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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Parochial Church Council

Ex-Officio Members	Vicar: Rev. Peter Jenner Associate Minister: Rev Caroline Mullins Churchwardens: Mr Simon Crome, Mrs. Jane Barnett Deanery Synod Representatives: Mrs Jean Hoseason
Elected Members	Mrs Heather Allen Mr John O'Neill Miss Stephanie Post Mrs Margaret Thompson

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL'S REPORT

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The Parochial Church Council presents its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cashflows.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended). The Parish is within the Diocese of Guildford. The PCC was previously an excepted charity, but in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 has now registered as a charity, number 1147737.

Parochial Church Council

The members of the Parochial Church Council who served during the year were:

Ex-Officio Members

Vicar:	Rev. Peter Jenner
Associate Minister:	Rev Caroline Mullins
Churchwardens:	Mr Simon Crome (from APCM 2020) Mrs Jane Barnett (from APCM 2022)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Jean Hoseason (from APCM 2020) Mrs Jane Barnett (until APCM 2022)

Diocesan Synod Representative: Mrs Jane Barnett (until APCM 2022)

Elected Members

Mrs Ann Ellis (until APCM 2022)
Mrs Heather Allen
Mr John O'Neill
Miss Stephanie Post
Mrs Margaret Thompson

Co-opted Members

(None)

The method of appointment of Parochial Church Council ('PCC') members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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The PCC meets six times a year to take the main policy decisions of the church. The Standing Committee is a statutory group which consists of the Church Wardens, Vicar and Officers of the PCC. It meets when necessary to conduct the day to day business and implement the policies of the PCC, and reports to the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of essential installations is carried out periodically so that key operational objectives of St Christopher's are delivered. Fire safety inspections occur annually ensuring that high-risk areas are adequately supplied with fire safety equipment. All building and liability insurances are in place reducing financial risk. The PCC has ensured that the church complies with the latest safeguarding policies and practices for children and vulnerable adults issued by the House of Bishops and has appointed a safeguarding officer to whom any concerns can be directed.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to co-operate with the vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St Christopher's. The Parochial Church Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. A summary of the activities carried out has been incorporated within the 'Achievements and performance' section of the PCC report.

Achievements and Performance

Overview of 2022

The uncertainties presented by the arrival of the omicron variant of Covid-19 led to the Government tightening Covid restrictions shortly before Christmas 2021. We had to cancel the parish Christmas lunch but, despite the shadow of possible further restrictions hanging over us, and with the generous help of volunteers from the congregation, we were able to celebrate Christmas itself.

That shadow remained as we entered the new year. Fortunately, the threats from the virus and from the government mellowed and 2022 saw the general situation progressively easing. Covid-19 persists, but now it is nasty rather than lethal.

Sunday morning services have continued in hybrid format throughout the year. There are a few people who like the option of being able to join in the worship from their home. In addition to services based on the liturgical calendar, we have celebrated: diversity at the Rainbow Café and Service, Climate Sunday (when Simon Brown from A Rocha gave an excellent talk about Eco Church), Nick Stewart spoke persuasively about the Walton Charity, and Safeguarding Sunday (when Julia Bowden gave an inspiring talk). There have been extra services to the Sunday Eucharist on: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday,

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Good Friday, All Souls Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, and the Christmas Eve Crib Service.

John O'Neil, with help from Brian Smith on the design work and a work gang from the Men's Group, practically furthered the work of Eco Church by building a magnificent compost heap for the church. It has gathered so much material that it is a mystery how we ever managed without one.

In anticipation of the discussions that were due to take place in the Church as a whole over the nature of Christian marriage and relationships, Caroline led the parish in a Lent study course on Living in Love and Faith.

The Archdeacon's triennial Parochial Visitation took place on 4th April. At the start of May, Peter departed on sabbatical to Ecuador. We were all most grateful to Caroline for agreeing to cover for him during his four-month absence, and to the Revd. Jonathan Andrew for providing occasional support.

In May, Caroline reintroduced the Tea and Hymns on a Sunday afternoon and this has been well attended and enjoyed by all – including the tea and cake! Messy Church restarted as an occasional celebration of the Church's festivals, with Messy Good Friday, Messy Pentecost, combined with Her Majesty's Platinum jubilee, and Messy Harvest. With all that was going on for children at Christmas itself, the next one was at the start of this year – Messy Epiphany. There is a group of people that regularly attend these family events, taking part in the craft activities, worship and enjoying tea and cake together. Wallis Jones Pharmacy continued to use our church as a vaccination centre through most of 2022, right through to the middle of December. This arrangement was a welcome community service as well as a financial benefit to the church. By December, though, it was clear that the NHS was scaling back its support and it was no longer viable for Wallis Jones to run the vaccine centre here.

Social events have included two very successful Quiz Nights, organised by Derek and Jane Barnett, that were both attended by over one hundred happy people. There was a parish Shrove Lunch before Lent. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was marked with a café on the Friday and a celebration lunch after church on the Sunday. The Patronal Festival BBQ was held in July – great food, great company, great weather and a few wasps were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Roger Thompson for cooking in a heatwave!

Peter returned at the start of September, but any hope of gently easing himself back in was overtaken by the sudden news on 8th September of the death of Her Majesty. A period of mourning followed, with a memorial table and a Book of Condolence for the parish to sign. Her funeral on 19th September was marked, with other churches across the country, by the tolling of the bell. Thank you to all who volunteered to take part.

