

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS', ASCOT HEATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1149564

Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS', ASCOT HEATH, PCC OF ALL SAINTS', ASCOT HEATH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-10-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Provision of worship services which are open to all, carrying out Baptism, wedding and funeral services. Visiting Nursing Homes in the parish and providing home visits. Actively involved in local junior school regularly attending assemblies.

Classification

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

Geography

- Bracknell Forest
- Windsor And Maidenhead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£188,829	£198,049	-	-
2024-12-31	£186,973	£185,643	-	-
2023-12-31	£191,002	£213,156	-	-
2022-12-31	£170,242	£172,828	-	-
2021-12-31	£178,788	£212,261	-	-
2020-12-31	£183,082	£169,913	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev. Dr. Darrell Dale Hannah	Chair	2012-10-30
CAROLINE KALLIPETIS		2015-04-22
Dr Philip Paul Launder Jacques		2024-04-21
Duncan Phillip Jones		2020-10-21
Elizabeth Anne Jacques		2024-04-21
Elizabeth Helen Groves		2024-04-21
Helen Ruth Goodwin		2024-09-25
Julia Ritsa Kellett		2025-01-22
Matthew Jack Tresman Caminer		2023-05-28
Melanie Ann Price		2023-05-28
Nicholas Jon Rowsell		2021-07-04
Richard James Alexander Hyslop		2020-10-21
Sheila Sparks		2015-04-22
Simon Bousfield Lagden		2020-10-21
Terence Watkins		2026-04-19

Accounts



All Saints'
Church

Ascot Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2025**

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number	1149564
Registered name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath
Principal address	London Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8DQ
Independent Examiner	Kim Swain MA (Oxon) FCA Radford & Sergeant Limited Quatro House Lyon Way Frimley Road Camberley Surrey GU16 7ER
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Council Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2025 the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah	(Chairman)
Curate:	Vacant	
Deanery Synod Representatives & ex-officio PCC members:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah Caroline Kallipetis (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Richard Hyslop (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) (Lay Vice Chair of PCC & Diocesan Lay Rep for Berkshire Area until 2027)	
Churchwarden:	Philip Jacques (from APCM 2024) Liz Groves (from APCM 2025)	
Elected Members:	Simon Lagden – (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Duncan Jones – (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Matthew Caminer – (1 st term) (APCM 2023 – APCM 2026) Melanie Price – (1 st term) (APCM 2023 – APCM 2026) Nick Rowsell – (2 nd term) (APCM 2024 – APCM 2027) Elizabeth Jacques - (1 st term) (APCM 2024 – APCM 2027) Julia Kellett – (1 st term) (APCM 2025 – APCM 2028) Helen Goodwin – (1 st term) (APCM 2025 – APCM 2028)	
In attendance:	Sheila Sparks, Secretary (From April 2024)	

Deanery Synod members provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Trustees Annual Report for the year 2025

Aim and Purposes

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and, in particular, with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Attendance Statistics:	2025	2024	2023
Average Sunday attendance:*			
Adults	80	85	87
Under 16	9	8	8

*(*includes an estimate of the Zoom figures)*

Electoral Roll – For 2025 a new Electoral Roll has been prepared instead of the usual revision and the numbers are as follows: Total = 112 (Re-applied = 101, new names = 11)

Achievements and Performance

The PCC meets six times during the year. Three of the meetings for 2025 were conducted via Zoom and three in-person meetings were held at King Edward's Hall in May, July and September. Services during the year have all been as normal, ie 8.00 am Mass at All Saints, 9.00 am Mass with Hymns at the Chapel and 10.30 am Parish Mass at All Saints which has also been Zoomed every Sunday for those wishing to join virtually.

Our annual Lent Lunches were held for charities nominated by the individual organisers.

In January the PCC were pleased to confirm that a card reader for would be available at the 10.30 am service and any other occasions when required.

Just before Easter we were delighted to welcome Robert Karami an Iranian Pastor who is now living in this country and in the process of moving towards ordination. Fr Darrell had been approached by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Guildford to ask if he would be happy to receive Robert initially for

a three month placement. This was extended and it has been a pleasure to have him with us and to hear his testimony of his life in Iran serving the Lord.

At the March meeting we were very sorry to say goodbye to Jayne Strand who was moving and leaving the Ascot area at the end of April. She would be sadly missed and Fr Darrell thanked her for all she had done while a member of the PCC.

On 16th and 17th May we held a very successful 'Hymnathon' and an amazing amount totalling over £20,000 was raised for the Restoration Fund. We sang our way through Hymns Old & New sponsoring our favourites and the success of the event was in no small part due to the number of organists, musicians, choirs and congregation who gave of their time and money to raise such a wonderful sum.

In November Fr Darrell made two very important announcements to the PCC and the Parish:

A new curate would be joining us at the end of June 2026. Fr Darrell had met with Connor Heath and his wife Lois, and Connor had agreed that he would serve his title in our parish. Connor has a lot of experience not least in youth work and this would be a really good opportunity to kick start a youth club in the parish.

Fr Darrell advised that we had heard from the solicitors who are handling Brian Bence's legacy and he had been very humbled and moved to find that we would receive in excess of £500,000. The PCC is overwhelmed by Brian's generosity and the financial security it will afford to All Saints' going forward.

December came rushing round and it is very pleasing to note that numbers attending our Christmas services were up on last year, as were donations to the charities supported by these special services.

It has been sad to say goodbye to several long time parishioners during the year including: Joy Gare, John Hearman, Okon Ironbar, Vera Miller and David Harris. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

If you are over the age of 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months why not consider putting your name forward for election to the PCC. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Fr Darrell or any member of the PCC.

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Contributions from various organisations can be found in this report.

On a personal note, I have decided that I will finish my term as PCC Secretary by the 2027 APCM at the very latest. It would be good to have a hand-over period before then and I would be very pleased to speak to anyone interested in taking over this role and explain what is involved. The secretary does not have to be an elected member of the PCC and training is given by the Diocese who are always there to offer support and guidance when needed.

Sheila Sparks, Secretary

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs 2025

In 2025, All Saints' Ascot income decreased and expenditure increased compared with 2024. There was a net operating loss of £9,220, including depreciation, which when adjusted for the loss on our investments, increased to £10,107.

Income

In 2025, total income was £188,829, compared with £194,147 in 2024. The main reasons for this were the closing of the playgroup in the summer of 2025 and a reduction in planned giving. Some of the decrease in income was offset by rental income from the Parsonage and by the very successful fundraising events such as the Hymnathon.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2025 was £198,049 compared to £196,028 in 2024.

While some areas of expenditure in the year were lower than 2024, the overall higher spend was due to a few specific areas which were significantly higher, including Diocesan Parish Share, building maintenance requirements, organist fees (which had fallen in 2024 when there as no employed organist) and accountancy fees (which had been particularly low in 2024).

Reserves

Total reserves amount to £790,199 and are analysed across funds in Note 13 to the accounts. Of these reserves, £6,254 was held in the TSB Bank current account, £102,014 in the CCLA deposit account and £1,049 in a Community Lunches account.

Reserves Policy

In 2022, the PCC agreed to maintain at least six month's average expenditure in unrestricted reserves (total unrestricted funds less tangible fixed assets) which, at the close of 2025, were £98,222. Unrestricted expenditure for 2026 has not yet been forecast to determine whether these reserves represent 6 months' expenditure, in line with the reserve policy.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector holds unrestricted funds identified to be used at his discretion to help people in need of support. At the end of 2025, the allocated fund was £7,571. During 2025, five grants were made, totalling £437.

Other creditors

The PCC holds money in its main account for The Friends of All Saints (£3,640 at 31 December 2025). This is recorded on the balance sheet within Creditors. The Friends exist to allow former members of All Saints and others to keep in touch and continue to support the aims and mission of the church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC meets six times during the year. Three of the meetings for 2025 were conducted via Zoom and three in-person meetings were held at King Edward's Hall in May, July and September.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of the PCC

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the PCC's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Members of the PCC:

Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

Date: 26 March 2026

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 21.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Charities Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Charities Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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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2 April 2026

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
	Note					
INCOME						
Voluntary income	2(a)	98,866	-	-	98,866	116,801
Income from investments	2(b)	4,417	-	1,150	5,567	6,523
Church activities	2(c)	56,088	-	-	56,088	59,801
Other trading activities	2(d)	<u>28,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,308</u>	<u>11,022</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>187,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>188,829</u>	<u>194,147</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds		129	-	-	129	2,008
Church activities	3	<u>194,109</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>197,920</u>	<u>194,020</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>194,238</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>198,049</u>	<u>196,028</u>
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS						
		(6,559)	(2,661)	-	(9,220)	(1,881)
NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS						
		<u>767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>(887)</u>	<u>1,296</u>
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
		(5,792)	(2,661)	(1,654)	(10,107)	(585)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>716,783</u>	<u>42,133</u>	<u>41,390</u>	<u>800,306</u>	<u>800,891</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>710,991</u>	<u>39,472</u>	<u>39,736</u>	<u>790,199</u>	<u>800,306</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	6		626,783		629,444
Investments	7		<u>53,306</u>		<u>54,193</u>
			680,089		683,637
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	24,752		15,250	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>109,317</u>		<u>121,389</u>	
		134,069		136,639	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	(<u>23,959</u>)		(<u>19,970</u>)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>110,110</u>		<u>116,669</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>790,199</u>		<u>800,306</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted			710,991		716,783
Restricted	11		39,472		42,133
Endowment	12		<u>39,736</u>		<u>41,390</u>
			<u>790,199</u>		<u>800,306</u>

Approved by the PCC on 1 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah
PCC Chair

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath Parochial Church Council ("The PCC") is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

1.2 Income recognition

Open plate collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised when received and the associated recoverable income tax is recognised when the income is recognised. All other donations and receipts for church activities are recognised when received.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Parish share is recorded when payable. All other expenditure, including mission giving, is recorded when paid.

1.4 ASSETS

1.4.1 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1.4.2 Moveable church furnishings

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory that can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000, such assets are not included in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off as expenditure in the year.

1.4.3 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are stated at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

- Freehold and leasehold land: Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings: 10 years
- Equipment: 4 years

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

1.4.4 Investments

Investments in securities held with CCLA and ODBF are valued at market value as advised by those institutions.

1.4.5 Stock

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, magazines or other materials held at the balance sheet date and all expenditure is written off as incurred.

1.4.6 Pensions

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.5 FUNDS

1.5.1 Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

1.5.2 Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

1.5.3 Endowment Funds

These represent capital funds in perpetuity which may not be spent. Income arising is spent for the purposes under which the endowments were made.

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	61,009	-	-	61,009	77,829
Tax recoverable	15,091	-	-	15,091	18,272
Other	16,513	-	-	16,513	13,167
Collections: (open plate)	<u>6,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,253</u>	<u>7,533</u>
	<u>98,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,866</u>	<u>116,801</u>
2(b) Income from investments					
Dividends	-	-	1,150	1,150	1,439
Bank interest	<u>4,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,417</u>	<u>5,084</u>
	<u>4,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>5,567</u>	<u>6,523</u>
2(c) Income from church activities					
Fees for occasional services	7,077	-	-	7,077	7,447
Rental income – Parsonage	15,026	-	-	15,026	8,000
Church and Parish Room lettings	31,267	-	-	31,267	43,164
Parish-wide events	1,218	-	-	1,218	1,120
Other	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>70</u>
	<u>56,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,088</u>	<u>59,801</u>
2(d) Income from other trading activities					
Barn Dance	-	-	-	-	1,546
Ascot Week	5,006	-	-	5,226	9,476
Hymnathon	21,792	-	-	21,792	-
Other	<u>1,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>28,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,308</u>	<u>11,022</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
	Notes					
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		12,317	-	-	12,317	11,936
Diocesan parish share		90,773	-	-	90,773	83,385
Staff employment costs	4	13,760	-	-	13,760	12,366
Church maintenance		1,058	-	1,150	2,208	1,197
Choir/music		1,477	-	-	1,477	2,465
Church supplies		2,554	-	-	2,554	1,601
Utilities		9,209	-	-	9,209	8,180
Church hall – ASH		10,710	-	-	10,710	11,701
Church hall – KEH		11,853	-	-	11,853	13,553
Parsonage		4,965	-	-	4,965	4,546
Insurance		5,578	-	-	5,578	4,810
Clergy expenses		1,013	-	-	1,013	1,379
Social events		45	-	-	45	85
Legal fees		1,296	-	-	1,296	2,460
Quinquennial Report		-	-	-	-	1,800
Memorials		290	-	-	290	418
Organist	4	8,810	-	-	8,810	5,055
Independent examiner's fees		3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy fees		6,398	-	-	6,398	4,874
Defibrillator		1,830	-	-	1,830	1,939
Office and administration		7,173	-	-	7,173	11,643
Depreciation		-	2,661	-	2,661	5,627
		<u>194,109</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>197,920</u>	<u>194,020</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

4. STAFF

The Parish Administrator's and Organist's gross salary costs are shown in Note 3.

