gentlemen in the villages really enjoy themselves and have to be persuaded to go home at 12 o'clock.

The children from the Primary school come twice a year to entertain us and on those occasions the café is a sell-out. We are very grateful to James & the Badger class for the hard work and enthusiasm they put into their songs.

We do not operate to make a profit but due to people's generosity we have been able to donate money to the Primary school, Macmillan nurses, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance, to DEC for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey & Sudan and to St Peter and St James Hospice. The café is a church initiative run for the community so we do not contribute to the church. Paddy comes to every café and it is a chance for him to talk to everyone informally. This is greatly appreciated by people in the villages.

We are very grateful to our band of cake makers, to the willing husbands who put tables & chairs away and to Josh & Ash who put up the tables & chairs on a Thursday evening. The biggest thanks must go to a wonderful crowd of ladies who serve coffee, tea and cakes and wash up - without them, the café wouldn't happen.



Thankfully we have had a normal year of bellringing and have been able to ring for most Sunday services and for special occasions such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were ringing to celebrate a wedding on 8th September when we heard the sad news that the Queen was gravely ill, so the following morning the muffles were put on the bells and we were ringing again in very different circumstances. We also rang on the morning of her funeral. Such is the power of bellringing that we can ring both to celebrate and to mourn, as well as to call people to worship.

We have noticed that two of the bells have become increasingly difficult to ring so asked White's, a reputable firm of bell hangers to come and have a look which they did in November. The result was that the bells need a major and fairly expensive overhaul which will be happening in August 2023.

The handbell ringers were also in demand for an extra outing this year as we were asked to ring at the village celebrations for the Jubilee. After much practising we were able to ring God Save The Queen as well as some other suitable tunes. We also rang on eight occasions over the Christmas period in both nursing homes and for church services.

Susan Hollyman

Chelwood Gate Church

We are grateful to the many people, both volunteers and paid helpers who care for Chelwood Gate Church. It is all much appreciated by the different groups and congregation.

We are still in need of some volunteer gardeners, if you want company as you weed, the Memorial Garden Crew work nearby from 2.30pm to 3.30pm each Wednesday.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Frances Parrish (01825 740465) or Jane Leuchars (01825 740273).

Electoral Roll



Last year we had 163 people listed on the electoral roll in 2022, when it was last updated.

In 2023 we have 167 people currently listed. 6 have come off the register (deceased) and 10 new people have been added.

Alice Marsh

(Electoral Roll officer)



Our group has had another positive year of Bible study, prayer and close supportive fellowship. We have used a wide variety of study materials over the course of the last year and have found the website

www.faithandworship.com to be an extremely valuable resource. We are about to resume an in-depth study of Luke's gospel having interrupted it to complete a Lent course based on the hymn "How Great Thou Art".

Our members continue to be drawn from a wide variety of church backgrounds and neighbouring parishes and we value the richness that this diversity brings to our discussions. As well as meeting for study and prayer we also have regular get-togethers for coffee and chat, and recently had a wonderful lunch to celebrate an 80th birthday.

As a group, Coffee Plus has continued to make regular donations to charity. From March 2022 to February 2023, we supported the following charities:

- * £400 Ukraine via DEC
- * £100 Pakistan via Tearfund
- * £300 Turning Tides homeless charity Horsham
- * £200 Syria Earthquake via Tearfund

All were gifted aided which added a further £250 to the money we donated.

Elizabeth Forty

Contemplative Prayer

The group tries to contribute to the prayer life of the Parish by putting aside a quiet hour when we listen to God speaking to us through words from Scripture, seeking to increase our openness to God. After taking the Word into our minds and hearts during times of silence, we then use it in intercession for others. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10am in Chelwood Gate church: people come from our own Parish, and also from further afield and we value the fellowship that we enjoy. Not all of us can make the meetings, but we share the thoughts each month and use the time for private prayer, wherever we are.

In 2022 we held a Quiet day for Advent here in the Parish, and members of the group also attend an annual retreat at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan Centre in Godstone.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us, on an occasional or regular basis.

Catherine Older



It's been another extremely busy year for the Fabric Committee (Steve, Charles, Will and Robert). The regular maintenance activities for four properties (41 Oak Tree, Vicarage, All Saints and Chelwood Gate) are sizeable and continue ad infinitum – in fact we review and action 15 different maintenance items at each of our meetings. On top of this, the Fabric Committee also successfully managed and completed the following projects this year:

- The installation of HDMI and Display Screens at All Saints Danehill to allow everyone sitting in the side aisles to see what is on the main projection screen.
- The survey and treatment of beetles at All Saints Danehill.
- The redecoration of rooms at the Vicarage and at 41 Oak Tree Cottages.
- The installation of a plaque at All Saints Danehill in memory of Laurence Hardy whose life and legacy to the church have been such a blessing, indeed the legacy has enabled us to keep many things in good repair and God's work to continue.
- Installation of new monitoring equipment for oil usage and management (Hive and Kingspan) at All Saints Danehill.
- Considerable actions to minimise the heating costs at All Saints Danehill whilst maintaining a warm and welcoming environment.
- Installation of a new shed at Chelwood Gate.

- Minor repairs at Chelwood Gate including new strip lights in the kitchen, repairs to the leaking toilet and replacing faulty electric heaters.
- Preparation of 41 Oak Tree for the new tenant further to Josh & Kirsti's house move.
- Repairs to the boiler and heating system at All Saints Danehill to keep it in good working order.
- Minor repairs at All Saints Danehill including emergency lighting, fixing the problem with general lighting, replacing faulty sockets and gravel for the path.
- Agreement for a new heating strategy at All Saints Danehill to achieve net-zero carbon emissions in 2030 involving the use of HVO fuel and carbon offsetting.

Current works in progress include:

- The repointing at All Saints Danehill of the tower and other parts of the building. This is a major project and the funding process could not have even got started without funding from the Friends. Further funding from external grant bodies is now required and being sought. We hope to do this work in 2024 and you will not be able to miss the necessary scaffolding!
- Essential repairs to the bells to ensure they can continue to sound. This is another major project and is only possible with the kind and generous support of private donations. We hope to do this work in 4Q 2023. Special thanks to the Bell Ringers for all their help & support.

A huge thank you to Steve, Charles, Will and Robert, for all your ongoing time and effort which indirectly enables us to know and share the love of Christ. Special thanks must also go to those people who regularly work alongside the Fabric Committee – Russell Skinner the electrician, Bob Brown the plumber, Paul Edwards the handyman and heating consultant, Mick & Philippa Payne the gardeners, Hancocks the heating engineers and Mark Anderson the architect.

Safeguarding



It is important for us to be aware of our Safeguarding Policies, our Behaviour Code and where we can find Safeguarding resources so that we can be confident in tackling any safeguarding concerns. The key documents can be found at the website below.

www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding

A reminder to those who volunteer within the Church and hold DBS certificates that these need to be renewed every five years.

It is a requirement from the Diocese that anyone volunteering within the Church, especially with our Young People, holds a valid DBS certificate. I will be monitoring to ensure that the necessary certificates are in date.

We have continued to welcome a number of new volunteers to the existing numbers since last year and we continue to give thanks to God for those who continue to help in the Church. Fred Harrison, Safeguarding Officer



2022 Review -During the year we successfully set up our new software package called Xero, and loaded it with all the transactions for the 2021 and 2022 years. This means that we now have full, up to date, management accounts available to us that give an accurate picture of the true state of our finances.

Our largest outlay is our contribution to the Parish Share. After 7 years of managing to pay this in full, in 2021, the year following Covid, we agreed to reduce this by £1,000 per month to £55,434. In 2022 we increased this by 3.9% to £57,596 and for this year, 2023, we are upping it again by 4.2% to £60,000. The aim is to get back to paying the Contribution in full by 2026.

Our fundraising in 2022 raised £83,761, and the income and grants for the extensive Children and Youth Work we undertake added a further £28,336 to that figure - making our total income for the year £112,007. The costs of running the 2 churches with all the attendant activities was £68,878 – meaning that our Church generated a net income for the year of £43,130.

However, this was still less than the £57,596 Parish Contribution. With the Parish Contribution added in, the result is an overall loss of £14,466 for the year. This means that we still have much work to do if we are to increase our income to the level of our outgoings, and avoid making further losses.

Our greatest source of income is from regular donations. These come in 2 forms - regular giving by standing order bank transfers, and regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). With the former we must apply annually for Gift Aid of 25% from the government, with the latter we receive this each and every month directly. I am pleased to report that our PGS contributions have now overtaken our standing order donations, and continue to grow as new families join our congregation and pledge monthly to our church.

Ever alert to new technology we now have a credit card machine at the back of the church for those wishing to donate to the church by card. Nearly 37% of the donations made in church on a Sunday are now in the form of credit card payments coming from this new source.

Stefan Mercado
Treasurer

Leading Services

It has been good to have a variety of people leading services, as part of our vision to have plenty of leaders. As well as the Vicar, those involved in 2022 have included Rev. Peter Francis, Andrew Hicks, Cedric Parrish, Fergus Llewellyn, Kevin Cherry, Meg and Steve Coppin, Josh and Kirsti Watson, Ash and Heather Kauffman and others.

Flowers



As the head of the Church's flower team my job is to prepare a rota for the year covering all the weeks when flowers are required. My team are divided into pairs and each one will cover between 4 and 6 weeks. Each week they will arrange two pedestals; one at the altar and the other by the pulpit.

At Festivals and weddings, I will call upon several of them to help with all the extra arrangements required! We are a very happy team and work together very well and I think and hope they enjoy it as much as I do. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers!!

Diana Freeland

Music



We have been grateful at the 9.30am service for the commitment and skill of David Usher, Simon Casciano, Katren Bishop and Barbara Beedle on the organ, with support on third Sundays from Josh and Juliet. Also for the singers and for Jenny Virtue who organises the hymn choices with input from Barbara and Katren. We give thanks for the 11am singers and musicians, especially our regulars, Simon Casciano, Josh Watson and Tamsyn Llewellyn, with Josh L. on percussion. Interest from additional organists, singers and musicians is welcomed.

Home Groups



Home groups have continued to meet regularly and the number of participants has remained steady throughout the year. Two meetings are held on zoom and the third meets in a home. Each session is a blend of chatting and comparing notes on matters of interest to group members followed by a Bible study or reflection on an aspect of the Christian faith.

Over the past year groups have looked at Jesus through Old Testament eyes. This follows the example of our Lord when reminding two bewildered disciples after his Resurrection” beginning with Moses and the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures (Old Testament) the things concerning himself”: Luke 24 verse 27.

Groups are always ready to welcome new members: it also possible to start another group. Meetings held in homes are accompanied by tea or coffee and tasty snacks.

Heather Heath

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A well-knit steady team which welcomed new helpers too has been able joyfully to serve the Lord and also to serve soup, cheese and hot bread. Should I mention cake? It has been a joy to see good friends coming in regularly. With new ones added we have between 14 to 26 people attending. Laughs and tragicomic moments abound too- we can provide three varieties of mushroom soup, and even serve our helpers the stand-by Heinz tomato soup (still in date) that was bought when we started. Too much cake is consumed despite firm plans made not to touch the temptation.

Help is always welcome, be it on the day, providing soup/cake, bringing in your shy neighbour, or being a listening ear to a lonely person while you are treating yourself to a good Sussex lunch. It's a win-win situation. Every offer makes a difference. The relief I felt when Sue mentioned she could help with clearing up! When everyone is tired and some of us rush to get kids from school, what a blessing to have one more person to help at that moment! Your little help can make a huge difference.

Paddy tirelessly provides relevant and brief talks that always spark joy and thought. Like spotting the Christian symbols at the coronation, all those trinkets that made King Charles III look like a child receiving unusual Christmas presents. For more details, please see the Vicar!

The team certainly took this verse seriously; “Serve the LORD with gladness!” (Psalm100:2). Ending this with heartfelt thanks to God and to each of the wonderful people that make it happen.

Gabriela MacBain and the team (Christine Colbourne, Sara Lawrence, Dee Ladd, Pippa Mercado, Elizabeth Forty, Sue Hicks, Jim Stott, Jenny Virtue)

Parish Magazine



The magazine has continued to thrive in 2022/3. Almost all issues filled 22 pages, and we continue to receive regular content on computing, wildlife, the Parish and Wealden councils and local history. Especially pleasing this year are the contributions from Danehill Primary School including two front covers. Advertising has dropped a little, but still occupies most of the magazine and brings in a useful income. In the coming year it would be good to try and cover more local social events, as this is an area we have not done as well.

Many thanks to my co- editor, Wren Martin, who has produced excellent copy every month without fail.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The Love Your Neighbour team continued to show God's love in a practical way throughout the year. Random acts of kindness continued in Danehill and Chelwood Gate, washing cars, clearing leaves and litter picking, completely free of charge (no donations allowed). The reactions have been amazing. Many people have been curious as to why our church would do this (leading the way to some wonderful conversations) and keen to understand more about what we do as a church.

Also, as part of Love Your Neighbour, we enhanced the Food Bank Collection Point at All Saints Danehill and created formal links with East Grinstead Food Bank.

You might not know but demand for the Foodbank is growing at 26% per annum so we are a critical and vital part of helping them meet demand - in Jan 2023 alone, they fed 227 people (28% of them are children!). Our thanks to all those people who regularly donate toiletries and food.