Every five years the Church has to be inspected and a report delivered to the Archdeacon. This Quinquennial Inspection took place at the end of October. There were also the five

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yearly inspections of the fixed electrical wiring in the church and hall. The matters arising from these are covered in the Fabric Report, below.

A bring and share lunch followed the Harvest Festival Service. Heather Allen organised another Music and Poetry Evening in October and this was a welcome return to a relaxing and inspiring evening. Our Christmas Café was well organised and was worthwhile but did not attract the numbers of children that we had done the previous year. We may need to change the format next time. Perhaps we should invite Santa! The final event was our Christmas Lunch, held at The Angel Pub. It was a very successful event. A great meal and no washing up for any of us!

Parish life depends on many more people than just the clergy, churchwardens and PCC. There are those who help out on the various rotas for readers and intercessors, for Covid stewards and welcomers, and for serving tea and coffee after services. There are a number of areas of parish life that other people organise and which they can describe better than us, and we are grateful to them for their reports on Children's Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, the Mothers' Union, the Hinchley Wood Fellowship, the Men's Group and Eco Church, which appear below. Ann Ellis maintains the electoral roll, and we are fortunate in our musicians and choir. As we look back over last year, there is the unfortunate certainty that we have overlooked others whose contributions deserved particular appreciation: we present our apologies to you for having left undone those things which we ought to have done; and there is no health in us.

In 2022 we mourned our loss of a number of parishioners, and those who used to be parishioners but had moved away. At the start of the year we lost Norman Phillips, former churchwarden, Michael Worley, Candida Gill, Dorothy Fitzwater and Helen Post. As it is a long time to the next APCM, we should also mention our loss early in 2023 of Anthony Nicholls, Patricia Saunders and Philip Indge. *Nunc dimittis.*

Jane Barnett and Simon Crome
Church Wardens

THE PROCEEDINGS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, 2022 **PCC meeting 17th January on Zoom**

Jane briefed the PCC on enhanced Safeguarding procedures. Her proposals were supported by the PCC and she was thanked for all her hard work on this sensitive subject. Fr. Peter reported on a meeting about the vision process. We had a shortage of people to take the various areas on; the only solution at present was to proceed by small steps. Taking Eco Church on to a gold award was also discussed. This was likely to prove challenging; again small steps needed to be taken. We had a discussion to decide who would take on the various roles needed to be covered when Peter was on sabbatical/annual leave for four months. The Treasurer's report on the position of our finances was encouraging, having ended 2021 with a surplus. However, it was noted that we should aim to build up our reserves for the future. A discussion on preparing for the APCM followed.

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PCC meeting 28th February on Zoom

An update on safeguarding training for PCC members was given. There followed much discussion with regard to the forthcoming APCM; who would be standing for re-election and what reports remained to be written. There followed a detailed discussion on the Garden of Remembrance, the remaining plots, the siting of plaques and the need for an updated policy. An update was given from the various individuals involved in organising actions for our next Eco Church award. There followed discussions on outward giving and the charities we would support, including Christian Aid, Church of England Children's Society (at Christingle), East Elmbridge Food Bank and the Royal British Legion.

PCC meeting 14th March

This meeting was primarily for the approval of the draft annual report and the unaudited financial statements. There was discussion on the best course of action, following the Russian invasion, to support Ukrainian people, at home and abroad. We were updated on Wallis Jones' continued vaccination programme and their use of the church premises.

PCC meeting 25th April

As always at the first meeting after the APCM, we reviewed who had which roles and responsibilities and we adopted the Church of England Safeguarding Policies and practice guidance. Plans were discussed for St Christopher's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Dates were also set for other events in 2022: Tea and Hymns, Harvest Lunch, Eco Sunday, Safeguarding Sunday, Patronal Festival, Quiz Night, Poetry Evening, Christmas Café, Nine Lessons and Carols. The next item on our agenda was to approve the revised Garden of Remembrance Policy and this was duly done. An update was given on the installation of our new composting area and on our finances. A suggestion made to install Heatmiser to control the thermostat of the hall heating remotely, using a phone app.

PCC meeting 7th June

We noted the Archdeacon's report on his Parochial Visitation. There was a discussion on our progress with the Church Development Plan and the setting of SMART goals to achieve our objectives, with particular reference to building on the Alpha course; developing Messy major festivals; and greater outreach to Gibson and Royston Courts, and Hinchley Manor. Emergency electrical work in the hall, to repair wiring damaged by squirrels, was approved. We adopted a resolution that all PCC safeguarding records comply with GDPR in accordance with the Church of England guidelines. The financial report included the need to closely monitor energy usage and costs. The Maintenance and Fabric report indicated the need for work to be carried out on the organ, employment of a pest controller for the mice and squirrels entering the hall and the need to have a clear cleaning schedule for our cleaner. We received an update on Eco Church. There followed a discussion on future events.

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PCC meeting 6th September

Peter was brought up to speed on what had happened in his absence. Caroline was thanked for her sterling work in Peter's absence, and Jonathan Andrew for his contribution. We were advised of a change in UK law affecting safeguarding. An update was given on our current safeguarding action plan. The financial report included the need to secure more hirings to raise our income. The long maintenance and fabric report included details of the fixed wiring inspection, the broken glass in the front door, a plumbing leak above the door to the church toilet, hall pest control and the quinquennial inspection. An update on Eco Church progress was given and a discussion took place on future events.