The Parish Administrator is enrolled in the People's Pension Scheme.

No benefits in kind were paid.

5. MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year in respect of their membership of the PCC. Certain expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC were reimbursed.

The Rector was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £1,013 (2024: £1,379).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2025	11,862	612,769	26,607	651,238
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>11,862</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>26,607</u>	<u>651,238</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	11,862	-	9,932	21,794
Charge for the year	-	-	2,661	2,661
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>11,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,593</u>	<u>24,455</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>14,014</u>	<u>626,783</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>16,675</u>	<u>629,444</u>

Land and buildings comprise King Edward's Hall (freehold), The Chapel of Saint Mary and Saint John (freehold), All Saints' Church Hall (leasehold) and The Parsonage (freehold).

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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7. Investments

CCLA – Fixed Interest Securities Fund

	2025	2024
Number of shares		
At 1 January	8,585.65	8,371.21
Dividends reinvested	<u>297.35</u>	<u>214.44</u>
At 31 December	<u>8,883.00</u>	<u>8,585.65</u>
	£	£
Market value	13,571	12,803
Endowment funds (Note 12)	<u>39,735</u>	<u>41,390</u>
Total investments	<u>53,306</u>	<u>54,193</u>

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	19,871	12,475
Debtors	<u>4,881</u>	<u>2,775</u>
	<u>24,752</u>	<u>15,250</u>

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
TSB Bank plc – current account	6,254	22,451
Community lunches account	1,049	1,341
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>102,014</u>	<u>97,597</u>
	<u>109,317</u>	<u>121,389</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	18,685	13,423
Friends of All Saints	3,640	3,110
Other creditors	<u>1,634</u>	<u>4,413</u>
	<u>23,959</u>	<u>20,946</u>

11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes as listed below:

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2025
Youth	1,616	-	-	1,616
Eco/Future development	16,675	-	(2,661)	14,014
Organ refurbishment	5,948	-	-	5,948
Church capital projects	15,989	-	-	15,989
Church and Churchyard	1,409	-	-	1,409
Messy Church	<u>496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>496</u>
	<u>42,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,661)</u>	<u>39,472</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

12. Endowment funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Blake Trust	1,177	1,226
Lucas Legacy	2,486	2,590
Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts)	13,785	14,359
General May Trust	3,063	3,191
Weigall Trust	<u>19,224</u>	<u>20,024</u>
	<u>37,735</u>	<u>41,390</u>

The capital of these endowment funds is perpetual and cannot be spent. The capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:

Blake Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard so long as certain graves are maintained.

Lucas Legacy – for the maintenance and improvement of the church fabric.

Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts) – 15/37ths for the maintenance of the churchyard, 10/37ths for maintenance of Ascot Heath CE School, 10/37ths for school managers for school prizes, 2/37ths for annual school prize.

General May Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Rev. Marrow is maintained.

Weigall Trust - for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Weigall family is maintained.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	612,769	14,014	-	626,783
Investments	13,570	-	39,736	53,306
Current assets	108,611	25,458		134,069
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(23,959)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,959)</u>
	<u>710,991</u>	<u>39,472</u>	<u>39,736</u>	<u>790,199</u>

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14. Financial commitments

In January 2025 the PCC approved a forecast for income and expenditure for 2025 with a £14,300 deficit. Many parishioners are now using the PGS scheme, which offers an option of increasing regular giving annually by the rate of inflation. Parishioners who give regularly will be encouraged to take part in this scheme and information regarding the deficit and the need to raise funds will be shared with the congregation. The forecast includes a commitment to give £9,492 to mission organisations.

It was agreed to make a card machine available at every Sunday 10.30 service to enable attendees to make a contribution by debit card if they wish to.

Two active projects for the church building are ongoing:

- The first is to replace the tungsten lighting system with a modern LED based system which will reduce the running costs, improve maintainability and the brightness of the interior. This project is likely to cost up to £60,000 plus VAT including the external lighting. The recovery of VAT will be sought through the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.
- The second project is to ensure the integrity of the brickwork which is deteriorating because the top layer of mortar is breaking down. There are other areas where water has penetrated into the buttresses causing movement of the brickwork. This project is expected to cost around £330,000 plus VAT.

Fund raising is ongoing for these two major capital projects and total raised so far is listed under Church Capital Projects Restricted Fund.

The Quinquennial inspection completed in 2024 showed that, in addition to the issues above, there were some more significant items: some slippage of roof tiles that might indicate a need in the medium term for roof replacement; a recommendation for a conservator to inspect the canvas mounted wall painting given evidence of cracking; a need to monitor any progress of damage to chancel wall paintings at low level.

The current gas boiler is reaching the end of its design life and, as recommended by a diocesan funded energy audit of the church, a plan should be developed to consider a net zero replacement. The solution will depend upon the optimal environment to protect the wall paintings – advice is being sought on this matter. Either way the solution will require significant capital expenditure. A further review carried out of All Saints' Hall showed that the gas boiler is well beyond its expected lifecycle and recommended that prompt attention be given to developing a plan to move to net zero. Given the type of building this should not be complex and correspondingly an easier first step to make than the church itself.

Accounts



All Saints'
Church

Ascot Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2024**

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number	1149564
Registered name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath
Principal address	London Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8DQ
Independent Examiner	Kim Swain MA (Oxon) FCA Radford & Sergeant Limited Building 3, Watchmoor Park Camberley Surrey GU15 3YL
Bankers	TSB Bank plc 160 High St Slough SL1 1JP

Council Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2024 the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah	(Chairman)
Curate:	Revd David Saunders (until May 2024)	
Deanery Synod Representatives & ex-officio PCC members:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah Caroline Kallipetis (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Richard Hyslop (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) (Lay Vice Chair of PCC & Diocesan Lay Rep for Berkshire Area until 2027)	
Churchwarden:	Brian Bence (from APCM 2024 – July 2024) Philip Jacques (from APCM 2024)	
Elected Members:	Nick Rowsell (2 nd term) (APCM 2024 - APCM 2027) Simon Lagden (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Duncan Jones (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Jayne Strand (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Matthew Caminer (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Melanie Price (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Elizabeth Jacques (1 st term) (APCM 2024 – APCM 2027)	
Co-opted Members:	Caroline Marlow, Treasurer (From January 2023) Elizabeth Groves (From April 2024)	
In attendance:	Sheila Sparks, Secretary & Electoral Roll Officer (from April 2024) Helen Goodwin, Financial Adviser (from September 2024)	

Deanery Synod members provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Trustees Annual Report for the year 2024

Aim and Purposes

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and, in particular, with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Attendance Statistics:	2024	2023	2022
Average Sunday attendance:*			
Adults	85	87	91
Under 16	8	8	11

*(*includes an estimate of the Zoom figures)*

Electoral Roll – 184. April 2024, 2 were removed and 3 were added to the previous roll.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC meets seven times during the year. Six of the meetings for 2024 were conducted via Zoom and one in-person meeting was held at King Edward's Hall in July. Copies of minutes, once agreed, are put on the noticeboard at the Church and the Chapel and can be requested from the PCC Secretary.

Services during the year have all been as normal, ie 8.00 am Mass at All Saints, 9.00 am Mass with Hymns at the Chapel and 10.30 am Parish Mass at All Saints which has also been Zoomed every Sunday for those wishing to join virtually.

Our annual Lent Lunches were held for charities nominated by the individual organisers.

In March, at Fr Darrell's recommendation, the PCC agreed that it was time to reinstate the taking up of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the 10.30 am Mass. This had been an integral part of our service until Covid and re-commenced on Sunday 7th April. It was also agreed that 'Coronavirus update' would be removed from future PCC and Standing Committee agendas as, thankfully, things were now back to normal.

At the end of April the following appeared in Pews News "Wanted: 1000 poppies. Calling all knitters and crocheters. Help wanted to produce a wonderful poppy display for Remembrance Sunday. If you can knit or crochet please produce a number of poppies in red double knit wool. Patterns available online or we can supply a copy. If you are not crafty, balls of red double knit wool appreciated. A box will be placed at the back of the church for your donations. Needed by end of September to enable us to complete our planning for the Remembrance Sunday Service". The target was reached and please read Greta's Flower Team report about the wonderful display this request produced and the publicity which resulted from it.

Sunday 26th May marked the 160th anniversary of our parish. It was also Fr David's last Sunday with us before moving to his new parish, the Bude Coast and Country Benefice in Cornwall. To mark the anniversary and to say "fare thee well" to David and Dianne, the Very Revd Dr David Hoyle, the Dean of Westminster, was our preacher. It was lovely to have him with us in person as he had previously preached via Zoom during Covid.

On 16th June a number of our young people were confirmed. The service was conducted by the Revd Jonathan Meyrick, retired Bishop of Lyn. He is also known as The Rocking Bishop and ended his address by singing the song "Words" written by the BeeGees.

In August our much loved churchwarden died. Brian Bence had been a member of the congregation of All Saint's for many years and churchwarden (this time round) since October 2020 - the APCM that year had been delayed because of Covid. He had worked tirelessly over the last 4 years on church finances, buildings, maintenance, preparing the way for the Regeneration and Lighting Projects, which will now be carried forward in his name, and many other PCC matters.

October is the time for Harvest Festivals. On the 6th October we celebrated Harvest & Climate Sunday. The congregation was very generous with donations for the Bracknell Food Bank and at the end of the service we planted a tree in the Churchyard as part of Operation Noah's 20th anniversary. The preacher was Fr Martin Poulson, a trustee of Operation Noah. A Parish Barn Dance and Supper was held on 26th October and we were invited to put on our dancing shoes and join the fun at Carnation Hall to celebrate Harvest and God's goodness.

On Sunday 10th November we held our annual All Souls' Day Mass where everyone is encouraged to join us to remember departed loved ones.

The year raced on and it was soon the beginning of December and time for the Family Gift Service. This year Homestart Bracknell specifically requested books, pyjamas and chocolate selection boxes and we thank everyone for their generosity again.

Mr Dicken's Christmas Conjuring - on Sunday 15th December we were delighted to welcome Brian Sibley and David Weeks for a reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with amazing magical interludes. It was a wonderful, atmospheric event and all proceeds raised were for the Regeneration Project for brickwork repair and upgrading of church lighting.

All the Christmas services were well supported and the generous collections were distributed to the following charities:

Crib Service -	£260.00 – The Children's Society
Nine Lessons & Carols -	£283.40) Split equally between Pilgrim
Midnight Mass -	£218.10) Hearts, The Salvation Army
Christmas Morning 10.30 Mass -	£105.50) and Crisis

If you are over the age of 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months why not consider putting your name forward for election to the PCC. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Fr Darrell or any member of the PCC.

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Contributions from various organisations can be found in this report.

Sheila Sparks, Secretary

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs 2024

In 2024, All Saints' Ascot both income and expenditure decreased compared with 2023. There was a small net operating loss of £1,233 including depreciation but, when adjusted for the gain on our investments, there was a small total gain of £379.