Finally, to say that we have also just launched our Love Your Neighbour campaign to collect specific items for the summer homeless during May (linking up with charity Turning-Tides). Again, thanks to all those people who have donated, it makes a real difference in the lives of homeless people.

Pastoral Care

‘Pastoral care happens within the ordinary dimensions of life. It is not about problem solving or crisis management. Empathy is paramount, not sympathy. Listening is the prime activity, not talking. Everyone needs to care – to exercise care for others. Equally everyone needs to be cared for and to have someone to care for them’.

These are some notes from the diocesan pastoral care course taken recently by Shelagh Gilliam. If you would be interested in taking a similar course please let us know. A number of church-run activities provide opportunities for this kind of pastoral care, such as Ashdown Café, Food For Thought, the provision of lifts to hospitals and supporting those who may be struggling or isolated. The Vicar continues to be available for home communion, visits to the housebound and support in times of bereavement. Prayer and a listening ear is also available after the services at Danehill to those for whom this may be helpful.

Schools



Paddy, Josh and Meg have welcomed opportunities to take school assemblies and have helped with breaktime supervision. Paddy continues to serve as a school governor.

In its recent SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) the school received a 'good' rating.

The school continues its termly services at the church. Danehill School, now led by new Headteacher Katie Jones is committed to 'learning together, learning for life in all its fulness.' The school seeks to embed its Christian values of curiosity, imagination, discipline, collaboration and persistence into all aspects of learning.

The church also enjoys good links with Cumnor House School and has had opportunities to lead services for its pupils.

Worship@4 – now AllSaints@4

AllSaints@4

During this year we rebranded Worship@4 as AllSaints@4 – making it clear that this is a “Chilled, Chatty and Modern” service. We ran on every 2nd and 4th Sunday throughout the year at 4pm at All Saints Danehill. Chatty talks have been provided by Ash & Heather Kauffman and Josh & Kirsti Watson (thank you all for your hard work!), with the service coordinated and led by Meg & Steve Coppin. It's been great to see regular attendees from our church family AND those people who do not attend any other services, however the number of attendees remains below critical mass.

Support Ministries

We are grateful to the many people who undertake 'behind the scenes' roles to help church services function smoothly. These include our Verger and Sacristan, Jennie Marten, who is such a help with weddings, baptisms, funerals, as a keyholder, in preparing Communion and in various other ways; the readers and pray-ers; Cedric Parrish for assisting with the news sheet; Jenny and Michael for hosting the men's breakfast and Gabriela the ladies' breakfast; for those who prepare rotas; Jayne Leuchars and Frances Parrish who have helped with rotas and practical matters at Chelwood Gate; the Lay Ministers of Communion and the sound and laptop operators.

We are thankful to Paul Marten for his flag raising and clock-winding; those who open and close the church; the sidespeople and welcomers and those who have served hot drinks. To Meg Coppin for her work with Planned Giving and in providing household supplies in church. To Steve Coppin for support on the fabric group, heating and in fixing many things in the church. To Heather Kauffman for support on publicity and social media. To Gloria Horsfall who has assisted with preparation of slides and service sheets for the nine thirty. To the brass polishers. We express our thanks to all those who have helped with pastoral care and supporting the bereaved; also to those offering lifts, co-ordinated by Roy May.

We are also grateful to Will for help with banking; to the Friends; the parish magazine distributors, Ian and Adeline: and to many others.



This year we created a new logo for All Saints. We wanted to make a clearer visual identity for the church and create a more consistent approach with design work across all the events and activities that go on. With this in mind we also updated the look of our website and any out-of-date information.

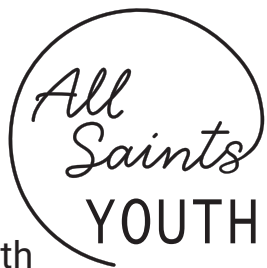
As a guideline as to how helpful it is to have a website for our church. In the last month (April 2023) the website has had 1,730 visits: roughly 50 visits a day.

You may have noticed that the parish mag has some lovely drawings on the front covers. These are contributions from the children at Danehill Primary School and each issue will have a new design. These designs will follow the seasons of the year.

Along with the Parish Mag we are also wanting to recognise how social media is a good way of letting people know what is going on in the life of the church. We are scheduling posts and trying to make sure that each event/group is shared regularly on our Facebook page. What is really important is that people who follow us on Facebook, 'like' and 'share' the posts so lots of different demographics see them.

If your group/event need design work or would like anything specific shared on our Facebook page. Please email Heather Kauffman at hk.creations@outlook.com.

Youth Work Report



2022 was the first year with zero Covid restrictions, so we were able to have a complete return to normality with all the youth groups, as well as begin thinking about the future direction for the youth ministry and how we can best to support the young people within our community. As such, there have been a couple of changes made to the structure of the youth groups which I believe will help encourage a focus on deeper discipleship.

We took young people to both May Camp and Newday, where we had a great time learning about God as well as having some fun in the process! We took 24 young people to May camp and 3 to Newday, and everyone came back saying they had a blast. We'll be returning to both camps this year!



TNT is our informal youth club that runs on a Thursday night, and is a night of fun and games where anyone in secondary school is welcome to come along. We've had an average attendance of 15 young people, as well as a couple of older young people who have stepped up to be 'Young Leaders'.

ICE is a group for older young people.

It has moved to a Tuesday night to allow us more time together and now makes use of Chelwood Gate church. We share a meal together and start a chat, which we continue whilst engaging in something practical/creative. We have 6 young people who regularly attend and together we have chatted about faith, politics and everything in between!



Pathfinders has been continuing on Sunday mornings alongside the 11am service, and is a bible study for young people that follows the readings in the main service. We currently see 7-8 young people each week, and encourage them to talk with their parents about the verses for the day when they get home.



H-Kafe runs in Horsted Keynes and is an after-school cafe on a Tuesday afternoon. We see around 15 young people each week straight off the school bus and is a great opportunity to engage with them as they are unwinding from sometimes difficult days. We provide them with a free waffle or pancakes and run a few games, as well as providing a space to relax. This is also home to the HK Youth Council that meets once a month to discuss ways they can improve the village for the young people that live there.

We have been continuing to engage with Danehill Primary School, where we run assemblies and help with playground duty, and Oathall Secondary School where we help run a Lunchtime Christian Union on Wednesdays.

We are also in the process of starting a forest youth group that will run on a Wednesday after school. Josh is currently in forest school training, and we will be using West Watch as our base of operations. The aim is to encourage young people to put down their phones and engage with this incredible world that God has made! We are on track to launch this group in September.

And lastly, a big thank you to our amazing volunteer team! We couldn't run these groups and events if it wasn't for the wonderful people giving up their free time to help us out. If you have any questions, or you'd like to support the youth work in any way, please do get in touch with Josh at youth@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk and I'll be happy to chat.

Josh Watson

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting to the parish at large the whole mission and vision of the church. It is responsible for maintaining both church buildings, in Danehill and Chelwood Gate. The PCC has shown regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, seeking to represent the churches in sharing Christ's love in word and action. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks go to all who have served on the PCC.

The PCC members have been as follows:

Vicar and Chair: Revd. Paddy MacBain*

Warden and Vice Chair: Charles Critchley

Warden: Ashley Kauffman

Secretary: Kirsti Watson

Safeguarding Officer: Fred Harrison

Ian Barras-Hill

Cameron Beardsmore,

Catherine Cherry*

Steve Coppin

Christine Colbourne,

Jenna Davies

Mae Lewis

Will Loveridge*

Stefan Mercado.

Other roles: Meg Coppin, Electoral Roll, now Alice Marsh.

* Indicates Deanery Synod member

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

Registered charity number: 1145025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
Incoming resources							
<i>Donations & legacies</i>	2a	67,004	283,792	3,806	0	354,603	83,585
<i>Trading activities</i>	2b	12,693	0	0	0	12,693	12,609
<i>Investment & rental income</i>	2c	8	214	131	21,552	21,905	14,560
<i>Charitable activities</i>	2d	3,495	0	0	0	3,495	6,078
<i>Other income</i>	2e	1,078	0	12,353	0	13,431	11,377
Total incoming resources		84,278	284,006	16,290	21,552	406,127	128,208
Resources expended							
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>	3a	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other trading costs</i>	3b	0	0	0	3,662	3,662	2,848
<i>Charitable activities</i>	3c	117,652	15,335	66,137	0	199,124	183,065
Total resources expended		117,652	15,335	66,137	3,662	202,786	185,913
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(33,374)	268,672	(49,847)	17,890	203,341	(57,704)
Gain/Loss on sale of fixed asset					-	0	0
<i>Gains / losses on investment assets</i>	6	0	0	0	(1,858)	(1,858)	(4,665)
<i>Transfer between funds - in</i>		31,477	(78,887)	63,442	(16,032)	0	(18,060)
<i>Transfer between funds - out</i>		0	0	0	0	0	18,060
Net movement in funds		(1,897)	189,785	13,595	0	201,483	(62,370)
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan. 2023		2,396	0	97,585	527,613	627,594	689,963
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec. 2023		498	189,785	111,180	527,613	829,076	627,594

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	320,000	320,000
Investment assets at market value	6	79,230	81,088
Current assets			
Debtors	8	23,348	
Short term deposits		200,313	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>215,359</u>	
		439,020	
Creditors: less amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(9,175)</u>	
Net current assets		429,845	226,505
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>829,075</u>	<u>627,594</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	0
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9		
NET ASSETS		<u><u>829,075</u></u>	<u><u>627,594</u></u>
		2	
Represented by - funds	7		
General (unrestricted) funds	10	498	2,396
Designated funds	10	189,785	0
Restricted funds	10	111,180	97,585
Endowment funds	10	527,613	527,613
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS		<u><u>829,076</u></u>	<u><u>627,594</u></u>
		(2)	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

Rev'd P. MacBain
Chairman

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property where there is insufficient cost information available, such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired over £1000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred (immediately if covered by specific grant or bequest).

As the expenditure on the improvements at the Chelwood Gate Church will be funded by a legacy and fundraising, and the property is not registered as an asset in the accounts, and also will not affect the PCC's ability to pay its parish share, these costs will be written off in the year that they occur.

Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date and are Charifund Income Units and National Savings Income Bonds.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove not collectable.

Short term deposits consists of the Virgin Money Charity Account.

Cash at bank includes the Verger's, Noahs Ark and Parish Magazine petty cash floats.

Reserves policy

- g** It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the "Unrestricted Funds" which equates to approximately 6 months recurring operating costs against unforeseen situations.

The balance on the Designated Fabric Fund is built up as a provision against the estimated costs of the next quinquennial inspection, together with the PCC property maintenance obligations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Incoming resources

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
a Donations & legacies						
1 Planned giving	38,786				38,786	31,455
2 Cash collections at services	9,016				9,016	8,012
3 Special collections	0	13,792			13,792	3,007
4 Sundry donations and appeals	19,202	0	3,806		23,009	25,489
5 Income tax recoverable	0				0	8,623
6 Grants			0		0	7,000
7 Legacies		270,000	0		270,000	0
	67,004	283,792	3,806	0	354,603	83,585
b Trading activities						
1 Fundraising	2,942				2,942	3,481
2 Parish magazine	9,751				9,751	9,128
	12,693	0	0	0	12,693	12,609
c Investment income						
1 Rental income from property				16,800	16,800	9,936
2 Dividends and interest	8	214	131	4,752	5,105	4,624
	8	214	131	21,552	21,905	14,560
d Charitable activities						
1 Church fees etc	3,495				3,495	6,078
	3,495	0	0	0	3,495	6,078
e Other income						
Sundry	1,078		12,353		13,431	11,377
VAT reclaim					0	0
	1,078	0	12,353	0	13,431	11,377
Total incoming resources	84,278	284,006	16,290	21,552	406,127	128,208

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Resources expended

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
a Costs of raising funds					
1 Special appeal costs					0
2 Stewardship costs					0
	0	0	0	0	0
b Other trading costs					
1 Fundraising					0
2 Other					0
3 41 Oaktree Cottages Purchase				0	0
4 41 Oaktree Cottages Upkeep				1,858	1,858
5 41 Oaktree Cottages Insurance				358	358
6 41 Oaktree Cottages Council Tax				1,445	1,445
	0	0	0	3,662	3,662
c Charitable activities					
1 Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas					0
Home Missions / Church Societies					0
Secular Charities					0
1 Charitable Giving					0
2 Diocesan parish contribution	60,000				60,000
3 Clergy costs - vicar	8,234				8,234
4 Youth / Families workers & costs			62,737		62,737
5 Church utilities	8,239				8,239
6 Church buildings upkeep	20,622	15,335			35,957
7 Church service costs	749				749
8 Church insurance	5,036				5,036
9 Upkeep of grounds	1,690				1,690
10 Parish magazine	8,347				8,347
11 Courses and groups	48		2,941		2,989
12 Other church activities	2,510		459		2,968
13 PCC property costs - Robins				0	0
14 Chelwood Gate church improvements	0.00	0			0
15 Admin accounts	2,177				2,177
	117,652	15,335	66,137	0	199,124
Total resources expended	117,652	15,335	66,137	3,662	202,786

TOTAL
FUNDS
2022
£

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0

0

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2,848
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2,160
57,596
11,361
45,373
10,417
16,701
3,190
4,389
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10,100
3,378
15,441
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966
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Staff costs

a Wages and salaries

The youth worker received remuneration totalling £35,925

The Children's and Family Worker(s) received remuneration totalling £19,603

b Payments to PCC members

There were no payments to PCC members, or persons closely connected to them, or other related parties.