PCC meeting 14th November

Peter proposed a programme of celebrations during 2023 for our own Platinum Jubilee, looking back at the 70th anniversary of our consecration; holding a fun day on Saturday 15th July followed by a Eucharist and celebratory lunch on Sunday; with a Commissioning Service in October to take our Church Development Plan on into the future. Given high fuel prices and problems with the cost of living, there was a discussion of the possibility of St Christopher's becoming a warm hub. Details of our current finances and a budget for 2023 were circulated. The maintenance and fabric report included the need for rewiring and also the employment of a gardener once a month. Further discussions included the winding up of the Hinchley Wood Fellowship, the school's proposal to erect a canopy, and future events.

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding training and practices continue to be regularly updated at St Christopher's. The PCC has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding. All members of our PCC are aware of our safeguarding policy/guidance and are offered appropriate training for their roles. The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy statement continues to be adopted as the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

Details about how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Parish Safeguarding Officer are on display in the church and easily accessible on our parish website. To help keep St Christopher's a safe space for all, risk assessments, including consideration of safeguarding risks, are completed and agreed for all church activities. DBS checks are also applied for, or renewed, using an online platform.

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St Christophers' joined in with the national Safeguarding Sunday event on 20th November 2022. The theme was, 'One church, one day, one message'; relevant posters were displayed on the church noticeboard, on the church website and via church social media. The PSO preached on the Greatest Commandment and the importance of being part of a church that – because we love God - then we love, welcome, protect, listen, learn, serve, value, and care for all those with whom we come into contact. The intercessor included appropriate intercessions

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Guildford Diocese continues to use a safeguarding dashboard, an online tool to assist each parish to maintain a record of all safeguarding issues and it automatically keeps us up to date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements. The safeguarding audit is also contained in the dashboard and action plans are produced which are discussed at PCC meetings and are used to inform all safeguarding decisions.

Julia Bowden, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Church Musicians

This year St. Christopher's Church Choir has continued to provide music for the regular church services, as well as 'one off' events during the year – such as the celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee in June, when we performed songs that had been popular during the early years of her reign, and the Christmas Café, when we performed various Christmas songs and carols accompanied by Nicola Ellis on piano. I would like to thank Nicola for once again giving up her time to accompany us at this event.

We also took part in annual events, including the All Souls service, where once again we sang Ernest Sands' 'Song of Farewell' and the Remembrance Sunday service, joining the Hinchley Wood community at the Memorial Gardens. As usual, this service was very well-attended.

It was lovely to return to Gibson Court and Royston Court to sing carols – our first visit since before Covid – and to take part in the 9 Lessons and Carols Service, the Crib Service and Christmas Day Service. Unfortunately, a nasty bug doing the rounds just before Christmas meant that the Choir was down in numbers for the Carol Service, but despite this the service went extremely well.

Dave and Anthony continue to provide music for the services on alternate Sundays and we greatly appreciate their skills. Both are able to get the best out of our small choir and we are now able to vary the style of hymns to suit both Dave's guitar accompaniment and Anthony's organ accompaniment. As an added bonus, Dave and Anthony also join us in the Choir when they are not playing.

During the year we were delighted to welcome Anne and Doriel to the choir; their contributions are greatly appreciated. On occasion the choir is also augmented by Julia Bowden, Fr. Peter and Caroline.

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This year has been a particularly painful and challenging year for me as a spell of ill health between the end of April and the end of July prevented me from fulfilling my duties to the Choir, but I am very grateful to Den for stepping in and covering admirably for me, continuing to choose the hymns and organising the Choir so that they were able to continue seamlessly in my absence. Thankfully I was able to return to Choir in September – if not yet fully recovered, certainly on the road to recovery.

Although we are a small group we continue to work together with a great sense of cohesion, commitment and friendship and hope to continue this in 2023. It would be lovely to have a few more members, so if anyone feels that they would like to try singing with the choir please do get in touch with me.

Mandy Ali

Baptisms

Baptism enquiries have been a bit slow to pick up post-Covid restrictions, but it was a great delight to baptise 3 children in the year 2022-23. It has been lovely to be able to go to visit the families in their homes and get to know them a bit.

We have continued to send out baptism anniversary cards from the St Christopher's Church family, which we do for the first 4 years after each child is baptised.

Messy Festivals

We have eased back in to offering occasional Messy Church at times of festival. We have fun with all ages sharing craft activities, songs, a story and food. This past year we have celebrated Messy Easter on Good Friday 2022, Messy Harvest at the beginning of October, and Messy Christingle for Epiphany in January 2023. These were well attended, lots of fun, and of course Messy!

School

It was a delight to be invited to join HWPS for their Christmas celebrations. I went to a year 3 Nativity play and a Reception class's Christmas Songs. Peter also went to one of the nativity plays. We are beginning to rebuild our relationship with the school and we have 3 year 6 classes (90 children) booked to come into the church to hear about how church helps people in their Christian faith.

Tea & Hymns

We have been excited to restart Tea & Hymns this year and it has proved popular, not only with St Christopher's regulars but with others who have heard about it and those who aren't able to get to a 10 am service. Tea & Hymns is on the 4th Sunday of each month, 4-5pm. We sing familiar, well-loved hymns, drink tea and eat cake, and finish with the Lord's Prayer in the traditional version which makes it dementia-friendly, but open to everyone.