Income

In 2024, total income was £190,899, compared with £191,002 in 2023. The main reason for the difference was the receipt, in 2023, of several generous contributions to both the Church Capital Project Fund and to cover costs of the resolution of the access issues to Priory Road Cemetery. In addition, there was a higher investment income in 2024 than 2023, and further income was received on the rental of the Parsonage.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2024 was £191,392 compared to £213,156 in 2023.

Again, the difference was largely due to exceptional expenditure in 2023. In addition, other areas of lower expenditure in 2024 were: Mission & Charitable giving organists fees (due to no longer employing an organist), maintenance costs associated with All Saints' Hall and accountancy fees.

Reserves

Net reserves amount to £800,424 and are analysed across funds in Note 13 to the accounts. Of these reserves, £22,451 was held in the TSB Bank current account, £97,597 in the CCLA deposit account and £1,342 in a Community Lunches account.

Reserves Policy

In 2022 the PCC agreed to maintain at least six months' average expenditure in unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves at the close of 2024 were £94,247. Unrestricted expenditure for 2025 is forecast to be £207,157. This represents around 5.5 months expenditure, so the reserves are close to the target set in the reserve policy.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector holds unrestricted funds identified to be used at his discretion to help people in need of support. At the end of 2024, the allocated fund was £8,007. During 2024, 3 grants were made, totalling £1,410.

Other creditors

The PCC holds money in its main account for The Friends of All Saints (£3,225 at 31 December 2024). This is recorded on the balance sheet within Creditors. The Friends exists to allow former members of All Saints and others to keep in touch and continue to support the aims and mission of the church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met six times during the year via Zoom and occasionally in person.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of the PCC

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the PCC's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Members of the PCC:

Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

Date: 17 September 2025

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ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
	Note					
INCOME						
Voluntary income	2(a)	108,143	1,980	-	110,123	128,272
Income from investments	2(b)	6,613	-	1,206	7,819	4,978
Church activities	2(c)	62,302	-	-	62,302	48,373
Other trading activities	2(d)	<u>9,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,915</u>	<u>9,379</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>186,973</u>	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>190,899</u>	<u>191,002</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds		2,173	-	-	2,173	734
Church activities	3	<u>183,470</u>	<u>5,749</u>	-	<u>189,219</u>	<u>212,422</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>185,643</u>	<u>5,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,392</u>	<u>213,156</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		1,330	(3,769)	1,206	(1,233)	(22,154)
NET GAINS/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS		<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>1,612</u>	<u>4,113</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2,016	(3,769)	2,132	379	(18,041)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>712,117</u>	<u>47,464</u>	<u>40,464</u>	<u>800,045</u>	<u>818,086</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>719,133</u>	<u>38,695</u>	<u>42,596</u>	<u>800,424</u>	<u>800,045</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	6	629,443		635,071	
Investments	7	<u>54,193</u>		<u>52,581</u>	
		683,635		687,652	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	9,454		8,163	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>121,389</u>		<u>128,160</u>	
		130,844		136,323	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	(14,924)		<u>(23,930)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>115,920</u>		<u>112,393</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>799,557</u>		<u>800,045</u>	
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		718,266		712,117	
Restricted	11	38,695		47,464	
Endowment	12	<u>42,596</u>		<u>40,464</u>	
		<u>799,557</u>		<u>800,045</u>	

Approved by the PCC on 17 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah
PCC Chair

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath Parochial Church Council ("The PCC") is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

1.2 Income recognition

Open plate collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised when received and the associated recoverable income tax is recognised when the income is recognised. All other donations and receipts for church activities are recognised when received.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Parish share is recorded when payable. All other expenditure, including mission giving, is recorded when paid.

1.4 ASSETS

1.4.1 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1.4.2 Moveable church furnishings

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory that can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000, such assets are not included in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off as expenditure in the year.

1.4.3 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are stated at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

- Freehold and leasehold land: Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings: 10 years
- Equipment: 4 years

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

1.4.4 Investments

Investments in securities held with CCLA and ODBF are valued at market value as advised by those institutions.

1.4.5 Stock

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, magazines or other materials held at the balance sheet date and all expenditure is written off as incurred.

1.4.6 Pensions

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.5 FUNDS

1.5.1 Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

1.5.2 Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

1.5.3 Endowment Funds

These represent capital funds in perpetuity which may not be spent. Income arising is spent for the purposes under which the endowments were made.

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	78,523	-	-	78,523	80,444
Tax recoverable	12,476	-	-	12,476	19,429
Other	11,591	-	-	11,591	22,393
Collections: (open plate)	7,533	-	-	7,533	6,006
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>110,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,123</u>	<u>128,272</u>
2(b) Income from investments					
Dividends	6,324	-	1,206	7,530	1,364
Bank interest	<u>289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>3,614</u>
	<u>6,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>7,819</u>	<u>4,978</u>
2(c) Income from church activities					
Fees for occasional services	7,447	-	-	7,447	4,829
Church and Parish Room lettings	43,164	-	-	43,164	42,234
Parsonage Rental Income	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Parish-wide events	1,305	-	-	1,305	708
Other	<u>775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>602</u>
	<u>60,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,691</u>	<u>48,373</u>
2(d) Income from other trading activities					
Ascot Week	<u>9,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,915</u>	<u>9,379</u>
	<u>9,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,915</u>	<u>9,379</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
			£	£	£	£
	Notes					
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		3,866	-	-	3,866	10,727
Diocesan parish share		85,535	-	-	85,535	87,281
Staff employment costs	4	12,366	-	-	12,366	11,013
Church maintenance		1,202	-	-	1,198	4,357
Churchyard upkeep		-	-	-	-	-
Occasional service fees paid to Diocese		-	-	-	-	-
Choir/music		2,922	-	-	2,922	1,871
Church supplies		953	-	-	953	1,175
Utilities		8,174	-	-	8,799	9,598
Church hall – ASH		11,700	-	-	11,251	16,434
Church hall – KEH		13,553	-	-	13,377	13,827
Parsonage		4,546	-	-	4,546	3,032
Insurance		5,498	-	-	5,498	5,310
Flowers		-	-	-	-	-
Clergy expenses		2,536	-	-	2,536	2,439
Social events		2,721	-	-	2,722	-
Legal fees		2,460	-	-	2,460	1,459
Memorials		-	-	-	-	1,443
Organist	4	4,915	-	-	4,915	8,615
Independent examiner's fees		-	-	-	2,760	2,760
Accountancy fees		7,474	-	-	7,474	9,452
Defibrillator		1,939	-	-	1,939	1,897
Office and administration		12,984	-	-	12,984	14,106
Depreciation		-	5,628	-	5,628	5,626
		<u>185,764</u>	<u>5,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,392</u>	<u>212,422</u>

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4. STAFF

The Parish Administrator's gross salary costs are shown in Note 3.

The Parish Administrator is enrolled in the People's Pension Scheme.

No benefits in kind were paid.

5. MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year in respect of their membership of the PCC. Certain expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC were reimbursed.

The Rector was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £2,536 (2023: £2,439).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	11,862	612,769	26,607	651,238
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>11,862</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>26,607</u>	<u>651,238</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	8,895	-	7,983	16,878
Charge for the year	2,967	-	2,661	5,626
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>11,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,644</u>	<u>22,506</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>15,964</u>	<u>628,733</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,967</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>18,625</u>	<u>634,361</u>

Land and buildings comprise King Edward's Hall (freehold), The Chapel of Saint Mary and Saint John (freehold), All Saints' Church Hall (leasehold) and The Parsonage (freehold).

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For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

7. Investments

CCLA – Fixed Interest Securities Fund

	2024	2023
Number of shares		
At 1 January	8,371.21	8,188.52
Dividends reinvested	<u>215.44</u>	<u>182.69</u>
At 31 December	<u>8,586.65</u>	<u>8,371.21</u>
	£	£
Market value	12,803	12,117
Endowment funds (Note 12)	<u>41,390</u>	<u>40,464</u>
Total investments	<u>54,193</u>	<u>52,581</u>

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	6,679	5,796
Debtors	<u>2,775</u>	<u>2,367</u>
	<u>9,454</u>	<u>8,163</u>

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
TSB Bank plc – current account	22,451	30,190
Community lunches account	1,342	457
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>97,597</u>	<u>97,513</u>
	<u>121,390</u>	<u>128,160</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	7,127	14,438
Friends of All Saints	2,834	2,759
Other creditors	<u>4,963</u>	<u>6,733</u>
	<u>14,924</u>	<u>23,930</u>

11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes as listed below:

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to Unrestricted	Balance at 31 December 2024
Youth	1,616	-	-	-	1,616
Eco/Future development	19,336	-	(2,661)	-	16,675
2014	717	-	-	-	717
Organ refurbishment	5,948	-	-	-	5,948
Church capital projects	-	15,866	-	-	15,866
Church and Churchyard	519	1,013	123	-	1,409
Messy Church	496	-	-	-	496
Camera System	<u>2,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,966)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>37,491</u>	<u>16,879</u>	<u>(5,504)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,973</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

12. Endowment funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Blake Trust	1,226	1,198
Lucas Legacy	2,590	2,532
Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts)	14,359	14,038
General May Trust	3,191	3,120
Weigall Trust	<u>20,024</u>	<u>19,576</u>
	<u>41,390</u>	<u>40,464</u>

The capital of these endowment funds is perpetual and cannot be spent. The capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:

Blake Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard so long as certain graves are maintained.

Lucas Legacy – for the maintenance and improvement of the church fabric.

Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts) – 15/37ths for the maintenance of the churchyard, 10/37ths for maintenance of Ascot Heath CE School, 10/37ths for school managers for school prizes, 2/37ths for annual school prize.

General May Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Rev. Marrow is maintained.

Weigall Trust - for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Weigall family is maintained.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	612,769	16,675	-	629,444
Investments	12,803	-	41,390	54,193
Current assets	105,509	25,335	-	130,844
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(14,924)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,924)</u>
	<u>716,157</u>	<u>42,010</u>	<u>41,390</u>	<u>799,557</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

14. Financial commitments

In January 2025 the PCC approved a forecast for income and expenditure for 2025 with a £14,300 deficit. Many parishioners are now using the PGS scheme, which offers an option of increasing regular giving annually by the rate of inflation. Parishioners who give regularly will be encouraged to take part in this scheme and information regarding the deficit and the need to raise funds will be shared with the congregation. The forecast includes a commitment to give £8,720 to mission organisations.

It was agreed to make a card machine available at every Sunday 10.30 service to enable attendees to make a contribution by debit card if they wish to.

Two active projects for the church building are ongoing:

- The first is to replace the tungsten lighting system with a modern LED based system which will reduce the running costs, improve maintainability and the brightness of the interior. This project is likely to cost up to £60,000 plus VAT including the external lighting. The recovery of VAT will be sought through the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.
- The second project is to ensure the integrity of the brickwork which is deteriorating because the top layer of mortar is breaking down. There are other areas where water has penetrated into the buttresses causing movement of the brickwork. This project is expected to cost around £330,000 plus VAT.

Fund raising is ongoing for these two major capital projects and total raised so far is listed under Church Capital Projects Restricted Fund.

The Quinquennial inspection completed in 2024 showed that, in addition to the issues above, there were some more significant items: some slippage of roof tiles that might indicate a need in the medium term for roof replacement; a recommendation for a conservator to inspect the canvas mounted wall painting given evidence of cracking; a need to monitor any progress of damage to chancel wall paintings at low level.

The current gas boiler is reaching the end of its design life and, as recommended by a diocesan funded energy audit of the church, a plan should be developed to consider a net zero replacement. The solution will depend upon the optimal environment to protect the wall paintings – advice is being sought on this matter. Either way the solution will require significant capital expenditure. A further review carried out of All Saints' Hall showed that the gas boiler is well beyond its expected lifecycle and recommended that prompt attention be given to developing a plan to move to net zero. Given the type of building this should not be complex and correspondingly an easier first step to make than the church itself.