5 Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land
and buildings

Cost or valuation

£

1 At 1 January 2023 net book value

320,000

2 Additions

-

3 Disposals

-

4 Revaluation

-

At 31 December 2023

320,000

The freehold land and buildings comprises of 41 Oaktree Cottages purchased on 11/12/2019 and is valued at its purchase price of £320,000.

6 Investments

£

1 Market value 1 January 2023

81,088

2 Disposals at carrying value

-

3 Purchases at cost

-

4 Net gain on revaluation

(1,858)

Market value 31 December 2023

79,230

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
1 Fixed assets for church use				320,000	320,000
2 Investment assets				79,230	79,230
3 Current assets	9,672	189,785	111,180	128,383	439,020
4 Current liabilities	(9,175)				(9,175)
	497	189,785	111,180	527,613	829,075

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Debtors

	2023	2022	
	£	£	
1 Income tax recoverable	22,948	22,948	
2 Year end oil stock	400	400	
3 Prepayments and accrued income	-	11,331	Magazine
4 Other debtors	-	-	
	<u>23,348</u>	<u>34,679</u>	

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
1 Prepayments received	-	-
2 Other creditors	9,175	6,632
	<u>9,175</u>	<u>6,632</u>

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	2,396	84,278	(117,652)	31,477	0	498
Designated Fund						
Designated Bells Refurbishment	-	13,792	(15,335)	1,543		-
Designated fabric fund	-					-
Designated decorating fund	-					-
Designated Hazel Bailey	-	270,214		(80,430)		189,785
Designated Cafe Church	-					-
	-	284,006	(15,335)	-78,887	0	189,785
Restricted Fund						
Vicar's Parish Mission Fund	530					530
Sunday Special Collections	8,313	1,866				10,179
Refreshment station/Plaque/AV	-	-				-
Hardy Fund	73,127	131		(4,074)		69,184
Youth workers	0	14,293	(66,137)	51,924		81
Barbara Lloyd	15,615		-	15,592		31,207
	97,585	16,290	(66,137)	63,442	0	111,180
Endowment Fund						
Robins	0	0				0
41 Oaktree Cottages	320,000	16,800		(16,800)		320,000
Endowment Cash	207,613	4,752		(2,894)	(1,858)	207,613
41 Oaktree upkeep	0		(3,662)	3,662		0
Robins costs	(0)		-			(0)
	527,613	21,552	(3,662)	(16,032)	-1,858	527,613
Total funds	<u>627,594</u>	<u>406,127</u>	<u>(202,786)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,858)</u>	<u>829,076</u>

The fabric fund and the property decorating funds are treated as unrestricted funds as they are financed from agreed PCC transfers from the general fund. They are used towards funding the future costs of any significant building, repair and maintenance work that may arise in the future, specifically the next quinquennial.

The endowment is comprised of Robins (previously Marten Cottage); it is an expendable endowment.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate for the Year Ended 31st December, 2023

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 1-8
PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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.

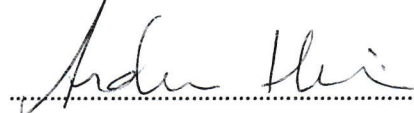
Independent examiner's statement

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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITALS

ANDREW HICKS

Date

4/7/2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body if any

ACMA CG-MA

Examiner's address

RUSSETTS
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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022 **Period start date**
To 31st December 2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Friends of St James' Church Hamsterley, County Durham

Charity registration number: 1184033

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance culture and heritage in and around Hamsterley, County Durham, in particular by assisting in the preservation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the fabrics, fittings and contents of the church of St James, Hamsterley and its grounds.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Through targeted fundraising, by seeking donations and legacies, and by promoting the history of St James' church, the charity exists to advance culture and heritage in and around Hamsterley, County Durham.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity made modest grants for minor maintenance of St James and its churchyard.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Giving slightly exceeded income, resulting in a closing balance of £11,580.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has no policy for holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not anticipate having any uncovered liabilities or other reason for holding reserves
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions and donations at events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution/Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by resolution passed at a Trustee's meeting. The treasurer of St James' PCC is entitled to be a trustee, ex officio, but has not taken up office.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of St James' Church Hamsterley, County Durham
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184033
Charity's principal address	The Old Vicarage, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3PP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dominic Bayne	Chair		
2	Ady Davis	Treasurer		
3	Jonathan Ward			
4	Ian Bonas			
5	Kate Bonas			
6	Kira Bayne			
7	Marney Swan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

DOMINIC BAYNE

Full name(s)

Dominic Richard Noel Bayne

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

21.3.24

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

Registered charity number: 1145025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
Incoming resources							
<i>Donations & legacies</i>	2a	74,507	350	8,728	0	83,585	186,854
<i>Trading activities</i>	2b	10,906	0	1,703	0	12,609	8,839
<i>Investment & rental income</i>	2c	4,624	0	0	9,936	14,560	11,949
<i>Charitable activities</i>	2d	6,078	0	0	0	6,078	4,216
<i>Other income</i>	2e	977	0	10,400	0	11,377	10,762
Total incoming resources		97,092	350	20,831	9,936	128,208	222,620
Resources expended							
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>	3a	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other trading costs</i>	3b	0	0	0	2,848	2,848	15,145
<i>Charitable activities</i>	3c	118,264	966	62,933	901	183,065	198,725
Total resources expended		118,264	966	62,933	3,749	185,913	213,870
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(21,173)	(616)	(42,103)	6,187	(57,704)	8,749
Gain/Loss on sale of fixed asset					-	0	53,000
<i>Gains / losses on investment assets</i>	6	(4,665)	0	0	0	(4,665)	9,883
<i>Transfer between funds - in</i>		0	(16,434)	(1,627)	0	(18,060)	(2,808)
<i>Transfer between funds - out</i>		24,248	0	0	(6,187)	18,060	2,808
Net movement in funds		(1,590)	(17,050)	(43,730)	(0)	(62,370)	71,632
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan. 2022		3,986	17,050	141,314	527,613	689,963	618,330
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec. 2022		2,396	0	97,585	527,613	627,594	689,963

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	320,000	320,000
Investment assets at market value	6	81,088	85,753
Current assets			
Debtors	8	34,679	18,556
Short term deposits		60,052	59,895
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,405</u>	<u>214,513</u>
		233,137	292,963
Creditors: less amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(6,632)</u>	<u>(8,755)</u>
Net current assets		226,505	284,208
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>627,594</u>	<u>689,962</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9		
NET ASSETS		<u><u>627,594</u></u>	<u><u>689,962</u></u>
Represented by - funds	7		
General (unrestricted) funds	10	2,396	3,986
Designated funds	10	0	17,050
Restricted funds	10	97,585	141,314
Endowment funds	10	527,613	527,613
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS		<u><u>627,594</u></u>	<u><u>689,963</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

Rev'd P. MacBain
Chairman

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property where there is insufficient cost information available, such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired over £1000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred (immediately if covered by specific grant or bequest).

As the expenditure on the improvements at the Chelwood Gate Church will be funded by a legacy and fundraising, and the property is not registered as an asset in the accounts, and also will not affect the PCC's ability to pay its parish share, these costs will be written off in the year that they occur.

Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date and are Charifund Income Units and National Savings Income Bonds.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove not collectable.

Short term deposits consists of the Virgin Money Charity Account.

Cash at bank includes the Verger's, Noahs Ark and Parish Magazine petty cash floats.

Reserves policy

- g** It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the "Unrestricted Funds" which equates to approximately 6 months recurring operating costs against unforeseen situations.

The balance on the Designated Fabric Fund is built up as a provision against the estimated costs of the next quinquennial inspection, together with the PCC property maintenance obligations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
a Donations & legacies						
1 Planned giving	31,455				31,455	29,165
2 Cash collections at services	8,012				8,012	2,283
3 Special collections	1489		1,518		3,007	3,500
4 Sundry donations and appeals	24,929	350.00	210		25,489	34,591
5 Income tax recoverable	8,623				8,623	6,314
6 Grants			7,000		7,000	11,000
7 Legacies			0		0	100,000
	74,507	350	8,728	0	83,585	186,854
b Trading activities						
1 Fundraising	1,778		1,703		3,481	1,006
2 Parish magazine	9,128				9,128	7,834
	10,906	0	1,703	0	12,609	8,839
c Investment income						
1 Rental income from property				9,936	9,936	7,887
2 Dividends and interest	4,624				4,624	4,062
	4,624	0	0	9,936	14,560	11,949
d Charitable activities						
1 Church fees etc	6,078				6,078	4,216
	6,078	0	0	0	6,078	4,216
e Other income						
Sundry	977		10,400		11,377	10,762
VAT reclaim					0	0
	977	0	10,400	0	11,377	10,762
Total incoming resources	97,092	350	20,831	9,936	128,208	222,620

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Resources expended

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
a Costs of raising funds					
1 Special appeal costs					0
2 Stewardship costs					0
	0	0	0	0	0
b Other trading costs					
1 Fundraising					0
2 Other					0
3 41 Oaktree Cottages Purchase				0	0
4 41 Oaktree Cottages Upkeep				2,848	2,848
5 41 Oaktree Cottages Insurance					0
6 41 Oaktree Cottages Council Tax					0
	0	0	0	2,848	2,848
c Charitable activities					
1 Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas					0
Home Missions / Church Societies					0
Secular Charities					0
1 Charitable Giving	2,160				2,160
2 Diocesan parish contribution	57,596				57,596
3 Clergy costs - vicar	11,361				11,361
4 Youth / Families workers & costs			45,373		45,373
5 Church utilities	10,417				10,417
6 Church buildings upkeep	16,471		230		16,701
7 Church service costs	3,190				3,190
8 Church insurance	4,389				4,389
9 Upkeep of grounds	2,034				2,034
10 Parish magazine	10,100				10,100
11 Courses and groups	30		3,348		3,378
12 Other church activities	1,458		13,982		15,441
13 PCC property costs - Robins				901	901
14 Chelwood Gate church improvements	0.00	966			966
15 Independent examination costs	(941)				(941)
	118,264	966	62,933	901	183,065
Total resources expended	118,264	966	62,933	3,749	185,913

TOTAL
FUNDS
2021
£

0
0

0

0
0
2,286
12,545
314
0

15,145

0
0
0

525
55,434
8,444
41,655
4,725
17,434
3,610
3,903
5,169
7,812
3,237
1,076
19,687
21,619
4,395

198,725

213,870

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Staff costs

a Wages and salaries

The youth worker received remuneration totalling £22,258.25

The Children's and Family Worker received remuneration totalling £11,326.09

b Payments to PCC members

There were no payments to PCC members, or persons closely connected to them, or other related parties.

5 Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land
and buildings

Cost or valuation

£

1 At 1 January 2022 net book value

320,000

2 Additions

-

3 Disposals

-

4 Revaluation

-

At 31 December 2022

320,000

The freehold land and buildings comprises of 41 Oaktree Cottages purchased on 11/12/2019 and is valued at its purchase price of £320,000.

6 Investments

£

1 Market value 1 January 2022

85,753

2 Disposals at carrying value

-

3 Purchases at cost

-

4 Net gain on revaluation

(4,665)

Market value 31 December 2022

81,088

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<i>1</i> Fixed assets for church use				320,000	320,000
<i>2</i> Investment assets	81,088				81,088
<i>3</i> Current assets	(72,060)	0	97,585	207,613	233,137
<i>4</i> Current liabilities	(6,632)				(6,632)
	2,396	0	97,585	527,613	627,593

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
1 Income tax recoverable	22,948	6,381
2 Year end oil stock	400	400
3 Prepayments and accrued income	11,331	-
4 Other debtors	-	5,000
	34,679	11,781

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
1 Prepayments received	-	-
2 Other creditors	6,632	334,899
	6,632	334,899

10 Statement of funds

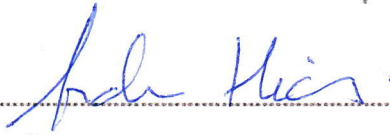
	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	3,986	92,427	(118,264)	24,248	0	2,396
Designated Fund						
Designated C.G. Extension	(0)	350	(966)	616		-
Designated fabric fund	17,050			-17,050		-
Designated decorating fund	-					-
Designated 'All Saints Fellowship'	-					-
Designated Cafe Church	-					-
	17,050	350	(966)	-16,434	0	-
Restricted Fund						
Vicar's Parish Mission Fund	530					530
Sunday Special Collections	6,795	1,518				8,313
Refreshment station/Plaque/AV	-1	-	(13,982)	13,983		-
Hardy Fund	94,924			(21,797)		73,127
Youth workers	5,695	19,313	(48,721)	23,713		0
Barbara Lloyd	33,371		(230)	(17,526)		15,615
	141,314	20,831	(62,933)	-1,627	0	97,585
Endowment Fund						
Robins	0	0		(0)		0
41 Oaktree Cottages	320,000	9,936		(9,936)		320,000
Endowment Cash	207,613			-		207,613
41 Oaktree upkeep	0		(2,848)	2,848		0
Robins costs	0		(901)	901		(0)
	527,613	9,936	(3,749)	(6,187)	0	527,613
Total funds	689,963	123,543	(185,913)	(0)	-	627,594

The fabric fund and the property decorating funds are treated as unrestricted funds as they are financed from agreed PCC transfers from the general fund. They are used towards funding the future costs of any significant building, repair and maintenance work that may arise in the future, specifically the next quinquennial.