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The hymns are a mix of those chosen by me and those requested by people who come. In January 2023 Tea & Hymns was augmented by members of the other churches in the Dittons as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrations.

Caroline Mullins

Pastoral report

During 2022 it has become possible to carry out more pastoral activities than in the previous 2 years, since, although Coronavirus has not disappeared, a decrease in severity and a decline in transmission rates have made this possible.

Liz has returned to her previous activities, some of which had been carried out on the telephone during the pandemic. She visits the bereaved shortly after the funeral, and again later if they would like this. She also visits the sick and, when appropriate, those who find it difficult to get to church, and takes them communion if they would like this. She is aware of church members who are in need or having a difficult time, and keeps in touch with them too.

Margaret's role is currently on hold pending the required Pastoral review and her current commitment as treasurer. However, she has still acted at a lower key level where there has been a need, for example lifts to church and friendship chats.

Eco Church Report

Last year, we reported on achieving our Silver Award under the A Rocha Eco Church scheme in 2021, with details of the many aspects of our efforts to minimize our environmental impact. We are now aiming for Gold and each of our groups – Worship and Teaching, Community and Global Engagement, Lifestyle, Buildings and Land - have completed the survey questions in their field and scored well over 50% in each category. They will now need to look at the further steps they will need to take to achieve Gold, and, above all, make progress towards the Church of England's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

We have continued to incorporate awareness of environmental issues into our worship in our prayers and hymns. We have particularly prayed for The Great Green Wall project in Africa which is a response to the combined effect of natural resources degradation and drought in rural areas. It seeks to help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change as well as improve food security. The Community and Global Engagement Group has sent out emails as part of a campaign to raise issues with political and business leaders to make decisions for an environmentally sustainable future. The Lifestyle Group have continued to provide useful eco-tips to go into our weekly briefing that is sent to our wider

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community and also displayed on our website and Facebook page; they also organised once again an e-Christmas Card to go to everyone on our distribution list. Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to making us more aware and environmentally friendly in 2022. Let's see what we can achieve in 2023!

Heather Allen

Mother's Union Report

Fortunately, we were able to hold our branch meetings in person once again, after the difficult years of the pandemic during which members had been stoic and kept in contact with zoom meetings and many telephone calls to each other.

We started the year in January with our AGM at St. Christopher's Church. In February we met to watch the film Two Popes.

In March and April we had house meetings to discuss MU and local issues.

On 1st March we hosted our Pilgrimage of Prayer service jointly with Runnymede Deanery in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral, followed by lunch.

Also in March members attended the Lady Day service in Guildford Cathedral.

On 11th May Hinchley Wood branch hosted a deanery Prayer and Action Group meeting at St. Nicolas' Church in Thames Ditton. A few members from other branches joined.

In July we held our Bring and Share Summer Supper at St. Christopher's church. Kim Darby, one of the Diocesan Vice Presidents, joined us as representative of the Trustee Board. She was welcomed and shared news of the recent Reimagining Conference which had been attended by representatives from most dioceses in Britain and Ireland. Many forward-looking ideas had been discussed and we should see changes and improvements over the coming months.

In August some members attended the Diocesan Summer Party in Normandy Village Hall – as always, a lively day with members and guest families from across the diocese.

At the end of August Mothers' Union were privileged to be the benefitting charity of an Open Day at Frogmore House and Gardens in Windsor. Many members from across the diocese, including many of our branch members with family and friends, had the most wonderful day out, taking picnics, having tours of the house and long and lovely walks in the gardens.

It was with great sadness that we learned on 8th September 2022 that The Queen had died. Those who had visited Frogmore felt especially close to events, especially as we watched the funeral procession passing up the Long Walk adjacent to where we had been just one week previously in Frogmore Gardens.

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September opened with a second Pilgrimage of Prayer service, again joint with Runnymede Deanery. The Cathedral was unavailable, but we were offered St. James' Church in Weybridge. There was a very good deanery turn out for this service. In October we planned the fund raising and buying needed for the Christmas Bags for the ladies in the refuges and in November we met for a busy evening collating the bags – followed by tea and a catch up of MU news. Total donations from St. Christopher's and All Saint's Weston Green totalled £475.

Sadly, in April Candida Gill died in France. Candida was a very long-term MU member until she moved to France for her final few years, after her husband Chris had died. Her memorial service was in August at St. Christopher's Church – many wonderful memories were shared at the lovely tea held at 94 Claygate Lane where Candida lived from her birth until she moved to France – her home for life!

Hinchley Wood Fellowship

When the Covid Pandemic started Hinchley Wood Fellowship was already in a precarious position, but we learnt to adapt to Zoom Meetings with very interesting Speakers who gave their talks on Zoom. The very small numbers at each Meeting rose a little and we were hopeful that a Renaissance might be about to take place.

As things returned to normal and members could get out and about again, our numbers began to drop off. Suzanne Greenaway, our Treasurer for many years, left the area and she and her Husband have retired to live in Cardiff. Despite pleas at each Zoom Meeting for a Volunteer to take over the role, nobody has come forward.

The Committee have also noted that several people who log on to our talks regularly do not pay a Subscription, although each month it is explained by the Chairman how to do this.

Sadly, our committee consists of 2 members in their late eighties, who consider it is perhaps time to retire, and Janet Critchley who bears the brunt of most of the work of the Committee and Stephanie Post, who is the Secretary who copes most efficiently with all the minutes of our monthly Committee Meetings.