Our curate, David Saunders, took up his new post in May 2024 and, with no new curate expected until 2026, it is planned to continue to rent out the Parsonage during 2025 to provide another income stream and offset the costs of the building.

Accounts



All Saints'
Church

Ascot Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2023**

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number	1149564
Registered name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath
Principal address	London Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8DQ
Independent Examiner	Kim Swain MA (Oxon) FCA Radford & Sergeant Limited Building 3, Watchmoor Park Camberley Surrey GU15 3YL
Bankers	TSB Bank plc 160 High St Slough SL1 1JP

Council Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2023 the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah	(Chairman)
Curate:	Revd David Saunders	
Deanery Synod Representatives & ex-officio PCC members:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah Caroline Kallipetis (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Richard Hyslop (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) (Lay Vice Chair of PCC & Diocesan Lay Rep for Berkshire Area until 2024)	
Churchwarden:	Brian Bence (from APCM 2020 – re-elected annually)	
Elected Members:	Sheila Sparks, Secretary* (APCM 2021 - APCM 2024) (*Re-elected for third and final term) Nick Rowsell - (1 st term) (APCM 2021 - APCM 2024) Simon Lagden – (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Duncan Jones – (2 nd term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Jayne Strand – (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Matthew Caminer – (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026) Melanie Price – (1 st term) (APCM 2023 - APCM 2026)	
Co-opted Members:	Caroline Marlow, Treasurer (From January 2023)	

Deanery Synod members provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Electoral Roll Officer – Cathy Christie

Trustees Annual Report for the year 2023

Aim and Purposes

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and, in particular, with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Attendance Statistics:	2023	2022	2021
Average Sunday attendance:*			
Adults	87	91	91
Under 16	8	11	11

*(*includes an estimate of the Zoom figures)*

Electoral Roll – 183. April 2023, 7 were removed and none were added to the previous roll.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC meets six times during the year. Five of the meetings for 2023 were conducted via Zoom and one in-person meeting was held at King Edward's Hall in July. Copies of minutes, once agreed, are put on the noticeboard at the Church and the Chapel and can be requested from the PCC Secretary.

Services during the year have all been as normal, i.e. 8.00 am Mass at All Saints, 9.00 am Mass with Hymns at the Chapel and 10.30 am Parish Mass at All Saints which has also been Zoomed every Sunday for those wishing to join virtually. At Christmas all services were held and well supported. Coronavirus Update continues to be an agenda item at each meeting and in March the PCC agreed to re-introduce kneeling for communion at the altar rail at the 10.30 am service as from the beginning of April.

Our annual Lent Lunches were held, and recipient charities included Parkinsons and New Beginnings Children's Home.

A special Choral Evensong was held on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This was followed by refreshments in All Saints Hall and 58 people attended.

In May a new PCC sub-committee entitled “Outreach Committee” was set up to look at ideas on how to grow the congregation. Ideas for consideration are:

- Youth and children’s ministry: to this end Julia Kellett and Catherine Barnett were co-opted to join.
- The new housing development on the Heatherwood site: Fr Darrell and Fr David met with representatives of Taylor Wimpey at the open day for the new housing development “Heatherwood Royal” and made contacts there. They are happy to include our parish leaflet into welcome packs
- Upping our social media footprint: This worked well when Matthew Caminer posted information regarding The Men’s Breakfast on Twitter and subsequently received an invitation to speak on Radio Berkshire.
- Update and refresh website
- Review of church guide books
- Engaging with mission more outside the church, particularly with the scouts in this their centenary year.
- Advertising mediums, concern that anyone not on our email distribution list does not get any communications
- Rejuvenation Project – early stages looking to how we move forward with this – develop communication, catchy strapline. A description of these plans is covered in the final section of the Financial Report under Financial Commitments.

During October the “Autumn Festival” – a series of five concerts - was held and the retiring collection was in aid of the Regeneration Fund. The sum of over £1,500.00 was raised at these events.

In November Mother Miriam decided not to renew her licence so came and preached her last sermon at the end of November. It was nice to see her in person and to give her our good wishes for the future together with a gift from the parish.

In December Mervyn Williams, Director of Music, left us to take up a new position at All Saints’ Marlow. Mervyn had been with us since 2016 and we said farewell to him at the Christmas Eve Services.

For health and safety reasons it was decided to trial battery operated tea lights for the Carols by Candlelight Service this year. The church still glowed and there were no adverse comments to the change, in fact any reactions were all positive.

Matters are still on-going regarding vehicular access to the lane leading to Priory Road Cemetery. The PCC has been extremely blessed that Michel Kallipetis KC, has been guiding us through this highly complex issue and liaising with the solicitors on our behalf. We thank him for all the time he has so generously given to this matter.

If you are over the age of 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, why not consider putting your name forward for election to the PCC. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Darrell or any member of the PCC.

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs 2023

In 2023, All Saints' Ascot both income and expenditure increased compared with 2022. There was a net operating loss of £22,154 including depreciation but, when adjusted for the gain on our investments, there was a total deficit of £18,041.

Income

In 2023, total income was £191,002, compared with £170,242 in 2022. The main reason for the increase was a result of several generous contributions to both the Church Capital Project Fund and to cover costs of the resolution of the access issues to Priory Road Cemetery.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2023 was £213,156 compared to £172,828 in 2022.

This substantial increase was a consequence of these main issues:

- The War in Ukraine resulted in a substantial jump in energy prices increasing our costs for the three buildings by just over £16,000.
- We needed professional advice to submit compliant accounts for 2022 and a resubmission of our 2021 results. This advice combined with additional support switching accountancy software increased our costs by just over £5,000.
- The access to Priory Road Cemetery resulted in legal, valuers and contractors costs in excess of £5,000. We are fortunate to have these costs covered by a member of the congregation.
- Office and Administration costs have increased in several areas, in particular Travel and Accommodation and Sundry Expenses which are both substantially up on 2022.

Reserves

Net reserves amount to £800,045 and is analysed across funds in Note 13 to the accounts. Of these reserves, £30,191 was held in the TSB Bank current account, £97,513 in the CCLA deposit account and £456 in a Community Lunches account.

Reserves Policy

In 2022 the PCC agreed to maintain at least six months' average expenditure in unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves at the close of 2023 were £87,231. Unrestricted expenditure for 2024 is forecast to be £193,000. This represents around 5.4 months expenditure, so the reserves are close to the target set in the reserve policy.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector holds unrestricted funds identified to be used at his discretion to help people in need of support. At the end of 2023, the allocated fund was £9,347. During 2023, 4 grants were made, totalling £742.

Other creditors

The PCC holds money in its main account for The Friends of All Saints (£2,759 at 31 December 2023). This is recorded on the balance sheet within Creditors. The Friends exists to allow former members of All Saints and others to keep in touch and continue to support the aims and mission of the church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met six times during the year via Zoom and occasionally in person.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of the PCC

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the PCC's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Members of the PCC:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

Date: 21 March 2024

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 21.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Charities Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Charities Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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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25 March 2024

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2023

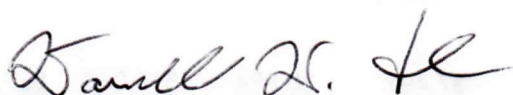
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
	Note					
INCOME						
Voluntary income	2(a)	112,406	15,866	-	128,272	113,730
Income from investments	2(b)	3,872	-	1,106	4,978	2,897
Church activities	2(c)	48,373	-	-	48,373	44,252
Other trading activities	2(d)	<u>9,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,379</u>	<u>9,363</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>174,030</u>	<u>15,866</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>191,002</u>	<u>170,242</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds		734	-	-	734	372
Church activities	3	<u>205,690</u>	<u>5,626</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>212,422</u>	<u>172,456</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>206,424</u>	<u>5,626</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>213,156</u>	<u>172,828</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(32,394)	10,240	-	(22,154)	(2,586)
NET GAINS/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS		<u>633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>4,113</u>	<u>(6,641)</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(31,761)	10,240	3,480	(18,041)	(9,227)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		267	(267)	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>743,611</u>	<u>37,491</u>	<u>36,984</u>	<u>818,086</u>	<u>827,313</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>712,117</u>	<u>47,464</u>	<u>40,464</u>	<u>800,045</u>	<u>818,086</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	6		635,071		640,697
Investments	7		<u>52,581</u>		<u>48,210</u>
			687,652		688,907
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	8,163		7,864	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>128,160</u>		<u>140,559</u>	
		136,323		148,423	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(23,930)</u>		<u>(19,244)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>112,393</u>		<u>129,179</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>800,045</u>		<u>818,086</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted			712,117		743,611
Restricted	11		47,464		37,491
Endowment	12		<u>40,464</u>		<u>36,984</u>
			<u>800,045</u>		<u>818,086</u>

Approved by the PCC on 20 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

PCC Chair

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath Parochial Church Council ("The PCC") is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

1.2 Income recognition

Open plate collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised when received and the associated recoverable income tax is recognised when the income is recognised. All other donations and receipts for church activities are recognised when received.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Parish share is recorded when payable. All other expenditure, including mission giving, is recorded when paid.

1.4 ASSETS

1.4.1 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1.4.2 Moveable church furnishings

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory that can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000, such assets are not included in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off as expenditure in the year.

1.4.3 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are stated at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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- Freehold and leasehold land: Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings: 10 years
- Equipment: 4 years

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

1.4.4 Investments

Investments in securities held with CCLA and ODBF are valued at market value as advised by those institutions.

1.4.5 Stock

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, magazines or other materials held at the balance sheet date and all expenditure is written off as incurred.

1.4.6 Pensions

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.5 FUNDS

1.5.1 Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

1.5.2 Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

1.5.3 Endowment Funds

These represent capital funds in perpetuity which may not be spent. Income arising is spent for the purposes under which the endowments were made.

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	71,944	8,500	-	80,444	71,924
Tax recoverable	17,304	2,125	-	19,429	18,085
Other	17,152	5,241	-	22,393	18,589
Collections: (open plate)	6,006	-	-	6,006	1,419
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,713</u>
	<u>112,406</u>	<u>15,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,272</u>	<u>113,730</u>
2(b) Income from investments					
Dividends	258	-	1,106	1,364	1,417
Bank interest	<u>3,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,614</u>	<u>1,480</u>
	<u>3,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>4,978</u>	<u>2,897</u>
2(c) Income from church activities					
Fees for occasional services	4,829	-	-	4,829	6,516
Church and Parish Room lettings	42,234	-	-	42,234	37,218
Parish-wide events	708	-	-	708	518
Other	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>48,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,373</u>	<u>44,252</u>
2(d) Income from other trading activities					
Ascot Week	<u>9,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,379</u>	<u>9,363</u>
	<u>9,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,379</u>	<u>9,363</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
	Notes					
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		10,727	-	-	10,727	11,400
Diocesan parish share		87,281	-	-	87,281	83,417
Staff employment costs	4	11,013	-	-	11,013	11,393
Church maintenance		3,251	-	1,106	4,357	2,183
Churchyard upkeep		-	-	-	-	1,865
Occasional service fees paid to Diocese		-	-	-	-	70
Choir/music		1,871	-	-	1,871	2,348
Church supplies		1,175	-	-	1,175	1,210
Utilities		9,598	-	-	9,598	4,417
Church hall – ASH		16,434	-	-	16,434	7,747
Church hall – KEH		13,827	-	-	13,827	6,220
Parsonage		3,032	-	-	3,032	4,363
Insurance		5,310	-	-	5,310	4,765
Flowers		-	-	-	-	18
Clergy expenses		2,439	-	-	2,439	3,253
Social events		-	-	-	-	600
Legal fees		1,459	-	-	1,459	-
Memorials		1,443	-	-	1,443	315
Organist	4	8,615	-	-	8,615	7,891
Independent examiner's fees		2,760	-	-	2,760	2,400
Accountancy fees		9,452	-	-	9,452	4,391
Defibrillator		1,897	-	-	1,897	1,840
Office and administration		14,106	-	-	14,106	4,723
Depreciation		-	5,626	-	5,626	5,627
		<u>205,664</u>	<u>5,626</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>212,422</u>	<u>172,456</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

4. STAFF

The Parish Administrator's and Organist's gross salary costs are shown in Note 3.