The endowment is comprised of 41 Oaktree Cottages (previously Robins); it is an expendable endowment.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate for the Year Ended 31st December, 2022

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 1-8
PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	It is my responsibility to: 1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, 2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and 3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 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: a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. <i>* Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply</i>
Examiner's signature	
Examiner's name CAPITALS	ANDREW HICKS
Date	1/4/2024
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body if any	ACMA CG-MA
Examiner's address	RUSSETTS CHURCH LANE DANEHILL EAST SUSSEX RH17 7EU

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

All Saints Danehill With Chelwood Gate



2021

FROM THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS

What a roller-coaster year it has been! It has been a very difficult time for many with challenges to work, health and social life. As with many churches, we were impacted by the need to follow guidance designed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and for long periods we had to adapt to services at home. We are thankful for the resource of the internet with online worship, recorded services and later in-person services with streaming for those at home.

At All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate, our aim is to 'know and share the love of Christ'. In obedience to the Great Commission, we seek to **reach** people for the Lord, to **build** them up in faith and **send** them out in loving service.

As we have pursued these goals in the difficult year of 2020 there have been some silver linings. Our church members have appreciated the joy of meeting one another and worshipping together in a deeper way. We have been inspired to find new and creative ways of reaching out, with the online services and groups reaching many. We have had opportunities to show love to the vulnerable and those with practical needs in the church family and in the wider community.

Our vision for the churches has remained steadfast - that visitors will feel welcomed and loved; that there will be thriving services for all; that we will be passionate about our faith; for plenty of leaders; that we will be a hub for outreach, and for growing home groups. Paddy would like to express his thanks to the Wardens, PCC and many others who have worked together towards this vision. Progress towards each vision point is described briefly below.

All Visitors Welcomed and Loved. Whilst we missed live services, visitors have found that it has never been easier to give church a try! Many took the chance to dip their toe in the water from the comfort of their own home, and we were encouraged by the numbers of people viewing. At the same time, we are thankful that it has become easier to welcome visitors and to get to know them with the return to physical services.

Thriving Services for All. We were able to provide a wide variety of online and when possible, in-person services. These ranged from 8am Book of Common Prayer, to 9.30am Communion and Morning Prayer including the special third Sunday services, to the 11am informal service, to Worship@4 with its very contemporary worship. We are grateful to those who worked so hard to take part in these online services and to make them available online. Our special thanks to Steve and Meg for all the editing and technical support, the online Carol Service and Christmas Day services were a particular highlight. Sermons and news sheets have been printed and distributed for a number who are not online as a means of keeping in touch and staying encouraged.

Passionate about our faith. We ran a number of online events to help nurture faith. These included Sunday Club leaders training, an online Alpha Course, and home groups meeting via Zoom. There have also been online prayer meetings as the pandemic has reminded us of our urgent need to depend on God and to seek his blessing for ourselves and others.

Plenty of leaders. We are grateful for the way in which the wardens, PCC and others stepped up to the plate to address the challenges of this year, giving freely of their time and skills in God's service. It has been heartening to see new people using their gifts for different roles in church life, from assisting with the Parish Magazine to greater diversity in leading services and preaching. Those involved in 2020 have included Rev. Peter Francis, Andrew Hicks, Kevin Cherry, Ally Large, Meg and Steve Coppin, Josh and Kirsti Watson, Worship@4 guest speakers and others.

Hub for Outreach. We are delighted to have appointed a new youth (& families') worker, Josh Watson who has used the internet creatively to stay in touch with young people, giving them fun challenges and being a role model of staying positive in difficult times. We were also very thankful for the appointment of Meg Coppin as our part-time children (& families') worker, and for the efforts of all who serve as youth and children's work leaders. The Parish Magazine (which has been made available online and when possible in print) and the church website have come into their own as means of communicating with church members and the wider parish. The online ladies' craft night and more recently the new watercolour group have been further means of reaching out. At this challenging time, church members have shown God's love to each other and to those in the community through friendship as well as pastoral and practical support.



Growing home groups. Home groups provide an excellent way to grow in faith and to explore questions about how the Scriptures apply to our lives today. Some groups have paused their activities in lockdown but have kept in close touch by phone, whilst others have met on Zoom to study the Bible together.

We have invested in our vision in a number of ways. These have included the sale of the Robins and the purchase of a more suitable property on Oak Tree Cottages to accommodate the youth worker Josh and his family. Progress has been made on needs identified by the Quinquennial building inspection and the pews at Danehill have been mobilised. As restrictions ease, the improvements to Chelwood Gate Church provide us with more options for hosting church events and activities. The planned Refreshments Station at All Saints should also enhance our welcome to those who are new to the church as well as helping to strengthen our fellowship.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the wardens, the PCC, the youth and children's leaders and all the church teams who do so much to support and to enable the practical running of the churches' activities. We remember with thanksgiving those who have entered the Lord's nearer presence including Jennifer Jennings, Mary Benson, Donna Barber and Laurence Hardy, who made tremendous contributions to the churches' life over many years.

We praise God for those who have enabled the church to meet its priorities through generous giving. The lockdown has had a significant financial impact and so your continued support in this area is vital to the church's mission is appreciated.

And so we thank God for all that He has done in us, through us and occasionally in spite of us in the last challenging year! 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Corinthians 12:9)

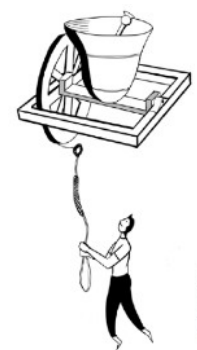
Ashdown Café

Unfortunately due to Covid, Ashdown Cafe has had to remain closed. We are very hopeful that it will open again in July.

Shelagh Gilliam

Bellringers

Unfortunately, like all other group activities, we have been unable to ring the bells since the first lockdown. Due to our small ringing room and the closeness of some of the ropes and, therefore, the impossibility to social distance as well as the lack of ventilation it was not thought safe to resume when the first lockdown eased.



We were however able to toll a single bell when requested for a funeral and following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

We regularly receive guidance from the Central Council of Bellringers and it seems unlikely, due to our circumstances, that we will be able to start after 17th May as social distancing and good ventilation are still recommended. Hopefully, if restrictions are eased as planned on 21st June you will hear the bells ringing again.

Our Christmas handbell ringing was also affected as we could not get together to practice and were not able to go into any nursing homes. We were able to make a recording for the Carol service which we sent to some of the homes and was very much appreciated.

Chelwood Gate Church Helpers

We are grateful to those who care for Chelwood Gate Church, performing different voluntary tasks to ensure that it is ready for use by parishioners in their worship. Flexible rotas for cleaning, brass polishing and flower arranging duties assist with this. Help is also provided by those who maintain the outside of the church and grounds. We are thankful to all these wonderful volunteers and to those who have helped to recruit them. If you would like to be involved, please contact Frances Parrish (01825 740465) or Jayne Leuchars (740273).

Coffee Plus

Our group has had another positive year of Bible study, prayer and close supportive fellowship. We have used a wide variety of study resources over the course of the last year and are currently working through a study of Mark's Gospel, which we are all finding extremely rewarding.

All the restrictions that have been in place because of Coronavirus have been extremely challenging. We have met in person when the rules have allowed it, and the rest of our meetings have been via Zoom. Technology has been a lifeline, but we can't wait to meet up properly again. There really is no substitute for that face-to-face contact. Most of all we are thankful for this group, which has been an invaluable source of support during this difficult year.



Our members continue to be drawn from a wide variety of church backgrounds and neighbouring parishes and we value the richness that this diversity brings to our discussions. As a group, Coffee Plus has continued to make regular donations to charity, including Barnabas Fund, Hope House Haiti and Emmaus in Brighton. This year we donated £400, and Gift Aid brought the total up to £500.

Elizabeth Forty

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll was last updated in October 2020 and had 161 people listed.

This update of the Electoral Roll started on 11th April 2021, have had 3 come off the register (deceased) and 4 new additions. Our new total listed is 162 on the Electoral Roll.

Meg Coppin (Electoral Roll Officer)

Fabric

Fabric matters have as with most things been impacted by COVID-19. The Fabric Committee have met via zoom throughout the year with repairs and maintenance works being progressed but sometimes delayed. The routine tasks of checks on fire extinguishers, lightning conductors, electrical certification at Chelwood Gate and boiler maintenance have continued largely as planned. The boiler has recently suffered a breakdown that required some emergency repairs leaving the church without heating for about 2 weeks. External painting at Chelwood Gate was deferred along with fund raising for the under floor ground source heating proposal at All Saints due mainly to the impacts of the virus. Routine maintenance of the churchyards has continued uninterrupted with grass cutting, trimming of hedges and the Lime trees. Three medium sized trees at Danehill fell in storms but fortunately did no significant damage.



The successful pew mobilisation project was fully completed proving to be useful and well received. Increased use of the North Porch door at Danehill due to COVID-19 restrictions led to improved security with provision of additional bolts. Unusually the All Saints Clock stopped during a period of frosts. Paul Marten who does a stirring job in maintaining the clock believes that the spindle that drives the clock hands had frozen. However some of the mechanism continues to be stiff so this may require more comprehensive maintenance soon.

The major initiative this year has been the proposal to provide a Refreshment Station at the back of All Saints Church behind the glass doors to replace the out dated and impractical facilities in the Vestry. The design includes boiling water on tap, a dishwasher and fridge with a counter for serving drinks plus two small tables and new chairs. The diocesan approval has been protracted as they take their responsibility to consult and maintain the historical integrity of the building fabric very seriously. Installation of the Refreshment Station should take only a few weeks and is scheduled to start in early June, although this is subject to receipt of the Faculty from the Registry.

Further repairs have also been undertaken as recommended in the quinquennial report including minor works to the windows at both All Saints and Chelwood Gate. The report also identified areas of stonework pointing that needed attention and this is considered to be the cause of a small leak in the Vestry roof. Further investigations are continue.

Following the passing of Laurence Hardy it has been proposed to commemorate his life and dedication to All Saints with a stone plaque. Early consultations are in progress but the proposed plaque may be located immediately below that of his father on the Tower buttress nearest the Font.

Purchase of 41 Oak Tree Cottages was completed with the proceeds of the sale of Robins. A number of repairs were necessary to both properties and a new heating system is now being considered for the purchased property.

Finance Review

2020 review

2020 was the fourth year since 2011 when the church has suffered an overall loss on its general fund. This loss of £2,982 is slightly smaller than the 2019 loss of £8,047 but still not good to see.

The reason for this is not directly attributable to any one expense but small increases spread over several lines.



Whilst we have seen an increase of £5,132, or 7%, in general regular planned giving and cash collections at services, plus Gift Aid Tax recoverable, we have an increase of £4,654 in our general fund donations.

The parish magazine advertising revenue increased by £1,282, there was however a decrease in the number of donors supporting the initiative of giving a copy to each household to help cover the cost to the church.

In line with our pledge 10 years ago to pay the full requested Parish Contribution to the diocese we have now for the sixth consecutive year achieved this. As always this is the largest item of expenditure and was £67,356 in the year.

Due to anticipated decreases in giving during the second half of 2020 and 2021 due to the impact of Covid-19 we have agreed to pay a £1,000 a month reduction in our Parish Contribution for 2021, total £55,434 but have agreed that PCC will review it quarterly and revert to full contribution as soon as we felt we had adequate funds available.

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the "Unrestricted Fund" to help ease fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. Now that the balance on this fund has reduced again due to this year's loss, we remain, as in 2019, at an all-time low of only 2 months operating costs (2017 was 5 months).

Youth and Children's Work.

We were without a Youth Worker from early 2019 until August 2020. Josh Watson joined us in August 2020 so the Youth Worker costs for 2019 & 2020 were on a par and our Youth Worker Fund has remained fairly static.

We anticipate that with the continued support of the Parish Council and Private Donors, we have sufficient funds to pay the youth worker for the next three years. We were also pleased to receive a grant from the diocesan mission fund for 2021 towards the appointment of Meg Coppin who joined us in February 2021 as part-time children (& families') worker.

Chelwood Gate Church.

Work has now been completed on Chelwood Gate Church installing kitchen and toilets, also buttress and required repairs plus disabled access. Total cost of Project was £75,462 of which £61,535 was covered by donations and grants.

We are now about to complete other work on Chelwood Gate Church, painting inside and out including windows, clearing trees and trimming back bushes and building a patio and new paths near to the remembrance area. This work will complete a lot of obligations highlighted in our latest Quinquennial Report to complete work including the outside windows.

Endowment Funds

In late 2019, the PCC agreed to sell Robins, our Endowment Property in Chelwood Gate, and bought a property more in the centre of our community. In December 2019 we purchased 41 Oaktree Cottages for £320,000 but, as we did not actually sell Robins until 2021, we obtained a Diocese Loan of £320,000 to purchase the property which is now the home of our new Youth Worker Josh Watson and his family from August 2020.