The cost of speakers on Zoom is less expensive than in person as we do not have to pay travel expenses, but it allows us to tap a much wider variety of Speakers as they can come from much further afield when they do not have to travel.

During the Summer we tried a Quiz evening, which everyone enjoyed but the numbers were no higher than for a Zoom Meeting. Meeting in the evenings as Winter is upon us is not a possibility as so many members would require transport and there are not enough volunteers to offer lifts.

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Speakers were booked until December 2022, and there is money in hand. It was proposed by Father Peter that Hinchley Wood Fellowship should go out with a bang and perhaps have a really super Lunch at either The Angel Pub or Georgie's in the Village. At the November Committee Meeting, it was decided that apart from a Deposit of £10 from all paid up members a lunch would be held in January at Georgie's Wine and Coffee Bar to wind up Hinchley Wood Fellowship, the cost of lunch and drinks and all gratuities to come out of the funds remaining in the HWF Account. Any monies left over to be used for any social activities within the Parish for the good of the participants as with the aims and objects of the now closed Hinchley Wood Fellowship Aims.

The sum of £385.32 remains in the Hinchley Wood Fellowship Account for this purpose.

Jean Hoseason

Emly Deanery Synod

Emly Deanery Synod met three times during 2022 in March, June and October. The March Meeting was held at St Peter's Community Hub in West Molesey, in what used to be The Henrietta Parker Education Centre. Apparently St. Peter's, Molesey have signed a lease on the Building and the activities taking place are very impressive, comprising A Youth Centre, Food Bank and Night Shelter among the many new innovations taking place there.

The topic for the evening was The Greenhouse Initiative presented by Rev. Jens Markel. "Imagine creating the best climate for growing teams of New Worshipping Communities and Fresh Expressions of Church – like a Greenhouse for new congregations that seek to reach the un-churched and the de-churched. That is what we are seeking to establish in our Deaneries. It was a very inspiring evening and gave us much food for thought.

The second Meeting of the year was held on 8th June again at St. Nicholas Church at Thames Ditton, when the joint Speakers were Dr. Alison Shine, a retired GP with a special interest in supporting people who've been subjected to domestic abuse, and Rachael Hennessy, a Consultant Psychotherapist, who is Psychiatric Advisor to the Diocesan Deliverance Ministry. Both are interested in rising mental health issues.

This meeting was of special interest to me because of the wonderful, annual support of our Congregation for the Mothers' Union annual appeal for Christmas Gift Bags for the Residents of the 5 Refuges in Guildford Diocese.

The third Meeting was on the 12th of October at St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton.

The Speaker that evening was Alex Tear, The Diocesan Director of Education. There was interesting discussion about the most successful methods of creating rapport with the local schools, of particular interest in Hinchley Wood with 2 large schools literally on our doorstep. Interaction with Head Teachers indifferent to religion being very difficult to work around, apparently sadly all too often encountered.

Jean Hoseason

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The Fabric of the Church, 2022

Although HM Government tightened its Covid restrictions at the end of November 2021 out of concern at the transmissibility of the omicron variant of the virus, it soon became clear that it was far less severe than previous variants. 2022 saw restrictions being eased until, after the summer, they were minimal.

The Wallis Jones pharmacy continued to run its vaccine centre in the church itself. The Christopher Robin nursery continued to operate each weekday during term time in the hall followed on Mondays through to Thursdays in the late afternoon and early evening, by the Robin Hood after-school club. This was good for Hinchley Wood and for St. Christopher's finances, but it did limit the times available for the performance of maintenance.

The outstanding job of replacing the downpipe in the bell tower had to be deferred, because it was too big and noisy a job to be undertaken while the church was being used.

Routine work

John O'Neill has, as usual, cleared the church and hall gutters of leaves and debris, as well as clearing the build-up of moss from the flat roofs and gullies of the church. It may be out of sight, but it is a lot of work each autumn. John has also kept an eye out for potential developing problems: no doubt he has made a number of stitches in time to save anyone knowing there was a problem in the first place.

We are grateful to Derek Barnett for keeping the Garden of Remembrance mown and generally trim.

During the Covid period there had been a substantial build-up of under- and over-, and just general, growth around the rest of the church and hall. A gang from the Men's Group blitzed it one weekend. I sought to re-establish the gardening rota, only to learn that there had never been one. It was decided, therefore, to engage a gardener for a couple of hours a month to keep nature at bay. We are grateful to Chris Beeney for accepting the job.

John has also changed the batteries in the fire alarm sensors and sounders as necessary. Now, however, the ones on the ceiling of the nave of the church need replacing. This will call for a scissor lift and, if we are incurring that expense, it would be useful to find some other jobs that it could be used for.

Other jobs arising

Fuses were tripping erratically in the hall. Investigation established that squirrels had damaged the wiring on the circuit going around the far side of the hall to the boiler room. We engaged an electrician to conduct emergency repairs, which involved disabling a

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number of sockets on the far side of the hall and laying an armoured cable to the boiler room, from its own new fuse box.

The rails around the hall decking began coming loose and John secured them once again. There were a number of problems with mice and squirrels in the hall. Despite John's work trapping them, the problems recurred. A pest controller inspected the hall and identified various potential points of entry, which John has now closed up. We cannot guarantee to keep them out, but we have made it a lot harder for them to get in. We disposed of a wasps' nest in one of the airbricks by the decking.