The Parish Administrator is enrolled in the People's Pension Scheme.

No benefits in kind were paid.

5. MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year in respect of their membership of the PCC. Certain expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC were reimbursed.

The Rector was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £2,439 (2022: £3,523).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2023	11,862	612,769	26,607	651,238
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>11,862</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>26,607</u>	<u>651,238</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	5,931	-	4,610	10,541
Charge for the year	2,966	-	2,660	5,626
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>8,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,270</u>	<u>16,167</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,965</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>19,337</u>	<u>635,071</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,931</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>21,997</u>	<u>640,697</u>

Land and buildings comprise King Edward's Hall (freehold), The Chapel of Saint Mary and Saint John (freehold), All Saints' Church Hall (leasehold) and The Parsonage (freehold).

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7. Investments

CCLA – Fixed Interest Securities Fund

	2023	2022
Number of shares		
At 1 January	8,188.52	7,967.13
Dividends reinvested	<u>182.69</u>	<u>221.39</u>
At 31 December	<u>8,371.21</u>	<u>8,188.52</u>
	£	£
Market value	12,117	11,226
Endowment funds (Note 12)	<u>40,464</u>	<u>36,984</u>
Total investments	<u>52,581</u>	<u>48,210</u>

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	5,796	7,500
Debtors	<u>2,367</u>	<u>364</u>
	<u>8,163</u>	<u>7,864</u>

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
TSB Bank plc – current account	30,190	26,541
Community lunches account	457	-
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>97,513</u>	<u>114,018</u>
	<u>128,160</u>	<u>140,559</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	14,438	13,800
Friends of All Saints	2,759	2,644
Other creditors	<u>6,733</u>	<u>2,800</u>
	<u>23,930</u>	<u>19,244</u>

11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes as listed below:

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to Unrestricted	Balance at 31 December 2023
Youth	1,616	-	-	-	1,616
Eco/Future development	21,997	-	(2,661)	-	19,336
2014	717	-	-	-	717
Organ refurbishment	5,948	-	-	-	5,948
Church capital projects	-	15,866	-	-	15,866
Church and Churchyard	519	-	-	-	519
Flowers	267	-	-	(267)	-
Messy Church	496	-	-	-	496
Camera System	<u>5,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,966</u>
	<u>37,491</u>	<u>15,866</u>	<u>(5,626)</u>	<u>(267)</u>	<u>47,464</u>

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12. Endowment funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Blake Trust	1,198	1,095
Lucas Legacy	2,532	2,314
Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts)	14,038	12,831
General May Trust	3,120	2,851
Weigall Trust	<u>19,576</u>	<u>17,893</u>
	<u>40,464</u>	<u>36,984</u>

The capital of these endowment funds is perpetual and cannot be spent. The capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:

Blake Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard so long as certain graves are maintained.

Lucas Legacy – for the maintenance and improvement of the church fabric.

Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts) – 15/37ths for the maintenance of the churchyard, 10/37ths for maintenance of Ascot Heath CE School, 10/37ths for school managers for school prizes, 2/37ths for annual school prize.

General May Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Rev. Marrow is maintained.

Weigall Trust - for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Weigall family is maintained.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	612,769	22,302	-	635,071
Investments	12,117	-	40,464	52,581
Current assets	111,161	25,162		136,323
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(23,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,930)</u>
	<u>712,117</u>	<u>47,464</u>	<u>40,464</u>	<u>800,045</u>

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

14. Financial commitments

In January 2024 the PCC approved a forecast for income and expenditure for 2024 with a £16,000 deficit. Parishioners using the PGS scheme who approved the indexing of payments will see an increase of 6.7% in their donations. Additional income streams will be sought especially by encouraging new members. The forecast includes a commitment to give £8,200 to mission organisations.

In February 2024 it was announced that our curate, David Saunders, has been appointed to a permanent post in Cornwall and is likely to be moving at the end of June. This has implications for rental income from the Parsonage and reduced expenses. None of these factors have been included in the forecast for 2024, but clearly represent as opportunity to lower the forecast deficit.

The Parish has major work to undertake on the church building to secure the future for the building.

There are two active projects - the first is to replace the tungsten lighting system with a modern LED based system which will reduce the running costs, improve maintainability and the brightness of the interior. This project is likely to cost up to £60,000 plus VAT including the external lighting. A full faculty has been submitted to the diocese and a response is expected in 2024. VAT will be recoverable through the listed building scheme.

The second project is to ensure the integrity of the brickwork which is deteriorating because the top layer of mortar is breaking down. There are other areas where water has penetrated into the buttresses causing movement of the brickwork. This project is expected to cost around £330,000 plus VAT.

Funding raising has started for these two major capital projects and total raised so far is listed under Church Capital Projects Restricted Fund.

Accounts



All Saints'
Church

Ascot Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2022**

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number	1149564
Registered name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath
Principal address	London Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8DQ
Independent Examiner	Kim Swain MA (Oxon) FCA Radford & Sergeant Limited Building 3, Watchmoor Park Camberley Surrey GU15 3YL
Bankers	TSB Bank plc 160 High St Slough SL1 1JP

Council Membership

Members of the PCC (Trustees) are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The following served as members of the PCC during 2022:

Rector: The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah (Chairman)

Curate: Rev David Saunders

Churchwarden: Brian Bence

Elected members:

Sheila Sparks – Secretary

Graeme Carter (to July 22)

Richard Hyslop (ex-officio, elected Diocesan Synod Representative)

Simon Lagden

Duncan Jones

Nick Rowsell

Caroline Kallipetis (ex-officio, Deanery Synod Representative)

Jayne Strand (ex-officio, Deanery Synod Representative)

Co-opted Members;

Alison Wilkins - Treasurer (July 22 to December 2022)

Lynn Jenkins – Adviser to Finance Committee (from November 2022)

Electoral Roll Officer – Cathy Christie

Trustees Annual Report for the year 2022

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and, in particular, with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Average Sunday Attendance and Electoral Roll

Attendance Statistics:	2022	2021	2020
Average Sunday attendance:			
Adults	90*	91*	**
Under 16	8*	11*	**
(*includes an estimate of the Zoom figures)			
(** no figures available for 2020 owing to the pandemic)			

Electoral Roll – 190. April 2022 6 were removed and none were added from the previous roll.

Risk Management

The PCC regularly reviews any major risks encountered by the church and takes appropriate action to manage and minimise those risks in accordance with best practice.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs 2022

In 2022, All Saints' Ascot income and expenditure both fell compared with 2021. There was a net operating loss of £2,586 but, when adjusted for the loss on our investments, there was a total deficit of £9,227.

Income

In 2022, total income was £170,242, compared with £178,681 in 2021. The principal reason for the decrease was the reduction in regular donations as some significant contributors have moved away from the parish. However, there was a generous response to the Rector's appeal for additional funds for the Discretionary Fund.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2022 was £172,828 compared to £186,519 in 2021. Capital expenditure in 2021 included significant investments in the camera system and solar panels which are reflected in the increased tangible assets of the church.

The invasion of Ukraine resulted in a substantial rise in energy prices which increased our costs when the new gas and electric contracts started in October 2022. The full impact on our finances will not be felt until 2023.

Reserves

Net reserves amount to £818,086 and is analysed across funds in Note 13 to the accounts. Of these reserves, £26,541 was held in the TSB Bank current account and £114,018 in the CCLA deposit account.

Reserves Policy

In 2022 the PCC agreed to maintain at least six months' average expenditure in unrestricted reserves. This currently amounts to around £92,000 based on the budgeted running costs for 2023 so the reserves are just below the target.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector holds unrestricted funds identified to be used at his discretion to help people in need of support. At the end of 2022, the allocated fund was £9,598. As a result of the rapid rise in the cost of living during 2022, an appeal was made for additional funds to increase the total available for people in need. During 2022, 20 grants were made totalling £3,400.

Other creditors

The PCC holds money in its main account for The Friends of All Saints (£2,643 at 31 December 2022). This is recorded on the balance sheet within Creditors. The Friends exists to allow former members of All Saints and others to keep in touch and continue to support the aims and mission of the church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met six times during the year via Zoom.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of the PCC

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the PCC's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Members of the PCC:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

Date: 24 May 2023

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

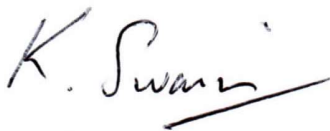
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Charities Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Charities Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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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24 May 2023

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
	Note					
INCOME						
Voluntary income	2(a)	106,874	20,536	-	127,410	128,512
Income from investments	2(b)	13,180	-	1,064	14,244	17,633
Church activities	2(c)	<u>37,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,027</u>	<u>36,138</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>157,081</u>	<u>20,536</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>178,681</u>	<u>182,283</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds		28	-	-	28	164
Church activities	3	<u>173,623</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>186,491</u>	<u>169,085</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>173,651</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>186,519</u>	<u>169,249</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(16,570)	8,732	-	(7,838)	13,034
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		10,430	(10,430)	-	-	-
NET (LOSS)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		<u>(881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,246</u>	<u>4,365</u>	<u>3,216</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(7,021)	(1,698)	5,246	(3,473)	16,250
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>747,392</u>	<u>46,722</u>	<u>36,672</u>	<u>830,786</u>	<u>814,536</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>740,371</u>	<u>45,024</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>827,313</u>	<u>830,786</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>724,101</u>	<u>61,294</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>827,313</u>	<u>830,786</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	6	639,207		612,769	
Investments	7	<u>54,534</u>		<u>49,824</u>	
		693,741		662,593	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	17,017		12,183	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>137,795</u>		<u>170,507</u>	
		154,812		182,690	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(21,240)</u>		<u>(14,497)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>133,572</u>		<u>168,193</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>827,313</u>		<u>830,786</u>	
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		740,371		747,632	
Restricted	11	45,024		46,482	
Endowment		<u>41,918</u>		<u>36,672</u>	
		<u>827,313</u>		<u>830,786</u>	

Approved by the PCC on 24 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah
PCC Chair

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath Parochial Church Council ("The PCC") is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

1.2 Income recognition

Open plate collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised when received and the associated recoverable income tax is recognised when the income is recognised. All other donations and receipts for church activities are recognised when received.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Parish share is recorded when payable. All other expenditure, including mission giving, is recorded when paid.

1.4 ASSETS

1.4.1 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1.4.2 Moveable church furnishings

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory that can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000, such assets are not included in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off as expenditure in the year.

1.4.3 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are stated at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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- Freehold and leasehold land: Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings: 10 years
- Equipment: 4 years

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

1.4.4 Investments

Investments in securities held with CCLA and ODBF are valued at market value as advised by those institutions.

1.4.5 Stock

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, magazines or other materials held at the balance sheet date and all expenditure is written off as incurred.

1.4.6 Pensions

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.5 FUNDS

1.5.1 Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

1.5.2 Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

1.5.3 Endowment Funds

These represent capital funds in perpetuity which may not be spent. Income arising is spent for the purposes under which the endowments were made.