We sold Robins in February this year but, in the meantime, the monthly rental income from Robins covered our interest expense on the Diocese Loan and, in addition, we also received some short-term rental income on Oaktree Cottages.

When we sold Robins, after allowing for repairs carried out prior to sale interest paid on loan and rent received, we had cash surplus of £174,305.



Financial Summary

We are grateful to those whose support and generosity has helped the church towards delivering its vision and financial commitments. Please see our website for details about online giving. www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/for-regulars/giving-donations To secure the long-term financial future of the Church, as many of our congregation have already done, we encourage parishioners to join the Diocesan run Parish Giving Scheme. Please take and complete one of the Parish Giving Scheme forms to help with this.

We are also very grateful for large donations received through legacies left to the Church. These are invaluable in supporting the fabric of our Churches and our vision. Please let me know if you need any guidance and assistance with this matter.

Will Loveridge



Flowers

This year has once again been a very strange one! No flowers in the church until Christmas when we were able to return to some sort of normality, we didn't start regular weekly rotas until after Lent but are now working as usual and looking forward to the return of weddings. We have several booked up starting from June 26th which will be fun. I would like to thank all my team for their patience during this difficult time and look forward to putting these difficult years behind us!

Diana Freeland

Home Groups

"Faith means being sure of something we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it" - Hebrews 11 verse 1. Thought about it? A pithy statement from the writer of Hebrews, but is it an assurance for everyone listening to the Gospel being read and preached each Sunday?

Whilst shopping in my local supermarket during Easter Week a mother suddenly rushed up to me and asked "My son wants to know why it is called Good Friday when Jesus died - what do I say?" Whilst searching for the cornflakes I am not sure I gave a very full answer! Home Groups are an opportunity to question, search and share our queries and concerns about our understanding and knowledge of our faith. Participants have so often found it a place where friendships grow and warmth and support develop as time goes by.

We have recently added to our existing groups: one in the morning and another in the evening thus with our afternoon group we hope to meet the requirements of all. As we hopefully approach new freedom of meeting following the pandemic, these groups may transfer to homes, but at present they continue on Zoom.

For any further details do contact our vicar or Heather Heath on 01825 790696 or heath.searles@btinternet.com

Ladies' Craft Evening

After a considerable break, we decided to start again on Zoom this time, like most things. We have enjoyed many lively sessions, with warmth and laughter and valuable Bible thoughts. We decorated candle holders, stones, some of us trying watercolours for the first time ever, have made Easter wreaths and looked at Bible journaling. We were thrilled to welcome a few new members. A very warm welcome and thanks to Gloria, Kirsti, Alice, Lydia, Fiona, and Tamsyn who actively helped lead the craft and talks and to everyone taking part. A Watercolour Group for both men and women has sprung out of it for which we are profoundly grateful to Gloria.

Please continue to support us in prayer and remember this is a ladies' craft group that you can come and enjoy whenever convenient. There is a WhatsApp group for updates, so feel free to ask for your number to be added. And let's remember to be thankful as creativity is a God-given gift, as we read in Genesis 35:35. 'He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.' Yours in His service, Sue Hicks and Gabriela MacBain.

Music

For those Sundays when we were able to meet in person, we have been grateful at the 9.30am service for the commitment of Barbara Beedle and David Usher, Katren Bishop on the organ, and for Jenny Virtue who organises the hymn choices and for the singers. We give thanks for the 11am singers and musicians. Interest from additional organists, singers and musicians is welcomed in order to boost the teams.

Noah's Ark

Having run so successfully for many years, Noah's Ark along with the rest of the world had to stop and was unable to operate for just over year.

As lockdown has lifted it has restarted Noah's Ark now meets on a Monday morning. We currently have a restriction on 15 adults and on our first morning we were delighted to have 13 adults and 15 children, amongst whom were some lockdown babies and some that had moved to the village in the last year. We have contact with all the parents on text/email. We remain very grateful of the years of work that have gone into this group and continue with the routines that it is known for, including lots of play, a craft, snack and some gentle Christian input through the song/story.



We have a fantastic team with Jennie Marten and Fiona Laughlan each week and a rota of additional helpers who help once a month, including Jenny Virtue, Susie Oates, Katherine Allenby and Rebecca Bruce – praise God, it wouldn't happen without the team!

Please pray for this vital outreach work, the families, volunteers and the relationships that are formed through the group.

Meg Coppin, Children's (& Families) Worker

Parish Magazine

The magazine has been produced every month during 2020/2021, but not in the usual form. Like everything else the magazine had to migrate to the virtual world, because it was not possible to distribute it, in printed form, with the various lockdown restrictions. This meant that the content was probably less widely read than usual. The print version briefly emerged in November and December and returned properly in April 21. The magazine continues to provide a valued source of news, views and information about the parish and further afield. In these unusual times it has been especially appreciated as a means of keeping people updated and informed.



Pastoral Care

A great deal of informal pastoral care (by which we mean 'looking out for people's needs within the church and wider community') has taken place during the lockdown. This has included helping with practical needs and just being available to chat on the phone. Rob May and Shelagh Gilliam are listed as contacts for those needing prescriptions or lifts to surgery. In addition, a number of church members were on the joint church and parish council volunteer list to assist vulnerable people during this time. As Christians, we all have a responsibility to show love and to help others and church members have worked hard to look out for those in need during this challenging time.

Prayer Meetings

Parish Prayer

Jesus said, 'Apart from me, you can do nothing' – that is, nothing of eternal value. Prayer is the way he taught us to access the loving power and wisdom of the living God. The informal Prayer Service has taken place on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm on Zoom. All are welcome, whether they wish to pray out loud or in the silence of their hearts.

Contemplative Prayer

'God never stops listening to us but sometimes we stop listening to him' – in our time of contemplative prayer we seek to increase our openness to God.

This has been a year of difference. We have continued to put aside time on the third Wednesday of the month to spend time listening to the Word of God from Scripture, and

ending with a time using the Word in intercession for others. As we have been unable to meet in person, we have been supported by written thoughts which have been circulated to members and which also appear on the All Saints website.

Although we have missed gathering together, it has meant that we have been sharing the prayer time with people not only in our own Parish, but also from Forest Row, Haywards Heath, Uckfield, Porthcawl, Shoreham and other parts of Sussex. All are very welcome to join in, especially as we hope to return to meeting in Chelwood Gate church from May onwards.

Catherine Older

Thursday Prayer Meeting

We met on Thursdays on Zoom at 9.15am. We pray for the needs of the parish, for those in need and for the Sunday services. It is an encouraging time for those who attend. You are welcome to try it and to join.

Safeguarding

Following on from our safeguarding inspection from the Diocese last year it is important to ensure that we as a Parish are continuing to be as thorough and as safe as possible with our practices.

It is important going forward that we continue doing this great work and take the opportunity to refresh ourselves with current Safeguarding Policies, our Behaviour Code and where we can find Safeguarding resources so that we can be confident in tackling any safeguarding concerns.

A reminder to those who volunteer within the Church and hold DBS certificates that we have been told during assessment that these are only valid for 5 years and unless you are part of the update service they will expire after 5 years. It is a requirement from the Diocese that anyone volunteering within the Church, especially with our Young People, holds a valid DBS certificate. Some personal responsibility must be taken to ensure that our certificates are in date – if they are not then contact Paddy who will be able to organise a new one to be completed. We have continued to welcome a number of new volunteers to the existing numbers since last year and we continue to give thanks to God for those who continue to help in the Church, especially in these trying times.

There is also a requirement for safeguarding courses to be refreshed every 3 years – C0 ('Basic Awareness'), C1 ('Foundation') and C2 ('Leadership'). You only have to refresh the highest level you attained every three years and not all of them, so if you currently hold C2 then every three years you will need to refresh C2. Again, some personal responsibility needs to be taken to ensure that we are keeping up to date.

For information please speak to Paddy. Obviously in the current climate a lot of these courses requiring attendance can't be completed but the online courses remain available to those who need them.

Finally I wish to update you all that I will be stepping down as the Parish Safeguarding Officer after 4 years. I wish my successor the best of luck in continuing with this vital role

School

Danehill School has adapted well to the challenges of lockdown, and its online teaching provision was cited as an example for other primary schools to follow. The school's motto is 'learning together, learning for life in all its fulness.' The school seeks to weave its Christian values of curiosity, imagination, discipline, collaboration and persistence into all aspects of learning. We have welcomed opportunities to take both online and live assemblies at the school and with Josh and Meg joining the team, there is an added variety to these times of collective worship.

Sunday Club & Crèche

It has been exciting to see new families at the 11am since lockdown has eased. Sunday Club started back in April and since then has seen 10 primary school aged children. For teaching we use 'Roots on the Web' which follows the same teaching that adults have in the service. We have lots of fun and craft is a key part of what we enjoy.



Crèche has also started in April for the first time in many years and since starting has seen 7 preschool age children. The parents have greatly appreciated the chance of being able to sit in the service.

The All age service runs on the first Sunday of the month, this includes an action song and sees the children reading and leading prayers, it is lovely to see them at the front of church and they all seem to enjoy having a special role in the service.

There is a brilliant team to teach Sunday Club and oversee crèche, Olivia Wilcocks, Chloe Blantern, Melissa Critchley, Fiona McLaughlan, Marie Gaffon and Tamsyn Llewellyn.

We praise God for the growing number of young families at the 11am, please pray for this work, thankfulness for the volunteers and of course for the families, especially children.

Meg Coppin, Children's (& Families) Worker

Support Ministries

We are grateful to the many people who undertake 'behind the scenes' roles to help church services function smoothly. These include our Vergers and Sacristan, Jennie Marten; the

sidesmen; Cedric Parrish for assisting with the news sheet; Jayne Leuchars and Frances Parrish who have helped with rotas and practical matters at Chelwood Gate; the Lay Ministers of Communion and the sound and laptop operators.

We are thankful to Paul Marten for his flag raising and clock-winding; those who open and close the church; the sidesmen and welcomers and those who served hot drinks, earlier in the year. A special word of thanks to Jenny Virtue for her many years of helping with the housekeeping and to Tricia Burgess for having overseen the coffee rota. We express our thanks to all those who have helped with pastoral care, offering lifts and being named on the joint church and parish council volunteer list to assist vulnerable people during lockdown.

We are also grateful to Will Loveridge for his support with planned giving; to the Friends; the parish magazine distributors; and to many others.

Watercolour@All

Watercolour@All was launched in February 2021 after a workshop set up by Gabriela's Craft Group. There was so much interest in learning more, that it was decided to start a specific group for painting in Watercolour. It is run by Gloria Horsfall, who has had a long career in art, exhibiting and has taught many, the love and passion for Botanical Art. The group is run the 2nd Tuesday each month starting at 1.30.

The group features primarily in Botanic Art, this gives the artist a more complete picture of a plant which can be accurately observed and recorded. An artist can incorporate many features of a plant's life cycle in one picture: the seed, foliage, flowers, and fruit. To aid plant identification botanists at Kew and around the world still use botanic art to help them identify species where written descriptions in floras are inadequate.

The teaching sessions will gradually build up to using more skills from drawing to colour, shape and form plus materials and techniques. The workshops are always accompanied by teaching notes for reference. So far, all the sessions have been on Zoom but it is our aim to be meeting once a month at Chelwood Gate, once we have the go ahead to start.

The Watercolour Group has only been running for a very short time but already we are seeing some stunning art being produced. The group is truly inspirational, friendly, enjoyable and welcoming. We always honour God before we start with a short reflection.

The workshops are free on Zoom but when we do meet, a small donation would be helpful towards the costs of heating and lighting at Chelwood Gate. When we can meet, there will refreshments.

If anyone wants to have a try first before they decide to buy any materials, there are watercolours and paper kept at the Vicarage, just let Gabriela know and she'll help.

For me personally, the group fulfils a vision of creativity flowing into the life at Danehill Church and I am so thankful for being given this opportunity. Please feel free to email me if you would like to join us. chayah3443@gmail.com

Gloria Horsfall

Youth Work Report

This last year has been tough for youth workers across the nation, presenting us with some unique challenges and opportunities. We have had to keep up with ever-changing guidance and sporadic lockdowns, which have made it difficult to meet consistently and build relationships with the young people. With that being said, the volunteer team have really stepped up to the plate, which has enabled us to do as much as we can in these trying times - Thank you so much for your service!



We started in September with TNT and ICE, separating the year groups in order to keep our group sizes down. Despite this, we still saw at least 40 different young people across the two groups, which was a really encouraging start! Unfortunately, we were cut short by the November lockdown, although we were able to finish with a Christmas Special before the term ended. After Christmas we were unable to meet in person, so everything had to be done through technology. I started with a treasure hunt, leaving clues online that led to real world locations, at which I had hidden a small prize of sweets!

This was great in January, when school was all online, as it encouraged the young people to get outside, and gave them something fun to engage in. I received good feedback from the young people as well as their families.

The most exciting news is that we are able to run TNT and ICE again! Restrictions on numbers have been removed for youth groups, although social distancing still applies, but this means that we can proceed with our summer specials programme and end this year on a high note! We kicked it off with 'Fun-Field Hot Dogs' on Jubilee green, and more than 30 young people came. This is great news as we head into this term, and we have lots more fun to come.