There were a number of minor plumbing matters in the hall - a basin was leaking, lavatory cistern handles came loose and a lavatory seat broke, all of which John fixed. He also fixed a leak over the kitchen swing door, caused by a bird's nest under the solar panels. John constructed a two-bay composter at the back of the church, with design work by Brian Smith, and using members of the Men's Group as his labourers.

A leak over the Lady Chapel doorway had left the ceiling by the door damaged. John has now cut out the damaged plaster and repaired that area of the ceiling. He has also addressed some minor leaks before they became significant.

The low autumn sun was shining onto the music stand of the organ, making it very difficult for our organist to read his music. John rigged a temporary light screen to one of the upper windows to solve the problem. The lighting on the organ had been condemned some time ago, but it was not a problem then as we did not have an organist. The lighting has now been replaced, with a greater breadth of lighting. (The early 2023 sun has moved back to the same window but the new lighting, it seems, is good enough to stop the sunlight causing a problem.)

A pane of glass in the porch door broke. In repairing it, John discovered that there was an inherent fault from when it had been fitted which left it susceptible to breaking. That fault has been remedied.

The water heater in the disabled WC in the church developed a persistent leak. Unfortunately, that type of heater is not repairable, so Jason Amendt (our heating engineer) replaced it. A while later, the water heater in the WC at the back of the church also overflowed and it too was replaced.

Annual testing

The usual gas and boiler inspections took place, as did the electrical portable appliance testing, the lightning conductor testing, the fire extinguisher testing and maintenance, and the testing and servicing of the fire alarm system. They disclosed no significant problems.

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Periodic testing and inspections

Several five-yearly inspections fell due in 2022.

The Quinquennial Inspection, required by the diocese and church rules, took place in October. We are on the cusp of receiving the final report, but indications so far are that the only urgent work identified is routine work that has already been done.

After the emergency electrical work in the hall, it seemed advisable to get an estimate for rewiring the hall. Without a specification of the work required, though, this was not practical. This was solved by conducting the fixed wiring test of the hall, which was due this year in any event, and identifying from that what needed to be done. This disclosed three areas of work. Broadly, the fuse boards did not meet current electrical regulations and should be replaced; the sockets that had been disabled should be reinstated; and the emergency lighting ought to be upgraded.

The fixed wiring test of the church again found that the fuse boards needed replacing. Although falling outside the scope of the test, it seems that the boilers and the organ are powered off a general ring main, and we wish to look at having each on its own dedicated circuit.

Observations

We owe a great debt of gratitude to John O'Neill for all the time he gives and work he does for the church, frequently without charge. His wealth of experience usually means that our maintenance problems are swiftly diagnosed, even in the rare cases where he cannot fix them.

A note on leaks in the church

The nave has a pitched roof but the apse, aisles, chancel, etc. have flat roofs, made of bitumen overlaying large concrete slabs. The slabs themselves are waterproof, but time and weather cause the bitumen to crack and let water in. The only places where the water can enter the church are at the (relatively few) places where the slabs meet. This makes it look as if the same leak is recurring, whereas the leak in the bitumen is elsewhere and the water has had to run along the concrete to one of the few places it can work its way through to the church.

A note on testing

At present, most of the annual and periodic testing falls towards the end of the year. It may well be desirable to bring most testing forward in the year, so that

- faults can be remedied before it gets cold and dark (especially true of the boilers),*
- any substantial remedial work can be included specifically in the budgeting process for the next year,*

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- *and the costs of testing would not fall at the end of the year, which would simplify control of the maintenance budget.*

Simon Crome, Churchwarden

Financial Review

Overview

At the beginning of 2022 our financial position was more secure as we started the year with an overall surplus of £11,690, despite the adverse consequences of Covid-19. During 2022 we were able to maintain our position and at the year-end St. Christopher's Church had a total income of £121,758 (2021: £106,516) and total expenditure of £110,731 (2021: £94,826), resulting in a surplus of £11,027.

Throughout the year we ran more or less to our planned budget and again avoided having to accept any financial assistance offered to Parishes by the Diocese.

From autumn onwards the major concern was the expected rise in energy costs which, despite being anticipated, became apparent at the start of our renewed Parish Buying 'Energy Basket' contract which would run from **October 2022 to September 2023**. Parish Buying had already alerted customers of a three-fold+ increase in energy costs, at minimum. The higher costs we now pay are reflected in the last quarter figures; the close monitoring of our energy costs will continue throughout 2023. This is the new reality and we have been fortunate in being able to absorb these costs thus far in 2022.

In late autumn, the PCC picked up a pledge from 2021 and took the opportunity to allocate further funds to carry out some additional maintenance work both in the Church and Church Hall.

Parish Share

The PCC is firmly committed to continue paying full Parish Share, which in 2022 amounted to £72,660.

Planned Giving

We are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of our parishioners who faithfully support us with regular contributions either by standing orders or through the Parish Giving Scheme. During 2022 our total planned giving was £43,783.42. The sad loss of a number of parishioners earlier in the year is reflected in a reduction in gifts since 2021.

Parishioners continue to transfer from the traditional 'Gift Aid' method of giving to the Parish Giving Scheme, whereby gift money, including tax recoverable is received more quickly than previously. It cannot be emphasised enough how grateful we are for all the

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contributions received and how much St. Christopher's relies on gift income and the continued generous support of parishioners.