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2. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	71,902	22	-	71,924	68,709
Tax recoverable	18,080	5	-	18,085	19,182
Other	18,569	20	-	18,589	36,134
Collections: (open plate)	1,419	-	-	1,419	2,191
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>1,194</u>
	<u>109,970</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,730</u>	<u>127,410</u>
2(b) Income from investments					
Rent received	-	-	-	-	12,770
Dividends	317	-	1,100	1,417	1,410
Bank interest	<u>1,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>64</u>
	<u>1,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,897</u>	<u>14,244</u>
2(c) Income from church activities					
Fees for occasional services	6,516	-	-	6,516	5,992
Church and Parish Room lettings	37,218	-	-	37,218	30,458
Parish-wide events	518	-	-	518	457
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>
	<u>44,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,252</u>	<u>37,027</u>
2(d) Income from other trading activities					
Ascot Week	<u>9,363</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,363</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,363</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,363</u>	<u>-</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
	Notes					
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		11,400	-	-	11,400	9,298
Diocesan parish share		83,417	-	-	83,417	84,278
Staff employment costs	4	11,393	-	-	11,393	11,136
Church maintenance		-	2,183	-	2,183	1,288
Churchyard upkeep		-	765	1,100	1,865	-
Occasional service fees paid to Diocese		70	-	-	70	415
Choir/music		2,348	-	-	2,348	1,279
Church supplies		1,210	-	-	1,210	253
Utilities		1,917	2,500	-	4,417	4,627
Property rental		-	-	-	-	8,750
Church hall – ASH		7,747	-	-	7,747	6,947
Church hall – KEH		6,220	-	-	6,220	6,803
Parsonage		4,363	-	-	4,363	16,383
Insurance		4,765	-	-	4,765	4,137
Flowers		-	18	-	18	144
Clergy expenses		3,253	-	-	3,253	2,376
Social events		400	200	-	600	-
Legal fees		-	-	-	-	1,716
Memorials		315	-	-	315	540
Organist	4	7,891	-	-	7,891	8,016
Independent examiner's fees		2,400	-	-	2,400	2,460
Accountancy fees		4,391	-	-	4,391	3,850
Defibrillator		1,840	-	-	1,840	2,040
Office and administration		4,723	-	-	4,723	4,840
Depreciation		-	5,627	-	5,627	4,915
		<u>160,063</u>	<u>11,293</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>172,456</u>	<u>186,491</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

4. STAFF

The Parish Administrator's and Organist's gross salary costs are shown in Note 3.

The Parish Administrator is enrolled in the People's Pension Scheme.

No benefits in kind were paid.

No JRS grants were received (2021: £181).

5. MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year in respect of their membership of the PCC. Certain expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC were reimbursed.

The Rector was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £3,523 (2021: £2,376).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	11,862	612,769	19,490	644,121
Additions	-	-	7,117	7,117
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>11,862</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>26,607</u>	<u>651,238</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	2,966	-	1,949	4,915
Charge for the year	2,965	-	2,661	5,626
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>10,541</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,931</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>21,997</u>	<u>640,697</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>8,896</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>17,541</u>	<u>639,206</u>

Land and buildings comprise King Edward's Hall (freehold), The Chapel of Saint Mary and Saint John (freehold), All Saints' Church Hall (leasehold) and The Parsonage (freehold).

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For the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

7. Investments

CCLA – Fixed Interest Securities Fund

	2022	2021
Number of shares		
At 1 January	7,967.13	7,753.54
Dividends reinvested	<u>221.39</u>	<u>213.59</u>
At 31 December	<u>8,188.52</u>	<u>7,967.13</u>
	£	£
Market value	11,226	12,616
Endowment funds (Note 12)	<u>36,984</u>	<u>41,918</u>
Total investments	<u>48,210</u>	<u>54,534</u>

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	7,500	14,600
Debtors	364	1,512
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>905</u>
	<u>7,864</u>	<u>17,017</u>

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
TSB Bank plc – current account	26,541	25,257
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>114,018</u>	<u>112,538</u>
	<u>140,559</u>	<u>137,795</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	13,800	18,229
Friends of All Saints	2,644	1,309
Other creditors	<u>2,800</u>	<u>1,702</u>
	<u>19,244</u>	<u>21,240</u>

11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes as listed below:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2022
Youth	1,616	-	-	1,616
Eco/Future development	24,659	-	2,662	21,997
2014	717	-	-	717
Queen's 2022 Jubilee picnic	-	200	200	-
Organ refurbishment	5,948	-	-	5,948
ODBF Utility grant	-	2,500	2,500	-
Church and Churchyard	2,454	1,013	2,948	519
Flowers	238	47	18	267
Messy Church	496	-	-	496
Camera System	<u>8,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,965</u>	<u>5,931</u>
	<u>45,024</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>11,293</u>	<u>37,491</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

12. Endowment funds

	2022 £	2021 £
Blake Trust	1,095	1,241
Lucas Legacy	2,314	2,623
Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts)	12,831	14,542
General May Trust	2,851	3,232
Weigall Trust	<u>17,893</u>	<u>20,280</u>
	<u>36,984</u>	<u>41,918</u>

The capital of these endowment funds is perpetual and cannot be spent. The capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:

Blake Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard so long as certain graves are maintained.

Lucas Legacy – for the maintenance and improvement of the church fabric.

Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts) – 15/37ths for the maintenance of the churchyard, 10/37ths for maintenance of Ascot Heath CE School, 10/37ths for school managers for school prizes, 2/37ths for annual school prize.

General May Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Rev. Marrow is maintained.

Weigall Trust - for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Weigall family is maintained.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	612,769	27,928	-	640,697
Investments	11,226	-	36,984	48,210
Current assets	138,860	9,563		148,423
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(19,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,244)</u>
	<u>743,611</u>	<u>37,491</u>	<u>36,984</u>	<u>818,086</u>

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14. Financial commitments

The PCC passed a budget for 2023 with a £31,000 deficit. There will be a giving initiative during the year and additional income streams will be sought especially by encouraging new members. This budget includes a commitment to give £8,000 to mission organisations.

Accounts



All Saints'
Church

Ascot Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2021**

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Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number	1149564
Registered name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath
Principal address	London Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8DQ
Independent Examiner	Kim Swain MA (Oxon) FCA Radford & Sergeant Limited Building 3, Watchmoor Park Camberley Surrey GU15 3YL
Bankers	TSB Bank plc 160 High St Slough SL1 1JP

Council Membership

Members of the PCC (Trustees) are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The following served as members of the PCC during 2021:

Rector: The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah (Chairman)

Curate: Rev David Saunders (from 4 July 2021)

Churchwarden: Brian Bence

Elected members:

Nick Perkins – Lay Vice-Chairman (to April 2021)

Sheila Sparks – Secretary

Greta Grant (to April 2021)

Steve Warrilow (to April 2021)

Nnamdi Nwakanma (to April 2021)

Linda Carrington (to April 2021)

Graeme Carter

Richard Hyslop (ex-officio, elected Diocesan Synod Representative)

Simon Lagden

Duncan Jones

Nick Rowsell (from April 2021)

Caroline Kallipetis (ex-officio, elected Deanery Synod Representative)

Jayne Strand (ex-officio, elected Deanery Synod Representative)

Co-opted Members;

Caraline Hedges – Treasurer

Martin Pennington – Financial Consultant (to September 2021)

Nolan Nixon – Buildings Manager (to 2021)

Trustees Annual Report for the year 2021

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and, in particular, with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Average Sunday Attendance and Electoral Roll

Attendance Statistics:	2021	2020	2019
Adults	91*	**	93
Under 16	11*	**	15

There were no baptisms during 2021, 17 funerals were held in the church, 3 services conducted at the crematorium and 1 wedding.

Electoral Roll – 196. July 2021 1 was removed and 3 added from the previous roll.

Risk Management

The PCC regularly reviews any major risks encountered by the church and takes appropriate action to manage and minimise those risks in accordance with best practice.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs 2021

In 2021, All Saints' Ascot income decreased, and expenditure increased compared with 2020. The result was a net operating loss of £7,838 but, when adjusted for the gain on our investments, this was reduced to a deficit of £3,473.

Income

Total income was £178,681, compared with £182,283 in 2020. This was almost exclusively because of reduced investment income.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2021 was £186,519, compared to £169,249 in 2020. Expenditure in 2021 included significant investments in the camera system and solar panels which are reflected in the increased assets of the church.

Reserves

Net reserves amount to £827,313 and is analysed across funds in Note 13 to the accounts. Of these reserves, £25,257 was held in the TSB Bank current account and £112,538 in the CCLA deposit account.

Reserves Policy

In 2020 the PCC agreed to maintain at least 9 months' average expenditure in unrestricted reserves. This currently amounts to around £128,000 based on the budgeted running costs for 2022. So, the reserves are below the target.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is held as unrestricted funds identified to be used at the discretion of the Rector to help people in need of support. At the end of 2021 the allocated fund was £1,269.

Other creditors

The PCC holds money in its main account for The Friends of All Saints (£1,309 at 31 December 2021). This is recorded on the balance sheet within Creditors. The Friends exists to allow former members of All Saints and others to keep in touch and continue to support the aims and mission of the church.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met six times during the year via Zoom.

Statement of Responsibilities of Members of the PCC

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the PCC's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of Members of the PCC:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah

Date: 24 May 2023

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

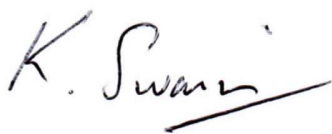
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Charities Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Charities Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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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24 May 2023

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
	Note					
INCOME						
Voluntary income	2(a)	106,874	20,536	-	127,410	128,512
Income from investments	2(b)	13,180	-	1,064	14,244	17,633
Church activities	2(c)	<u>37,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,027</u>	<u>36,138</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>157,081</u>	<u>20,536</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>178,681</u>	<u>182,283</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of generating funds		28	-	-	28	164
Church activities	3	<u>173,623</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>186,491</u>	<u>169,085</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>173,651</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>186,519</u>	<u>169,249</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(16,570)	8,732	-	(7,838)	13,034
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		10,430	(10,430)	-	-	-
NET (LOSS)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		<u>(881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,246</u>	<u>4,365</u>	<u>3,216</u>
NET (LOSS)/SURPLUS AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(7,021)	(1,698)	5,246	(3,473)	16,250
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>747,392</u>	<u>46,722</u>	<u>36,672</u>	<u>830,786</u>	<u>814,536</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>740,371</u>	<u>45,024</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>827,313</u>	<u>830,786</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>724,101</u>	<u>61,294</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>827,313</u>	<u>830,786</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible	6	639,207		612,769	
Investments	7	<u>54,534</u>		<u>49,824</u>	
		693,741		662,593	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	17,017		12,183	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>137,795</u>		<u>170,507</u>	
		154,812		182,690	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(21,240)</u>		<u>(14,497)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>133,572</u>		<u>168,193</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>827,313</u>		<u>830,786</u>	
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		740,371		747,632	
Restricted	11	45,024		46,482	
Endowment		<u>41,918</u>		<u>36,672</u>	
		<u>827,313</u>		<u>830,786</u>	

Approved by the PCC on 24 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Dr Darrell D Hannah
PCC Chair

ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath Parochial Church Council ("The PCC") is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

1.2 Income recognition

Open plate collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognised when received and the associated recoverable income tax is recognised when the income is recognised. All other donations and receipts for church activities are recognised when received.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Parish share is recorded when payable. All other expenditure, including mission giving, is recorded when paid.

1.4 ASSETS

1.4.1 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

1.4.2 Moveable church furnishings

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory that can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000, such assets are not included in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off as expenditure in the year.

1.4.3 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are stated at cost.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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- Freehold and leasehold land: Nil
- Fixtures & Fittings: 10 years
- Equipment: 4 years

An impairment review is carried out at each year end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

1.4.4 Investments

Investments in securities held with CCLA and ODBF are valued at market value as advised by those institutions.

1.4.5 Stock

No account has been taken of any stocks of books, magazines or other materials held at the balance sheet date and all expenditure is written off as incurred.

1.4.6 Pensions

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.5 FUNDS

1.5.1 Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project.