We will also see the return of May Camp this year, although not quite as we know it. The Diocese have produced online material and have encouraged youth leaders to run an event surrounding this, so on the 30-31st of May we will be doing just that! We're all booked in to head to Blackland farm outdoor activity centre, so it will be a blast!

If you have any questions or want to get in contact, just send an email to youth@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

Josh Watson

Website

The website remains a key source of information about all aspects of our life together. It has recently been updated and has played an enhanced role in communications in the light of recent events. Please see www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

Worship@4

Worship@4 is church, but not as you know it! It has a relaxed 'festival feel' with songs/multimedia from the latest Christian artists and the talk is engaging, built around God's word and all that it means for us today. Our heartfelt thanks in particular to the wonderful people from around the South-East who have given their time and energy to lead these talks.

We have been so excited to see how God has brought a new congregation together for Worship@4, who are now becoming great friends and growing in faith. As we move forward, our aim (with God's blessing) is to make Worship@4 a hub for young people & the young at heart for Danehill and surrounding villages, enabling them to know and share the love of Christ.

Meg & Steve Coppin

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting to the parish at large the whole mission and vision of the church. It is responsible for maintaining both church buildings, in Danehill and Chelwood Gate. The PCC has shown regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, seeking to represent the churches in sharing Christ's love in word and action.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. There were no Standing Committee meetings in 2020.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks go to all who have served faithfully on the PCC, including several who have done so over many years. These include those who have retired from the PCC; Sally Alexander, Sue Hicks, Chris Critchley and Angela Barraclough, who served as PCC secretary and in many other ways before her move with Nigel to Horsham.

The PCC members are currently as follows

Vicar and Chair: Revd. Paddy MacBain*, Warden and Vice Chair: Charles Critchley. Warden: Shelagh Gilliam. Treasurer: Will Loveridge*, Secretary: Kirsty Watson. Cedric Parrish* (Diocesan Synod), Fabric Officer: Tony Blake. Safeguarding Officer: Alistair Large, Electoral Roll Officer: Meg Coppin, Ian Barras-Hill, Christine Colbourne, Jenna Davies, Mae Lewis, Stefan Mercado.

* Indicates Deanery Synod member



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

Registered charity number: 1145025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
Incoming resources							
<i>Donations & legacies</i>	2a	60,605	6,100	120,149	0	186,854	85,576
<i>Trading activities</i>	2b	8,839	0	0	0	8,839	8,327
<i>Investment & rental income</i>	2c	4,062	0	0	7,887	11,949	18,965
<i>Charitable activities</i>	2d	4,216	0	0	0	4,216	2,178
<i>Other income</i>	2e	1,362	0	9,400	0	10,762	7,843
Total incoming resources		79,084	6,100	129,549	7,887	222,620	122,890
Resources expended							
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>	3a	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other trading costs</i>	3b	0	0	0	15,145	15,145	12,622
<i>Charitable activities</i>	3c	103,442	20,966	54,630	19,687	198,725	125,860
Total resources expended		103,442	20,966	54,630	34,832	213,870	138,482
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(24,358)	(14,866)	74,919	(26,945)	8,749	(15,592)
Gain/Loss on sale of fixed asset					53,000	53,000	
<i>Gains / losses on investment assets</i>	6	9,883	0	0	0	9,883	(13,506)
<i>Transfer between funds - in</i>		0	72	(2,880)	0	(2,808)	7,872
<i>Transfer between funds - out</i>		2,808	0	0	0	2,808	(7,872)
Net movement in funds		(11,668)	(14,794)	72,039	26,055	71,632	(29,098)
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan. 2021		15,654	35,139	65,980	501,558	618,330	647,428
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec. 2021		3,986	20,345	138,018	527,613	689,962	618,330

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	320,000	790,000
Investment assets at market value	6	85,753	75,871
Current assets			
Debtors	8	18,556	19,180
Short term deposits		59,894.78	59,815
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>214,513</u>	<u>8,363</u>
		292,963	87,359
Creditors: less amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(8,755)</u>	<u>(334,899)</u>
Net current assets		284,208	(247,541)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>689,962</u>	<u>618,330</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9		
NET ASSETS		<u>689,962</u>	<u>618,330</u>
		0	
Represented by - funds	7		
General (unrestricted) funds	10	3,986	15,654
Designated funds	10	17,050	31,844
Restricted funds	10	141,314	69,275
Endowment funds	10	527,613	501,558
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS		<u>689,963</u>	<u>618,330</u>
		(2)	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

Rev'd P. MacBain
Chairman

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, as far as currently applicable, in accordance with applicable Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and also with the current Statement Of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the original income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they are received, accrued for if material.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property where there is insufficient cost information available, such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired over £1000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred (immediately if covered by specific grant or bequest).

As the expenditure on the improvements at the Chelwood Gate Church will be funded by a legacy and fundraising, and the property is not registered as an asset in the accounts, and also will not affect the PCC's ability to pay its parish share, these costs will be written off in the year that they occur.

Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date and are Charifund Income Units and National Savings Income Bonds.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove not collectable.

Short term deposits consists of the Virgin Money Charity Account.

Cash at bank includes the Verger's, Noahs Ark and Parish Magazine petty cash floats.

Reserves policy

- g** It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the "Unrestricted Funds" which equates to approximately 6 months recurring operating costs against unforeseen situations.

The balance on the Designated Fabric Fund is built up as a provision against the estimated costs of the next quinquennial inspection, together with the PCC property maintenance obligations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

2 Incoming resources

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
a Donations & legacies						
1 Planned giving	29,165				29,165	46,401
2 Cash collections at services	2,283				2,283	5,901
3 Special collections			3,500		3,500	0
4 Sundry donations and appeals	22,842	6,100.00	5,649		34,591	4,180
5 Income tax recoverable	6,314				6,314	12,694
6 Grants	0		11,000		11,000	16,400
7 Legacies			100,000		100,000	0
	60,605	6,100	120,149	0	186,854	85,576
b Trading activities						
1 Fundraising	1,006				1,006	0
2 Parish magazine	7,834				7,834	8,327
	8,839	0	0	0	8,839	8,327
c Investment income						
1 Rental income from property				7,887	7,887	15,259
2 Dividends and interest	4,062				4,062	3,707
	4,062	0	0	7,887	11,949	18,966
d Charitable activities						
1 Church fees etc	4,216				4,216	2,178
	4,216	0	0	0	4,216	2,178
e Other income						
Sundry	1,362		9,400		10,762	7,843
VAT reclaim					0	0
	1,362	0	9,400	0	10,762	7,843
Total incoming resources	79,084	6,100	129,549	7,887	222,620	122,890

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

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3 Resources expended

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
a Costs of raising funds					
1 Special appeal costs					0
2 Stewardship costs					0
	0	0	0	0	0
b Other trading costs					
1 Fundraising					0
2 Other					0
3 41 Oaktree Cottages Purchase				2,286	2,286
4 41 Oaktree Cottages Upkeep		0		12,545	12,545
5 41 Oaktree Cottages Insurance			0	314	314
6 41 Oaktree Cottages Council Tax					0
	0	0	0	15,145	15,145
c Charitable activities					
1 Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas					0
Home Missions / Church Societies					0
Secular Charities					0
1 Charitable Giving	525				525
2 Diocesan parish contribution	55,434				55,434
3 Clergy costs - vicar	8,444				8,444
4 Youth worker			41,655		41,655
5 Church utilities	4,725				4,725
6 Church buildings upkeep	6,860		10,574		17,434
7 Church service costs	3,610				3,610
8 Church insurance	3,903				3,903
9 Upkeep of grounds	5,169				5,169
10 Parish magazine	7,812				7,812
11 Courses and groups	1,913		1,325		3,237
12 Other church activities		0	1,076		1,076
13 PCC property costs - Robins				19,687	19,687
14 Chelwood Gate church improvements	653.31	20,966			21,619
15 Independent examination costs	4,395				4,395
	103,442	20,966	54,630	19,687	198,725
Total resources expended	103,442	20,966	54,630	34,832	213,870

TOTAL
FUNDS
2020
£

0
0

0

0
0
10,329
1,519
603
171

12,622

0
0
0

0
67,356
4,273
9,466
3,818
7,336
2,096
3,895
160
4,329
367
1,416
8,131
12,135
1,080

125,860

138,482

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF DANEHILL & CHELWOOD GATE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Staff costs

a Wages and salaries

The youth worker received remuneration totalling £22,258.25

The Children's and Family Worker received remuneration totalling £11,326.09

b Payments to PCC members

There were no payments to PCC members, or persons closely connected to them, or other related parties.

5 Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land
and buildings

Cost or valuation

£

1 At 1 January 2021 net book value

790,000

2 Additions

-

3 Disposals

(470,000)

4 Revaluation

-

At 31 December 2021

320,000

During the year Robins was sold for £523,000 and the loan sitting in other creditors was repaid. The freehold land and buildings comprises of 41 Oaktree Cottages purchased on 11/12/2019 and is valued at its purchase price of £320,000.

6 Investments

£

1 Market value 1 January 2021

75,871

2 Disposals at carrying value

-

3 Purchases at cost

-

4 Net gain on revaluation

9,882.78

Market value 31 December 2021

85,754

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
1 Fixed assets for church use				320,000	320,000
2 Investment assets	85,754				85,754
3 Current assets	(73,014)	17,050	141,314	207,613	292,963
4 Current liabilities	(8,755)				(8,755)
	3,985	17,050	141,314	527,613	689,962

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8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
1 Income tax recoverable	14,325	6,381
2 Year end oil stock	400	400
3 Prepayments and accrued income	3,831	-
4 Other debtors	-	5,000
	18,556	11,781

Magazine

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
1 Prepayments received	-	-
2 Other creditors	8,755	334,899
	8,755	334,899

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Fund						
General fund	15,654	88,967	(103,442)	2,808	0	3,986
Designated Fund						
Designated C.G. Extension	(0)	6,100	(20,966)	14,866		(0)
Designated fabric fund	26,400			-9,350		17,050
Designated decorating fund	4,750			-4,750		-
Designated 'All Saints Fellowship'	300			-300		-
Designated Cafe Church	394			-394		-
	31,844	6,100	(20,966)	72	0	17,050
Restricted Fund						
Vicar's Parish Mission Fund	530					530
Sunday Special Collections	3,295	3,500				6,795
Refreshment station/Plaque	0	4,149	(9,347)	5,198		-1
Hardy Fund		100,000		(5,076)		94,924
Youth workers	25,450	21,900	(41,655)			5,695
Barbara Lloyd	40,000		(3,627)	(3,002)		33,371
	69,275	129,549	(54,629)	-2,880	0	141,314
Endowment Fund						
Robins	470,000	0	(470,000)			0
41 Oaktree Cottages		327,887		(7,887)		320,000
Endowment Cash	31,558	150,000		(26,945)	53,000	207,613
41 Oaktree upkeep	0		(15,145)	15,145		0
Robins costs	0		(19,687)	19,687		0
	501,558	477,887	-504,832	0	53,000	527,613
Total funds	618,330	232,503	(213,870)	-	53,000	689,963

The fabric fund and the property decorating funds are treated as unrestricted funds as they are financed from agreed PCC transfers from the general fund. They are used towards funding the future costs of any significant building, repair and maintenance work that may arise in the future, specifically the next quinquennial.

The endowment is comprised of Robins (previously Marten Cottage); it is an expendable endowment.

Independent Examiner's Report

to the PCC of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate

for the Year Ended 31st December, 2021

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of All Saints, Danehill and Chelwood Gate, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 1-8. PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Examiner's signature



Examiner's name
CAPITALS

ANDREW HICKS

Date

28/2/24

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body
if any

ACMA CGMA

Examiner's address

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

All Saints Danehill With Chelwood Gate



2020

FROM THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS

Our goal at All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate is to 'know and share the love of Christ'. This fits closely with the diocesan vision for all churches in Sussex; to know, love and follow Jesus. We work towards this goal as we reach people for Christ, build them up in faith and send them out in His service.

In recent months we have been praying specifically that visitors will feel welcomed and loved; that there will be thriving services for all; that we will be passionate about our faith; for plenty of leaders; that we will be a hub for outreach, and for growing home groups. Progress in these areas is described briefly below.

All Visitors Welcomed and Loved. A warm welcome has been extended to many through Noah's Ark parent and toddler group, the Youth Clubs, Christmas services and social events including the well-received Christmas tree festival and Burns supper. Coffee between the services and summer events have added to this sense of community, as have our services for families attending church for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Visitors regularly comment on the friendly atmosphere and as regular members we aim to see ourselves not primarily as guests, but as hosts looking out for others.

Thriving Services for All. We continue to provide a wide range of service types to meet the diverse needs of our parish. These have included Worship@4, a service aimed at 18-30s and the young at heart, and the special third Sunday nine thirty service, among many others. We are grateful to God for well-attended Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday events, as well as our various school assemblies and services.

Average Sunday attendances have been uncannily similar to last year - 2019 figures are in brackets. 8am: 7 (9). 9.30am: 26 (26) 11.00am: 37 + 9 (37 + 9 under-16s). Worship@4: 18 + 6 (18 + 6 under-16s). This year there were 12 funerals, 2 baptisms and 3 weddings.