Church and Hall Hire

The hire of the Church and Church Hall for use by the community accounts for a major proportion of St. Christopher's income stream. In 2022 our total lettings income was £67,754. This figure included the extended provision of the vaccination centre – a huge benefit to people locally. Towards the end of autumn, the NHS Covid vaccination programme was wound down nationally as its task was completed. The centre has now closed with the last clinics being held in December 2022.

Christopher Robin Nursery and the Robin Hood After School Club were back to operating fully, with the After School Club starting a new venture of running holiday clubs for children. With confidence returning after the restrictions of Covid-19, family parties have become popular again, together with the return of clubs and other social activity. We look forward to our "Community Hub" facilities being used increasingly once again by the community in our locality.

Summing up

St. Christopher's finances have remained stable during 2022, largely due to our ability to host the vaccination centre for far longer than we had anticipated.

Our current position should better prepare us for the several realities we will face during 2023.

The major concern for the coming year is going to be **energy costs**; in particular, since October, we now have a better idea of what those costs will be. We are in the same position as most small businesses who do not qualify for government support as we are below the threshold where help 'kicks in'. The Diocese has offered all parishes £1,000 towards energy costs – a very welcome contribution. As already stated, we will continue to closely monitor our energy use and associated costs.

Reserves Policy

Based on advice from our independent examiner, our Reserves Policy is to keep sufficient reserves to cover 6 months activity without revenue. This has stood us in good stead as we relied heavily on our reserves during the COVID pandemic. With depleted reserves at the end of 2021, the PCC stated their commitment to building these back over the next 5-10 years. The PCC remain firmly committed to achieving the restoration of reserves and the current surplus will go some way towards this.

Margaret Thompson, Treasurer

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Electoral Roll Report

A revision of the Electoral Roll is undertaken each year, in the month leading up to the APCM.

This is my annual opportunity to update personal details of those remaining on the Roll and to add new applicants. I also remove those who have died and anyone who has requested to be removed, for example if they have moved out of the area.

In the last year we have not received any new applications.

Sadly, we have lost 1 long-standing parishioner, who has passed away.

2 others have been removed from the Roll as they have moved out of the parish.

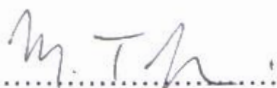
So, as Electoral Roll Officer, I can report that as of 18th March 2023 the number on the Electoral Roll of St. Christophers' Church is 66.

It is worth mentioning that I can receive new applications to join the Electoral Roll at any time during the year. So, after the APCM on 2nd April 2023, anyone who wishes to be added may do so by completing an application form, available on the church website. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Ann Ellis

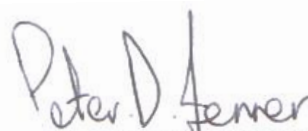
Electoral Roll Officer

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Margaret Thompson

Elected Member and Treasurer



Fr Peter Jenner

Vicar

Date 26/3/2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH, HINCHLEY WOOD

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the financial statements of St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Parochial Church Council of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Frances Wilde FCCA DChA

Warner Wilde
Chartered Certified Accountants
4 Marigold Drive
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Dated: 28 March 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	46,058	-	495	46,553	51,599
Charitable activities	4	3,325	-	-	3,325	1,522
Other trading activities	5	3,819	-	-	3,819	1,831
Investments	6	67,821	-	-	67,821	50,473
Other income	7	240	-	-	240	1,091
Total income		121,263	-	495	121,758	106,516
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds	8	2,123	-	-	2,123	409
Charitable activities	9	107,950	170	488	108,608	94,417
Total expenditure		110,073	170	488	110,731	94,826
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		11,190	(170)	7	11,027	11,690
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Fund balances at 1 January 2022		41,147	19,763	5,452	66,362	54,672
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		52,337	19,593	5,459	77,389	66,362

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	50,464	-	1,135	51,599
Charitable activities	4	1,522	-	-	1,522
Other trading activities	5	1,831	-	-	1,831
Investments	6	50,473	-	-	50,473
Other income	7	1,091	-	-	1,091
Total income		105,381	-	1,135	106,516
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	8	409	-	-	409
Charitable activities	9	92,179	-	2,238	94,417
Total expenditure		92,588	-	2,238	94,826
Gross transfers between funds		937	(937)	-	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		13,730	(937)	(1,103)	11,690
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		27,417	20,700	6,555	54,672
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		41,147	19,763	5,452	66,362

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		3,196		3,759
Current assets					
Debtors	15	420		1,511	
Cash at bank and in hand		82,394		66,987	
		<u>82,814</u>		<u>68,498</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(8,621)		(5,895)	
Net current assets			74,193		62,603
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>77,389</u>		<u>66,362</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		5,459		5,452
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	19,593		19,763	
General unrestricted funds		52,337		41,147	
		<u>71,930</u>		<u>60,910</u>	
			<u>77,389</u>		<u>66,362</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18/3/2023

Peter D. Jenner

Vicar: Fr. Peter Jenner
Trustee

M. Thompson

Margaret Thompson, Elected PCC Member and Treasurer
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, constituted under the PCC Powers Measure Act 1956, Church Representation rules 2006.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Parochial Church Council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Parochial Church Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