1.5.2 Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

1.5.3 Endowment Funds

These represent capital funds in perpetuity which may not be spent. Income arising is spent for the purposes under which the endowments were made.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving: Gift Aid donations	67,789	920	-	68,709	88,139
Tax recoverable	18,952	230	-	19,182	20,765
Other	17,761	18,373	-	36,134	26,079
Collections: (open plate)	2,191	-	-	2,191	2,441
Grants	<u>181</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>2,603</u>
	<u>106,874</u>	<u>20,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,410</u>	<u>128,512</u>
2(b) Income from investments					
Rent received	12,770	-	-	12,770	16,156
Dividends	346	-	1,064	1,410	1,427
Bank interest	<u>64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>13,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>14,244</u>	<u>17,633</u>
2(c) Income from church activities					
Fees for occasional services	5,992	-	-	5,992	1,743
Church and Parish Room lettings	30,458	-	-	30,458	29,865
Parish-wide events	457	-	-	457	4,530
Other	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>37,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,027</u>	<u>36,138</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
			£	£	£	£
	Notes					
Church activities						
Mission and charitable giving		9,298	-	-	9,298	22,584
Diocesan parish share		84,278	-	-	84,278	84,208
Staff employment costs	4	11,136	-	-	11,136	10,497
Church maintenance		-	224	1,064	1,288	935
Churchyard upkeep		-	-	-	-	665
Occasional service fees paid to Diocese		415	-	-	415	685
Choir/music		48	1,231	-	1,279	1,717
Church supplies		253	-	-	253	1,014
Utilities		4,627	-	-	4,627	4,132
Property rental		8,750	-	-	8,750	-
Church hall – ASH		6,947	-	-	6,947	7,045
Church hall – KEH		2,418	4,385	-	6,803	7,894
Parsonage		16,383	-	-	16,383	3,151
Insurance		4,137	-	-	4,137	4,737
Flowers		95	49	-	144	-
Clergy expenses		2,376	-	-	2,376	4,479
Legal fees		1,716	-	-	1,716	-
Memorials		540	-	-	540	-
Organist	4	8,016	-	-	8,016	7,045
Independent examiner's fees		2,460	-	-	2,460	2,760
Accountancy fees		3,850	-	-	3,850	4,540
Defibrillator		1,040	1,000	-	2,040	-
Office and administration		4,840	-	-	4,840	997
Depreciation		-	4,915	-	4,915	-
		<u>173,623</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>186,491</u>	<u>169,085</u>

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4. STAFF

The Parish Administrator's and Organist's gross salary costs are shown in Note 3.

The Parish Administrator is enrolled in the People's Pension Scheme.

No benefits in kind were paid.

Included in Grants receivable (Note 2(a)) were JRS grants of £181 (2000: £2,603).

5. MEMBERS OF THE PCC

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits during the year in respect of their membership of the PCC. Certain expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC were reimbursed.

The Rector was reimbursed for expenses amounting to £2,376 (2020: £4,479).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	-	612,769	-	612,769
Additions	11,862	-	19,490	31,352
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,862</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>19,490</u>	<u>644,121</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	2,966	-	1,949	4,915
Written back on disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,949</u>	<u>4,915</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	<u>8,896</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>17,541</u>	<u>639,206</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>612,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>612,769</u>

Land and buildings comprise King Edward's Hall (freehold), The Chapel of Saint Mary and Saint John (freehold), All Saints' Church Hall (leasehold) and The Parsonage (freehold).

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7. Investments

CCLA – Fixed Interest Securities Fund

	2021	2020
Number of shares		
At 1 January	7,753.54	7,504.12
Dividends reinvested	<u>213.59</u>	<u>249.42</u>
At 31 December	<u>7,967.13</u>	<u>7,753.54</u>
	£	£
Market value	12,616	13,152
Endowment funds (Note 12)	<u>41,918</u>	<u>36,672</u>
Total investments	<u>54,534</u>	<u>49,824</u>

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	14,600	10,569
Debtors	1,512	638
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>905</u>	<u>976</u>
	<u>17,017</u>	<u>12,183</u>

9. Cash at bank and in hand

	2021 £	2020 £
TSB Bank plc – current account	25,257	43,034
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>112,538</u>	<u>127,473</u>
	<u>137,795</u>	<u>170,507</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	18,229	12,889
Friends of All Saints	1,309	1,164
Other creditors	<u>1,702</u>	<u>444</u>
	<u>21,239</u>	<u>14,497</u>

11. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes as listed below:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to Unrestricted	Balance at 31 December 2021
Youth	1,616	-	-	-	1,616
King Edward's Hall	885	3,500	4,385	-	-
Eco/Future development	20,424	6,184	1,949	-	24,659
2014	717	-	-	-	717
Organ refurbishment	5,948	-	-	-	5,948
Church and Churchyard	1,665	1,013	224	-	2,454
Flowers	240	47	49	-	238
Church Music/Choir	1,231	-	1,231	-	-
Messy Church	496	-	-	-	496
Camera System	12,500	9,792	2,966	10,430	8,896
Defibrillator	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>46,722</u>	<u>20,536</u>	<u>11,804</u>	<u>10,430</u>	<u>45,024</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

12. Endowment funds

	2021 £	2020 £
Blake Trust	1,241	1,086
Lucas Legacy	2,623	2,295
Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts)	14,542	12,723
General May Trust	3,232	2,827
Weigall Trust	<u>20,280</u>	<u>17,742</u>
	<u>41,918</u>	<u>36,672</u>

The capital of these endowment funds is perpetual and cannot be spent. The capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance.

Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:

Blake Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard so long as certain graves are maintained.

Lucas Legacy – for the maintenance and improvement of the church fabric.

Paterson, Barnett, Clarke (Ascot Heath Trusts) – 15/37ths for the maintenance of the churchyard, 10/37ths for maintenance of Ascot Heath CE School, 10/37ths for school managers for school prizes, 2/37ths for annual school prize.

General May Trust – for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Rev. Marrow is maintained.

Weigall Trust - for the upkeep of the church and churchyard as long as the grave of the Weigall family is maintained.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	612,769	26,437	-	639,207
Investments	12,616	-	41,918	54,534
Current assets	120,424	34,857		155,812
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(21,239)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,239)</u>
	<u>724,570</u>	<u>60,826</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>827,314</u>

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14. Financial commitments

The PCC passed a budget for 2022 with a £18,000 deficit. The budget was pessimistic about the opportunities for fund raising because of the continuing Covid19 pandemic. This budget included a commitment to give £7,900 to mission organisations.

Accounts



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31 December 2020**

Rector:
The Revd. Dr. D.D. Hannah
All Saints' Rectory
London Road

Bank: TSB Bank, 21 High Street, Ascot
Independent Examiner: Graham Jennings FCCA, Kirk-Rice Accountants

Charity Commission Reg. 114956



PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' ASCOT HEATH

Annual Meetings 2021

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
will be held on Sunday 4th July 2021 following the 10.30 am service

Annual Vestry Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Opening prayers
2. Appointment of Secretary for the Annual Meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting is open to all on the electoral roll of All Saints' Church

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's opening remarks
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2020
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Electoral Roll and Election of Electoral Roll Officer
7. Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council on Parish Activities
8. Churchwardens' Report

9. Financial Review

10. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

11. Elections and Appointments:

- i) Deanery Synod
- ii) Parochial Church Council Members
- iii) Independent Examiner

12. Friends of All Saints' Church Ascot AGM

13. Any other Business:

- i) Thanks to Vera Miller

14. Closing prayer



Parish of All Saints', Ascot Heath

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting

Held by Zoom on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 6.30 pm

1. The Meeting opened with prayer. The Rector, Revd. Dr Darrell Hannah, presided over the meeting, which was attended by 27 parishioners.
2. **Appointment of a Secretary** for the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Meeting. Sheila Sparks was proposed by Caroline Kallipetis, seconded by Pat Gunton and was duly elected.
3. **Apologies** were noted from: Sheila & Roger Shrigley, Brian Bence, Nick and Viv Perkins.
4. **Election of Churchwardens.**

Brian Bence was nominated for the position of Churchwarden, proposed by Maz Down and seconded by Nick Perkins. This appointment was unanimously accepted and he was duly elected.

Fr Darrell took the opportunity at this point in the proceedings to thank Maz for all her hard work as Churchwarden, particularly for the last 18 months when she had not had a deputy and her time in office had been extended due to the Covid pandemic. Flowers had been sent to Maz from the PCC and congregation of All Saints.

Fr Darrell advised that he hoped by the time of the next APCM there would be a nomination for a second Churchwarden and possibly a deputy as well.

5. This concluded the business of the Annual Vestry Meeting.

Sheila Sparks/22nd October 2020



Parish of All Saints' Ascot Heath

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held by Zoom
on Wednesday 21st October 2020**

The meeting followed the Annual Vestry meeting and 27 parishioners were present.

Chairman: Revd. Dr Darrell Hannah, Rector of All Saints' Church

1. Apologies were received from: Roger & Sheila Shrigley, Brian Bence, Viv and Nick Perkins.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks: Fr Darrell said that his remarks should really refer to 2019 but he would be speaking entirely of 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic. He said that these were difficult and uncertain times, although on the whole as a parish we had been relatively untouched by the pandemic but churches up and down this land and across the world had not been so fortunate. He thought there was more disruption to come and we could not know what the future would hold. He wanted to thank members of the congregation who have stepped up to help in so many ways and also David Norman, Michel Kallipetis, the choir and musicians for making the Zoom services rather special and everyone involved in the variety concert which had shown what a wonderful amount of talent we have in this parish. He then emphasised three points:

- i) Exiled as we have been from the church and chapel we had been reminded that the church is not just the building. The church are the people and we are the church. We are the people of God and it is us who must do the work of the church, and he quoted from the collect used last Sunday for the feast of Luke the Evangelist and encouraged everyone to be streams of healing in these troubled times.
- ii) As we had not been able to hold the Harvest Festival service in the normal way he was delighted that as a parish we had raised over £800.00 for the Bracknell Foodbank. Later in November Fr Darrell and other colleagues would be sleeping out for one night to raise money for the homeless in the area and he hoped sponsorship would be forthcoming to help those who are suffering around us.
- iii) He advised that currently the Rector's Discretionary Fund had a healthy balance and if anyone knew of someone in financial need they should be referred to him as this is what this money needs to be used for.

3. **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2019:** The Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019 were approved and will be signed as a correct record.
4. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019:** The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019 were approved and will be signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
6. **Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll report was presented on behalf of Cathy Christie. The revised roll had a total of 198 entries (3 names had been added and one removed.) Cathy Christie had indicated her willingness to continue as Electoral Roll Officer, her re-appointment was proposed by Pat Gunton and seconded by Betty Swatridge and accepted unanimously. Fr Darrell thanked her for her work on behalf of the parish.
7. **Annual Report of the PCC:** The report had been previously circulated as part of the Annual Report and Financial Statement and is attached to these minutes. The report was accepted without comment or amendment.
8. **Churchwardens' Report:** Maz Down's report can be found as part of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2019. She said it was strange to be commenting on a report written nine months ago for the scheduled APCM in April. She confirmed that the church log book and other documents in the safe had been up to date, but since lockdown it had not been possible to enter the recent faculties or maintenance works costs or complete the music inventory and the main church inventory. There was also a faculty file which would need attention. She would update Brian Bence in their handover meeting. Maz advised that since last year's meeting we had had a quinquennial inspection. The inspector had said that "The parish should be congratulated on the overall high level of care and maintenance of the Church and churchyard". The PCC had started to do items mentioned in the report and those in the first section entitled "Of utmost urgency" had already been completed, and several within the "Urgent" section had also been done. She advised that the PCC would have to find a different inspector in 2024 for the next quinquennial as Michael Poteliakhoff had now retired. Two List B faculty applications had been made and approved. One for a noticeboard to go in the childrens' corner which will be put in place in due course. The second was for work on the south aisle flashing which Nolan Nixon completed in September. Nolan was thanked for the on-going maintenance he had carried out at King Edward's and All Saints Halls. Where he had not been able to do the work, approved contractors had been employed. Maz wished to record her gratitude for all the help she had received over the last 18 months when she had been the sole Churchwarden. She said we were very blessed in this parish with very competent people on the PCC who were willing to stand up and do things that a single Churchwarden was unable to do alone. She thanked Nick Perkins for his assistance both in updating policies and writing new ones, for organising a fire training session for Welcomers and installing various safety items in the church, for overseeing the new lease with Village End and many other things for which she

was very grateful; Steve Warrilow for taking on the responsibility for researching defibrillators; Caroline Kallipetis and Nick Perkins for their time on the Priory Road Cemetery access issue; Richard Hyslop, Steve Warrilow and Fr Darrell for undertaking the risk assessment for the re-opening of the church after lockdown; Julie Deane and Sheila Sparks for undertaking the risk assessment at King Edward's Hall. She was pleased to report that Brian Bence had already agreed to take over the solar panel project and she had no doubt that with PCC help he would make a very good Churchwarden and she would always be available to assist him if needed. She thanked everyone for the beautiful flowers. Fr Darrell said there was already a date in the diary for a meeting with the solar panel contractors.