Passionate about our faith. The Christian gospel is wonderful news and we have been able to explore it more deeply through the Alpha Course, the Lent Course, and through Sunday Club, Pathfinder groups, home groups (see below), Coffee Plus and Sunday sermons. The different prayer groups play a vital role in fanning the flames of our faith and love.



Plenty of leaders. We are grateful for the way in which lay people, wardens and retired ministers stepped up to the plate during Paddy's sabbatical, giving freely of their time and skills in God's service. It has been encouraging to see new people using their gifts for different roles in church life, from assisting with the Parish Magazine to leading and preaching.

Hub for Outreach. Our parish is blessed with a varied outreach programme, enabling us to connect with our local community. The newly completed Chelwood Gate Church has provided further opportunities to do this, for example with the carols and cream teas during Advent. Other means of outreach have included the engaging Parish Magazine, the popular Ashdown Café, film nights, harvest supper, youth clubs, men's breakfast, ladies' craft nights and social events.

Growing home groups. Home groups provide an excellent way to grow in faith and several new people have tried an Alpha group or a home group this year. There is room for new members, so why not contact Heather Heath (01825 790696) to try a group.

Everyday life and church life have felt very different in the light of COVID-19. At this challenging time, church members have shown God's love to each other and to those in the community through friendship as well as pastoral and practical support. The website and online and live streamed services have provided both information and inspiration.

We had positive feedback from the recent safeguarding inspection and Archdeacon's visitation.

We are very thankful for the work of the wardens, the PCC, the volunteer youth leaders and all the church teams who do so much to support and to enable the

practical running of the churches' activities. We praise God for those who have enabled the church to meet its priorities through generous giving.

And so we give thanks for all who have worked hard in His service over the past year. 'Not to us O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.' (Psalm 115:1)

Ashdown Café

Ashdown Café has continued to be successful during the past year, the second Friday of the month has become a time when the community comes together for coffee, tea, cakes and a chat. We have been able to fully appreciate the newly refurbished Hall & kitchen. We were one of the first groups to be able to fully use it and were very pleased to have a photographic exhibition showing activities which had taken place in the Hall over the years.

Village organisations have provided us with cakes & biscuits and Danehill Primary School entertained us on Valentine's Day with songs accompanied by a very talented trumpet player.

The café does not set out to make a profit we only want to cover our expenses, but due to people's generosity we have taken £753.90 since last April.



We donated £200 to the Macmillan coffee morning in September. £50 to the church Christmas tree festival. £100 to Danehill School which is going to be used for music and £100 to Ashdown Forest. We are discussing other organisations which could benefit from a donation and when the pandemic emergency is over we will be seriously considering where to send money.

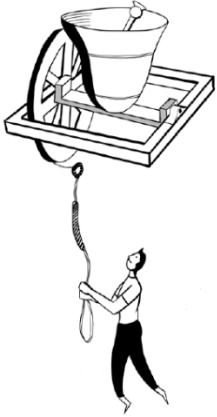
The café is successful thanks to a very hard-working committee of ladies who are helped by husbands putting up banners and putting tables & chairs away and by Steve & Meg who have put up tables for us after TNT & ICE on a Thursday evening. We are grateful to Rob May who comes to help us take down the large tables after the café has finished.

Bellringers

Danehill Bellringers have had another busy year and manage to ring for the 9.30 service on most Sundays as well as for special services such as weddings and Christmas services.

We now have a local band of 10 ringers and our Wednesday practices are well attended with regular visitors from Hartfield and Fletching. It can be quite a squash in our ringing room – not good for social distancing!

Our bells continue to be popular with visitors and I receive many requests from groups of bellringers from far and wide who would like to ring them.



We had our usual handbell ringing at Christmas when we visited all the local nursing homes plus some new ones in Haywards Heath as well as ringing at the Chelwood Gate tree lighting. We rang for our own service of Nine Lessons and Carols and also the Christingle service in Horsted Keynes and the carol service at Highbrook.

Although Bellringing is an enjoyable, if challenging team activity our main purpose is to call people to worship and remind them that we have a very active church in our neighbourhood.

Susan Hollyman

Chelwood Gate Church Helpers

We are grateful to those who care for Chelwood Gate Church, performing different voluntary tasks to ensure that it is ready for use by parishioners in their worship. Flexible rotas for cleaning, brass polishing and flower arranging duties assist with this.

Help is also provided by those who maintain the outside of the church and grounds. We are thankful to all these wonderful volunteers and to those who have helped to recruit them.



Chelwood Gate Project

We are thankful to all those who have made it possible to install a disabled toilet and a beautiful and well-equipped kitchen at Chelwood Gate Church. This was marked by a special service in December with the Archdeacon of Hastings, Ven. Edward Dowler

The work has improved our capacity to serve both church and community with a number of different events. These have included Carols and Cream teas, Christmas events, prayer meetings, school revision training and the Lent Course with soup lunches. We are looking forward to making further use of this excellent facility once the current health restrictions have been lifted.

Our sincere thanks to the builders for their construction work and to the project committee for their tireless efforts in planning and fundraising. Please see also the Fabric report for further details.

Coffee Plus

Our group has had another positive year of Bible study, prayer and close supportive fellowship. We have been doing an in-depth study of St John's gospel which we have all found to be extremely rewarding. As well as meeting on Friday mornings during term, we also get together for regular social events: coffee mornings, lunches, and a yearly visit to St Paul's Catholic Church in Haywards Heath for their Maundy Thursday service. We also decorate the Church Christmas tree every year.



Our members continue to be drawn from a wide variety of church backgrounds and neighbouring parishes and we value the richness that this diversity brings to our discussions.

As a group, Coffee Plus has made regular donations to charity, first supporting Women of Action and now Barnabas Fund. We have also supported Samaritan's Purse, Toilet Twinning and Crawley Open House. Since 2010 we have donated almost £4800 including Gift Aid, and we felt it might be encouraging to make this known to the wider church family.

Elizabeth Forty

Fabric

This has been a relatively busy year following receipt of the Quinquennial Reports (QR's) for both All Saints and Chelwood Gate churches plus progressing a few specific projects and urgent repairs. The Quinquennial Inspections were undertaken in April 2018 but the reports were not received until early 2019. Whilst there were only a few repairs identified for immediate action there was a longer list of items that needed attention in the short to medium term. As indicated last year membership of the Fabric Committee was revised and now includes Charles Critchley (Warden), Will Loveridge (Treasurer), Steve Coppin and Tony Blake.

The Fabric Committee have been progressing the routine maintenance and repair works in addition to the items identified in the QR's such as, testing and repairing the lightning conductor, cleaning gutters, repairing the tower access door, maintaining/testing fire extinguishers, replacing broken flood lights with low energy LED units, repairing the clock (thanks to Paul Marten), reducing draughts and improving security to the north porch, PAT testing electrical equipment etc. Limited repairs are currently also being undertaken to windows and surrounds at both All Saints and Chelwood Gate churches.

The organ suffered a significant problem and became largely inoperable. With today's Health & Safety at Work Regulations this required scaffolding to gain the necessary access for the specialist organ repairers. Fortunately this was carefully erected and dismantled within three days and no impact on services. The 'problem' turned out to be a fly stuck in one of the smaller organ pipes!



The Chelwood Gate church extension is now largely complete but this was delayed due in part to identifying the north wall of the existing church to be leaning outwards and putting the whole church at risk of collapse. Following structural assessments it was decided to support this wall with the construction of two brick abutments. Final inspections are still outstanding but are due shortly.

The successful pew mobilisation programme at Danehill was extended to include all the central nave pews with the exception of the back row. The works were successfully completed, thanks largely to Steve Coppin and Johnny Blake. The benefit of flexible seating was demonstrated at the Christmas Tree Festival and the Burns Night Dinner.

The now generally accepted need to reduce our impact on the environment has influenced the thinking of the Fabric Committee. The proposals to improve the heating at All Saints include using a ground source heat pump with under floor heating in the central Nave area. This is an established technology of high

efficiency with a low impact on the environment and will allow a reduction in our heating oil consumption.

Finally, Storm Ciara dislodged a number of stone tiles on the north facing roof at All Saints. The time taken to get this repaired, due to access restraints, resulted in water leaking onto the ceiling in the Chancel, staining the timbers and paint fresco. Further investigations are on going but we have been advised that should repairs be required the costs will be covered by insurance.

Tony Blake

Finance Review

2019 review

2019 was the third year since 2011 when the church has suffered an overall loss on its general fund. This loss of £8,047 is slightly smaller than the 2018 loss of £8,750 and is not good to see.

The reason for this loss is largely driven by increase in 2 expense lines:

- An increase was £3,770 in Robins upkeep costs where we have had a lot of repairs and renewals, including a new boiler;
- Church Buildings Upkeep have increased by £3,887 due to a variety of work completed as required by the recent Quinquennial.



Whilst we have seen a decrease of £6,684, or 9%, in general regular planned giving and cash collections at services, plus Gift Aid Tax recoverable, we have increases of £6,136 and a legacy of £7,000 in our general fund.

Though the parish magazine advertising revenue fell by £545, there was a welcome increase in the number of donors supporting this initiative of giving a copy to each household and encouraging donations to help cover the cost to the church.

In line with our pledge 10 years ago to pay the full requested Parish Contribution to the diocese we have now for the sixth consecutive year achieved this. As always this is the largest item of expenditure and was £ 65,401 in the year.

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the "Unrestricted Fund" to help ease fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. Now that the balance on this fund has reduced again due to this year's loss, we are at an all-time low of only 2 months operating costs (2017 was 5 months).

Youth Worker.

We have been without a Youth Worker since early 2019 so the Youth Worker costs fell by £6,878 from £17,959 in 2018 to £11,081 in 2019. At the same time, due to reduced expenditure and additional income, our Youth Worker Fund increased by £35,698 - from £35,374 in 2018 to £71,072 in 2019.

We anticipate that with the continued support of the Parish Council and Private Donors, we have sufficient funds to pay the youth worker for the next three years.

Endowment Funds

In late 2019, the PCC agreed to sell Robins, our Endowment Property in Chelwood Gate, and bought a property more in the centre of our community. In December 2019 we purchased 41 Oaktree Cottages for £320,000 but, as we have not yet sold Robins, we obtained a Diocese Loan of £320,000 to purchase the property which will be the home of our new Youth Worker from August.

We are still planning to sell Robins when the time is right this year but, in the meantime, the monthly rental income from Robins covers our interest expense on the Diocese Loan and, in addition, we have received some short-term rental income on Oaktree Cottages. When we sell Robins we will have a significant cash surplus but we cannot state exactly how much this is until we know exact sale price achieved.



Financial Summary

We are grateful to those whose support and generosity has helped the church towards delivering its vision and financial commitments. Please see our website for details about online giving. www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/for-regulars/giving-donations To secure the long-term financial future of the Church, we encourage parishioners to join the Diocesan run Parish Giving Scheme. Please take and complete one of the Parish Giving Scheme forms to help with this.

Will Loveridge

Flowers

The past year has followed a fairly standard pattern with weddings, funerals and the usual festivals. Sadly this all came to an end at the beginning of Lent with the advent of the Coronavirus. Therefore we are now unable to decorate the church as we normally would and we are all missing the chance of getting together and having a happy time while we do the arrangements and catch up with each others' news!



Diana Freeland

Homegroups

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” – stated in the Bible: Hebrews 13v8. Jesus Christ is a constant at a time when large swathes of the planet are struggling with loss, illness, anxiety and loneliness. Our Homegroups have continued to meet throughout the year for friendship and support and to discover through Bible Study and Prayer how Christianity is relevant for society today.

The constraints of the current “Lockdown” have encouraged many of us to explore other ways of communicating. Thus, the term “Home Group” has acquired a new dimension. It has become a meeting of participants from the comfort of their own sofa using computer technology. This of course means that room size, limited seating and distance are no longer a restriction – just the number of participants on the screen at any one time!

We welcome anyone who would like to join such a group. If this idea appeals, do

get in touch with our vicar Paddy MacBain 01825 790269 or Heather Heath 01825 790696. We will be happy to link you to a group.

Heather Heath

Ladies' Craft Evening

We are very thankful that we (a bunch of church and non-church ladies) have been able to enjoy lots of laughs together, making fun and hopefully useful stuff. We are blessed with artistic people so we could create spring sugar flowers, a new brand of 'Pritt Stick', Christmas biscuits, hand creams and a lot of other weird and wonderful things. Even more than this, we have been greatly inspired by visiting speakers and wonderful ladies in our congregation telling us about their walk with God.

We were touched by their life stories, sharing their art, their experiences with God in times of trouble, their call to come near to God when they were far off, sharing fond memories of a parent by showing us their late mother's Bible and other wonderful moments.

A massive 'thank you' to all who helped at different points and we look forward to future get-togethers when things have returned to normal. Meanwhile, we are toying with the idea of getting something online. We acknowledge with the apostle James that "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Please pray for us and dare to join us in future whether you would like to discover a new gift, improve a skill, share your gift with us or simply enjoy a night out.

Sue Hicks and Gabriela MacBain

Missions and Charities

Our church has supported Off the Fence, the charity for homeless people, and the Diocesan Association for Family Support Work. We have also supported the Blind Veterans charity and Beachy Head Chaplaincy Trust. We have given to ChildAid, supporting children and young people in the poorest parts of Eastern Europe, and the Salvation Army. We have also made donations to the Sussex Gospel Partnership.