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Legacies are recognised when the PCC becomes entitled to them, this is usually on receipt of notification from the executor.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Irrecoverable VAT is allocated in the same manner as the expenditure to which it relates.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2) Charities Act 1993. Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed on the church inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £100 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Parochial Church Council are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	44,928	495	45,423	50,464	1,135	51,599
One-off Grants	1,130	-	1,130	-	-	-
	<u>46,058</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>46,553</u>	<u>50,464</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>51,599</u>
Grants receivable for core activities						
Ecclesiastical Insurance	130	-	130	-	-	-
Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance Energy Grant	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
	<u>1,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	Church social events	Fees	Total 2022	Fees
	2022	2022		2021
	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	-	2,080	2,080	1,522
Social and cafe events	1,245	-	1,245	-
	<u>1,245</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>1,522</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Fundraising events	<u>3,819</u>	<u>1,831</u>

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Church and hall lettings	67,754	50,452
Interest receivable	67	21
	<u>67,821</u>	<u>50,473</u>

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Other income	-	233
Solar energy credits	240	858
	<u>240</u>	<u>1,091</u>

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

7 Other income

(Continued)

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8 Raising funds

Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
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Fundraising and publicity

Staging fundraising events

2,123	409
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2,123	409
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9 Charitable activities

	Ministry	Church	Total	Ministry	Church	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	566	566	-	811	811
Diocesan Parish Share	72,658	883	73,541	69,643	-	69,643
Clergy and vicarage expenses	2,158	-	2,158	1,756	-	1,756
Church running expenses	-	12,893	12,893	-	8,050	8,050
Church maintenance	-	6,424	6,424	-	4,264	4,264
Church services	-	2,061	2,061	-	2,271	2,271
Hall running expenses	-	6,034	6,034	-	2,383	2,383
	<u>74,816</u>	<u>28,861</u>	<u>103,677</u>	<u>71,399</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>89,178</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 10)	955	-	955	1,531	-	1,531
Share of support costs (see note 11)	2,686	-	2,686	2,513	-	2,513
Share of governance costs (see note 11)	1,290	-	1,290	1,195	-	1,195
	<u>79,747</u>	<u>28,861</u>	<u>108,608</u>	<u>76,638</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>94,417</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	79,747	28,203	107,950	75,687	16,492	92,179
Unrestricted funds - Designated	-	170	170	-	-	-
Restricted funds	-	488	488	951	1,287	2,238
	<u>79,747</u>	<u>28,861</u>	<u>108,608</u>	<u>76,638</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>94,417</u>

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10 Grants payable

	Ministry 2022 £	Ministry 2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
East Elmbridge Foodbank	540	580
Disasters Emergency Fund - Emergency Appeal	245	-
MU Appeal	170	-
Toilet Twinning	-	607
The Children's Society	-	176
Royal British Legion	-	168
	<u>955</u>	<u>1,531</u>

11 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
General expenses including copier lease and ICT	2,477	-	2,477	2,368	-	2,368
Printing and Stationery	209	-	209	113	-	113
Bank charges and interest	-	-	-	32	-	32
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	-	1,290	1,290	-	1,195	1,195
	<u>2,686</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>3,976</u>	<u>2,513</u>	<u>1,195</u>	<u>3,708</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>2,686</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>3,976</u>	<u>2,513</u>	<u>1,195</u>	<u>3,708</u>

12 Parochial Church Council

None of the Parochial Church Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, two (2021: two) were reimbursed travel, subsistence, telephone, books and journals and attending events expenditure of £516 (2021: £1,047).

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13 Employees

There were caretaking staff during the year who equated to less than one full time member of staff.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	13,034	1,500	14,534
At 31 December 2022	13,034	1,500	14,534
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	9,291	1,482	10,773
Depreciation charged in the year	561	4	565
At 31 December 2022	9,852	1,486	11,338
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	3,182	14	3,196
At 31 December 2021	3,742	17	3,759

15 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	420	1,511

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	6,971	2,220
Other creditors	360	2,480
Accruals	1,290	1,195
	8,621	5,895

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes, funds in deficit only exist where spending is in advance of restricted grant income received:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Eco Fund	5,009	-	(802)	4,207	-	-	4,207
Vicar's Community Fund	100	-	-	100	-	-	100
Hinchley Wood Fellowship	1,319	311	(485)	1,145	495	(488)	1,152
Agency Collections	127	812	(939)	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,555</u>	<u>1,123</u>	<u>(2,226)</u>	<u>5,452</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>(488)</u>	<u>5,459</u>

The Ecofund provides for fabric improvements to increase the efficiency of the church buildings.

Agency Collections are donations for specific charities.

Hinchley Wood Fellowship is a sub group of the church which provides social interaction and fellowship for its members.

18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Legacy Projects Fund	20,700	(937)	19,763	(170)	19,593
	<u>20,700</u>	<u>(937)</u>	<u>19,763</u>	<u>(170)</u>	<u>19,593</u>

The Legacy Projects fund ring fences legacy gifts to be used in specific projects rather than absorbed into the day to day running costs of the Church.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	3,196	-	-	3,196	3,759	-	-	3,759
Current assets/(liabilities)	49,141	19,593	5,459	74,193	37,388	19,763	5,452	62,603
	<u>52,337</u>	<u>19,593</u>	<u>5,459</u>	<u>77,389</u>	<u>41,147</u>	<u>19,763</u>	<u>5,452</u>	<u>66,362</u>