Music

At the 9.30am service we are grateful for the ability of Barbara Beedle and David Usher, Katren Bishop on the organ, and for Jenny Virtue who organises the hymn choices and for the singers.



We give thanks for the 11am singers and musicians. Interest from additional organists, singers and musicians is welcomed in order to boost the teams.

Noah's Ark

Most Tuesday mornings during the last year All Saints Church has seen and entertained an average of 10 families at our popular parent and toddler group. In the last few months before lockdown we had much needed help from Emily, a trained children's worker from Scaynes Hill church. As well as taking on the Christian story and sing along time Emily was a real godsend helping with the setting up and getting to know the parents/carers, plus arranging a phone WhatsApp group to keep us all in touch.

We have celebrated Harvest, Fireworks night, Valentine's Day and also entered a sparkly animal themed tree at the All Saints first Christmas Tree Festival. The Noah's Ark Annual Nativity Service was well attended with many parents carers and their families taking part.



The toddlers have had much pleasure in making new friends, tucking into snacks, creating puzzles and enjoying craft time. Seasonal cards and vegetable printing were popular and crawling on the floor to sponge paint sky and grass for a huge picture was definitely a hit, this topical village collage will eventually be displayed at the back of church.

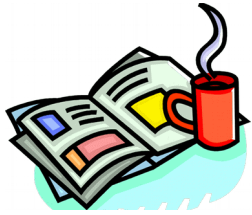
Unfortunately we weren't able to finish the spring term because of the global virus but we look forward another fun year, hopefully starting again in a few months time.

The Noah's Ark team.

Parish Magazine

This year we have had a major change in the group running the magazine. We have lost Michael Bentley (lately advertising manager) and Ingvar Svenson who managed the finances as part of his Treasurer role.

We have been most fortunate to recruit Will Loveridge (Finance) and Stefan Mercado (Advertising). Stefan has made his mark quickly and effectively and we can be assured that advertising is in good hands for the future with a more streamlined system and hopefully increased revenues. We will investigate the details of our finances when time allows. Emma Gilliam was a breath of fresh air on the editorial front, we are grateful for her work as an Editor and we hope to bring in even more fresh content ideas over the coming year.



After a pause during lockdown the plan is that the parish magazine will once again be delivered to every household and is a comprehensive guide to community services, events and local news and views. It has a useful role in helping the social cohesion of the parish.

Chris Drewery - Editor

Prayer Meetings

Parish Prayer

Prayer is vital to the churches' life as it glorifies God. It shows that we are not just toiling in our own strength, but depending on His almighty power. As Jesus said, 'Apart from me you can do nothing.' The informal Prayer Service takes place on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm at Chelwood Gate Church. All are welcome, whether they wish to pray out loud or in the silence of their hearts.

Contemplative Prayer

'God never stops listening to us but sometimes we stop listening to him' – in our time of contemplative prayer we seek to increase our openness to God.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10am in Chelwood Gate church, spending up to an hour listening to the Word of God from Scripture, and ending with a time using the Word in intercession for others.

Members of the group come from our own Parish, and also from Forest Row, Haywards Heath, Uckfield and further afield. In 2019 we held two Quiet days and

members of the group also join an annual retreat at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan Centre in Godstone.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us, on an occasional or regular basis.

Catherine Older

Vicarage Prayer Meeting

We met each week on Saturdays at the Vicarage at 8.30am. We pray for the needs of the parish, for those in need and for the Sunday services. It is an encouraging time for those who attend. You are welcome to try it and to join. Our meeting time has now changed to Thursdays in the Vicarage garden at 9.15am.

Safeguarding

On the 26th February 2020 Paddy and I had our safeguarding inspection from the Diocese to ensure that we as a Parish we are being as thorough and as safe as possible with our practices. This was undertaken as part of Simple Quality Protects (SQP) which was arranged for Deanery churches. I am pleased to say that we ticked all the boxes required of us and there were some extremely positive comments that came from the assessor about our current methods and the way we protect people.

It is important going forward that we continue doing this great work and take the opportunity to refresh ourselves with current Safeguarding Policies, our Behaviour Code and where we can find Safeguarding resources so that we can be confident in tackling any safeguarding concerns. As always, I am contactable for advice and if I don't know the answer, I will endeavour to find one for you. Going forward, it is my intention to provide an annual review on Safeguarding as part of our PCC meeting just to highlight any changes or new information coming to light.

A reminder to those who volunteer within the Church and hold DBS certificates that we have been told during assessment that these are only valid for 5 years and unless you are part of the update service they will expire after 5 years. It is a requirement from the Diocese that anyone volunteering within the Church, especially with our Young People, holds a valid DBS certificate. Some personal responsibility must be taken to ensure that our certificates are in date – if they are not then contact me and I will organise a new one to be completed. We have continued to welcome a number of new volunteers to the existing numbers since last year and we continue to give thanks to God for those who continue to help in the Church, especially in these trying times.

There is also a requirement for safeguarding courses to be refreshed every 3 years – C0, C1 and C2*.

These will also need to be completed for those who have recently started volunteering – my understanding is that C0 and C1 can be done online whereas C2 is a three-hour course at a nearby venue, run by the Diocese. You only have to refresh the highest level you attained every three years and not all of them, so if you currently hold C2 then every three years you will need to refresh C2. Again, some personal responsibility needs to be taken to ensure that we are keeping up to date. For information please speak to Paddy or myself. Obviously in the current climate a lot of these courses requiring attendance can't be completed but the online course remain available to those who need them.

Finally, I would like to welcome Josh Watson, our new Youth (and Families') Worker, who I am sure will do amazing work within our community.

*Further information on courses

'C0' - This is a 'core' module that contains basic messages about safeguarding. It is an e-learning module and can be delivered to groups or even congregations. C0 is designed to raise awareness across churches, and the emphasis is that 'safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. See <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

- 'C1' - this is the 'foundation module' that everyone who works/volunteers with children and adults in our parishes needs to complete. It is delivered in this Diocese either through group training sessions, or via e-learning. Please note: the e-learning version of C1 is available, please see E-learning page in the paragraph above.

- 'C2' - this is a leadership module, for clergy and for lay leaders who lead groups involving children or vulnerable adults, or who have responsibility for implementing good safeguarding practice.

Ally Large, Safeguarding Officer

School

Danehill School has had another busy and exciting year. The school continues to provide creative learning in a way that engages the children. Its motto is 'learning together, learning for life in all its fulness.' The school aims to weave its Christian values of curiosity, imagination, discipline, collaboration and persistence into all aspects of learning.



Social Events

Social events this year have included the pruning of the lime trees in September, men's breakfasts and ladies' craft evenings, the hog roast and barn dance, harvest supper and the Ladies' Breakfast. Thank you to all who have been involved, also special thanks to Jayne Kerr and her team for the enjoyable Italian night and '40s night. All these events have helped to build relationships within the church and in the community.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club has had another good year up until the recent issues with Covid-19. We have 9 children who regularly attend, numbers tend to grow around Christmas and Easter, it is always lovely to welcome new faces to the group. The age range is 4-12.

Sunday Club is held during the 11am service. We have now moved away from the 'Click' series and instead we follow 'Roots on the Web' which runs alongside the readings in the main service. We have fun learning the bible stories and often have a re-enactment scene just to emphasize the teachings, we also do a craft whereby we can put pen to paper to encourage the children to really get to grips with the bible. The aim of 'Roots on the Web' is so that the children can then discuss and affirm what they have been taught with parents who have listened to the same readings in the main service.

On the first Sunday of each month Meg runs the all age service and we are very proud to see some of our Sunday Club children up at the front doing the bible readings and prayers, this really adds to the child friendly atmosphere plus shows the children's dedication to attending the church services.

We are so thankful for our Sunday Club leaders, there are five of us in total, myself Olivia Wilcocks, Chloe Blantern, Melissa Critchley, Elizabeth Forty and Marie Gaffon. If anyone is interested in joining us then let myself or Paddy Macbain know.

Obviously with everything our world is experiencing at the moment with the coronavirus, our Sunday Club is on hold. Some of our children will be doing a video link for the all age service. We continue to pray in our homes for those on the front line and those who are unwell.

Please pray that Sunday Club will continue to grow and that our children will grow to love and serve the Lord.

Olivia Wilcocks



Support Ministries

We are grateful to the many people who undertake 'behind the scenes' roles to help church services function smoothly. These include our Vergers and Sacristan, Jennie Marten; the sidesmen; Cedric Parrish for assisting with the news sheet; the Lay Ministers of Communion; Tim Amy for his assistance at Chelwood Gate; those who are available to pray after the service; and the sound and laptop operators. We remember with thankfulness Priscilla Brown who passed away this year and who served so faithfully along with her husband David at both churches and especially at Chelwood Gate.

We are thankful to Paul Marten for his flag raising and clock-winding; those who open and close the church; the sidesmen and welcomers and those who serve hot drinks.

We are also grateful to Will Loveridge for his support with planned giving; to the Friends; to those who have helped with planning, especially towards the Chelwood Gate extension project; the parish magazine distributors; to Roy Emmerson and Tim Amy for their support at Chelwood Gate; and to many others.

Youth Work Report

With God's blessing, the youth work continues to be one of the largest groups in Sussex that reach out in to the community and help young people to not only have fun, but also see there is more to life and learn more about Jesus. Our youth worker moved on in June 2019 and an amazing team of volunteers has taken the reins to keep the youth work alive and well! In particular, our heartfelt thanks to co-volunteers like Charles Critchley, Sue Hicks, Paul Wigley, Gabriela MacBain, Toby Cosens and Alice Scott for all their support at TNT and ICE - praise God for their dedication and relentless giving.

We continue to have a good attendance at TNT/ICE with approx. 40 young people attending TNT (School Years 7/8) and ICE (School Years 9/10/11/12/13). TNT Club nights are always high energy, full of life and fun, and then ICE is a much more “chilled” affair, a great opportunity for the older youth to meet, chat, catch-up and have fun too!

Hot Potatoes has been amazing this year (these focus on social issues and the Biblical perspective). One of our favourites was the drug awareness session by Paul Hannaford (who is himself an ex drug user) - he helps the young people to see the “slippery slope” in to drug use and the devastation this causes in so many people's lives. Another favourite was the CPR and AED training by some First Responders which better equipped many of our young people to save lives.

We always love to get the parents involved too, especially at the Summer “Pool Party” and Christmas “Beat The Parents”. The 2019 “Beat The Parents” was a great success featuring a Christmas Quiz, The Real Meaning Of Christmas and other Christmas Challenges! The parents won yet again in 2019, however 2020 might be a different story? Come on young people!!



Many of the young people from TNT & ICE opt to come to May Camp (a Diocesan led Christian camp with circa 500+ young people). May Camp 2019 was a great success and for the first time we included the first two episodes of Youth Alpha. Sadly, due to coronavirus, May Camp 2020 has been cancelled. We had 40 young people signed up to attend plus a group of intrepid leaders (who need very little sleep!), so we are all now looking forward to May Camp 2021.



We are also delighted to announce that the recruitment team has appointed a new Youth (& Families) Worker. It took four rounds of candidates and interviews to find the right person, but God saved the best for last and we look forward to welcoming him on board in August/Sept 2020. More on this in due course 😊

Meg & Steve Coppin

Website

The website remains a key source of information about all aspects of our life together. It has recently been updated and has played an enhanced role in

communications in the light of recent events. Please see www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

Worship@4

Worship@4 is church, but not as you know it! It has a relaxed 'festival feel' with songs/multimedia from the latest Christian artists and the talk is engaging, built around God's word and all that it means for us today. Our heartfelt thanks in particular to the wonderful people from around the South-East who have given their time and energy to lead these talks.

We have been so excited to see how God has brought a new congregation together for Worship@4, who are now becoming great friends and growing in faith. As we move forward, our aim (with God's blessing) is to make Worship@4 a hub for young people & the young at heart for Danehill and surrounding villages, enabling them to know and share the love of Christ.

Meg & Steve Coppin

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting to the parish at large the whole mission and vision of the church. It is responsible for maintaining both church buildings, in Danehill and Chelwood Gate. The PCC has shown regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, seeking to represent the churches in sharing Christ's love in word and action.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. There were no Standing Committee meetings in 2018.

We are especially grateful to Ingvar Svenson who has served with such commitment as Treasurer for nine years. Aided by Ingvar's hard work, we have been enabled to have well monitored church accounts, pay our full parish share to the diocese, reimburse staff expenses, support good causes and manage a rental property as well as meeting the diocesan accounting requirements – to name but a few.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks go to all who have served faithfully on the PCC, including some who have done so over many years.

During the past year, the following served as members of the PCC:
Vicar and Chair: Revd. Paddy MacBain*, Wardens: Shelagh Gilliam, Charles Critchley. Treasurer: Will Loveridge*, Secretary: vacant. Vice-Chair: Cedric Parrish* (Diocesan Synod), Fabric Officer: Tony Blake. Safeguarding Officer: Alistair Large. Sally Alexander, Chris dCritchley, Meg Coppin, Jenna Davies, Sue Hicks, Will Loveridge, Barbara Rae.

* Indicates Deanery Synod member



Accounts Danehill 2020

This is to be included within the 2021 accounts.

Examiners / Auditors Report 2020

This is awaited and to be included in the 2021 accounts.