9. Financial Review: The full financial report can be found as part of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2019. Caraline Hedges confirmed that the 2019 accounts had been signed off by Kirk Rice. It was the first year the reports had been done on the Sage package which was working very well. The Cash Handling Policy written by Nick Perkins was working well. She wished to express thanks to all the parishioners and donors for another year of generous giving, and for the support of the PCC, Julie Deane and Martin Pennington. In 2019 funds increased by £10K in part due to improved hall hire revenue and tighter control on expenses. Again the Parish Share was by far the largest outgoing. It was not possible to compare 2019 with 2018 as that was the year we had undertaken a number of larger projects. A sum of money had been moved from the TSB current account to a CCLA deposit account to make it work harder. CCLA is triple A rated and one of the UK's largest charity fund managers. Martin Pennington, Financial Adviser, had prepared a reserves policy. It is recommended that 3 months expenditure is always kept in reserve, in our case that would be circa £12K per month. We are very fortunate to currently have £129K in reserve. Plans had been underway to review our current investments and one meeting had been held with CCLA. However, due to Covid-19 it had not been possible to proceed any further with this plan at the present time. Caraline thanked Martin for his help and expertise.

10. Report of the Bracknell Deanery Synod: Caroline Kallipetis's report can be found as part of the Annual Report and Financial Statement. The February 2020 meeting at which Matthew Caminer had spoken was the last live meeting. Since then a meeting on Zoom had taken place in June. Last Saturday, October 17th, Bishop Olivia had hosted a quiet morning also on Zoom at which All Saints' had been well represented. The next meeting is scheduled for 1st December when all APCMs should have been held and new representatives in post. Caroline confirmed that she is continuing as lay chair and is going to stand for re-election.

11. Elections and Appointments:

i) Deanery Synod:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconders
Jayne Strand	Caroline Kallipetis	Sheila Sparks
Agreed unanimously		

ii) PCC:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconders
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Graeme Carter	Sheila Sparks	Greta Grant
Simon Lagden	Maz Down	Peter del Nevo
Duncan Jones	Nick Perkins	Sheila Sparks
Richard Hyslop	Caroline Kallipetis	Greta Grant
All agreed unanimously		

- iii) Independent Examiner – Graham Jennings of Kirk-Rice had indicated his willingness to continue as our Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Caraline Hedges, seconded by Matthew Caminer and passed unanimously.

12. AOB: There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm with the grace.

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2021 ELECTORAL ROLL AND ELECTION OF ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER:

Cathy Christie has indicated her willingness to continue as Electoral Roll Officer, and it is recommended that she be re-elected.

THE REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2020:

Aim and purposes:

All Saints' Ascot Heath PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Fr Darrell, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints' Church, All Saints' Hall, the Chapel of SS Mary and John, King Edward's Hall and the clergy accommodation at The Parsonage in King Edward's Road.

The PCC is required by law to produce an annual report of its activities together with a financial statement identifying how the activities of the parish have been funded.

Objectives and activities:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and chapel and to become part of our parish community at All Saints'. The PCC maintains an

overview of worship throughout the parish and in particular with the Ministry Team we try to enable the congregation to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work

Attendance Statistics:	2020	2019	2018
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Average Sunday attendance:

Adults	**	93	101
Under 16	**	15	18

There were no baptisms or weddings during 2020, 1 funeral was held in the church and 1 service conducted at the crematorium.

*(** no figures available for 2020 owing to the pandemic)*

Structure, governance and management:

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' Ascot Heath the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Curate, Churchwarden(s) and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met six times during the year.

Administrative information:

All Saints' Church is situated on the London Road, Ascot, SL5 8DQ. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Parish Office, King Edwards Hall, King Edwards Road, North Ascot SL5 8PD Tel: 01344 884686

Email: office@all-saints-ascot.org Registered charity number: 1149564

PCC Secretary – Sheila Sparks – Email: sheila.sparks@all-saints-ascot.org

Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2020 the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah (Chairman)
Curate:	Currently Vacant
Deanery Synod Representatives:	The Reverend Dr Darrell D Hannah Caroline Kallipetis Jayne Strand
Churchwarden:	Maz Down (to APCM 2020) Brian Bence (from APCM 2020*)
Elected Members:	Nick Perkins, Lay Vice-Chairman (APCM 2018 - APCM 2021) Sheila Sparks, Secretary (APCM 2018 - APCM 2021) Greta Grant (APCM 2018 - APCM 2021) Steve Warrilow (APCM 2018 - APCM 2021) Nnamdi Nwakanma (APCM 2018 - APCM 2021) Linda Carrington (APCM 2019 - APCM 2022) Graeme Carter (APCM 2020 - APCM 2023) Richard Hyslop (APCM 2020 - APCM 2023) Simon Lagden (APCM 2020 - APCM 2023) Duncan Jones (APCM 2020 - APCM 2023)
Co-opted Members:	Caraline Hedges (Treasurer) Martin Pennington (Financial Consultant) Nolan Nixon (Buildings Manager)

Deanery Synod members provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

**NB: APCM 2020 was not held until 21st October 2020 by Zoom*

PCC Matters – 2020:

The January 2020 PCC was held as planned in All Saints Church Hall, but by March Covid-19 had arrived and so we met on Zoom for all meetings for the rest of the year. Business has been able to continue to be conducted in a satisfactory manner and minutes of PCC meetings are available to view on the church website as soon as they have been agreed. Hard copies would normally have been posted on the noticeboard in both church and chapel but we have not been able to do this during the pandemic. However, an email copy can always be requested from the PCC secretary.

Permission was given for the delay of APCM meetings and ours finally took place by Zoom in October. We thank Maz Down for staying in post as Churchwarden for the extra five months and Brian Bence who has taken over from her. No-one completed their terms of office this year, but we welcomed three new members and a returning Simon Lagden. 2021 will see five members complete their three year term.

Owing to the pandemic the church was closed from 18th March and only re-opened, following the requisite risk assessment, in July for an 8.30 am Sunday Mass Service remaining open for private prayer for the rest of the day. The church was closed again during Lockdown 2 in November re-opening on 6th December as before. Unfortunately due to rising Covid numbers services were suspended again at the end of the year, although it was agreed to keep the church open for private prayer. The first Zoom 10.30am service was held on 29th March and continued throughout the year. It was good to see friends from the 8.30 am, the 9.00 am chapel service and the 10.30 am services all joining together with as many as 60+ devices logging-on resulting in a good number of participants. On July 18th, thanks to the wonderful efforts of Michel Kallipetis, Jayne Stand and David Norman, a fund raising variety concert was held resulting in an amazing total in excess of £4,000. In December the annual Christmas Eve Crib Service was also held virtually and friends and family invited to join in. The PCC thank everyone who has contributed to all the Zoom services. The plan going forward is to install equipment in the church to enable the streaming of services even when life returns to 'normal'. We have gained new worshippers through our Zoom services while the church has been unavailable, and those who need to stay at home will be able to join the service over Zoom.

Ongoing items:

The future of the Sandridge House site is still at the planning stage with RBWM and the PCC thank Nick Perkins for keeping a watching brief on this matter over the last 12 months.

Caroline Kallipetis has been dealing with the solicitor on the matter of the resident in Priory Road whose land backs onto the lane leading to Priory Road Cemetery who had made a planning application to Winkfield Parish Council for change of use for an outbuilding to the rear of his property to become an independent dwelling. She has also asked the solicitor to register the land in the name of the incumbent as it has now been confirmed by the Church Commissioners that this is correct.

Quotes have been received for solar panels for both All Saints' Church Hall and King Edward's Hall. Brian Bence has taken charge of the project and it is planned that a decision regarding installation will be taken in the New Year.

If you are over the age of 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months why not consider putting your name forward for election to the PCC. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Fr Darrell or any member of the PCC.

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Contributions from various organisations can be found in this report.

Sheila Sparks, Secretary

Financial Report.

Year to 31st December 2020

Despite the significant challenges caused by the Covid19 pandemic since March 2020, the net funds of the Church increased during the year by £16,385 from £815,565 to £831,950. This increase was a surplus of £28,130 on restricted funds mainly for future projects and a deficit of £11,745 on unrestricted funds

Total incoming resources fell 14% and total outgoing resources were reduced by 18%.

The net funds include £612,769 in land and buildings, (these are under the control of the Oxford Diocese) £131,614 in unrestricted reserves and £86,496 in restricted and endowment funds that have limited use.

Total incoming resources (income) decreased by £26,569 from £209,651 to £183,082. The largest reduction was on income from operating activities, ie church halls and fees, which were £18,371 lower. Similarly, income from activities for generating funds, ie Royal Ascot week and other events, were down £5,668. Income from donors planned giving was broadly flat at £103,589 with reductions on services collections of £5,764 being made up by increased gift aid recovery of £4,775. The PCC is enormously grateful to parishioners who increased their giving to the church in difficult times resulting in a small increase on stewardship income. Other voluntary income for the year was £24,167 (including £2,603 from furlough grants) and was slightly higher than the previous year. Most of this other voluntary income is held in restricted funds for future projects, including the Solar Panels project, and was slightly higher than the previous year. Other ordinary and miscellaneous income was down £4,138 in the year.

Total outgoing resources (expenditure) decreased by £34,774 from £204,688 to £169,914. This decrease in expenditure would have been greater but the PCC decided in May to award monthly grants totalling an unbudgeted £9,952 to the Village End Nursery. This grant was given on a controlled process to support the nursery through the peak period of its temporary closure. This has assisted in the continuation of this successful long term association. The major cost of £84,208 for the Diocesan Parish Share was similar to the payments in 2019 and despite efforts to reduce this cost the Diocese did not hold sufficient funds to change its parish share allocations. Naturally the periods of closure of the church enabled good savings on utilities, church maintenance, legal etc totalling £31,960. Expenditure on restricted funds fell from £17,519 to £3,208 as in the previous year there were costs incurred to finish various projects. In addition, we collected far fewer charitable donations than usual, ie Lent Lunches and Christmas Services, so less was the remitted to external charities.

Overall cash balances increased by £16,333 to £170,507 and in addition the CBF fixed interest holdings increased in value by £3,216 to £49,824. The CBF Church of England deposit account holding was increased by £30,499 to £127,473 during the year. This deposit

fund holds a Fitch Triple A credit rating, but as with cash investments in general, attracts only a notional interest rate.

A net £8,555 was transferred from unrestricted reserves to designated/ restricted reserves in the year. The main item was in respect of the camera system for the church which the PCC considered important enough to set aside funds to enable commencement before fund raising is complete.

The Future.

The budget, set and approved by PCC for 2021, anticipates that a continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic will result in a loss for the year. Nevertheless, this should be well within the cushion provided by the retained unrestricted reserves built up during previous years. As part of the budget preparation, budget assumptions have been made which include a conservative assessment of income but no project expenditure will be incurred unless it has been donation/grant funded.

There are processes in place to monitor current and future finances with enhanced reviews taking place during the pandemic. Financial results are prepared with comparisons to budget and presented for review to a Standing Committee and the PCC committee meetings at least three times a year. In addition, there is a Finance Committee that meets at least twice a year.

There continues to be uncertainty on future income resources, whilst general running costs are largely fixed. In 2019 a new quinquennial surveyor's report was prepared to identify and recommend maintenance works that would require attention and funding. The PCC considers there are no major expenditure exposures.

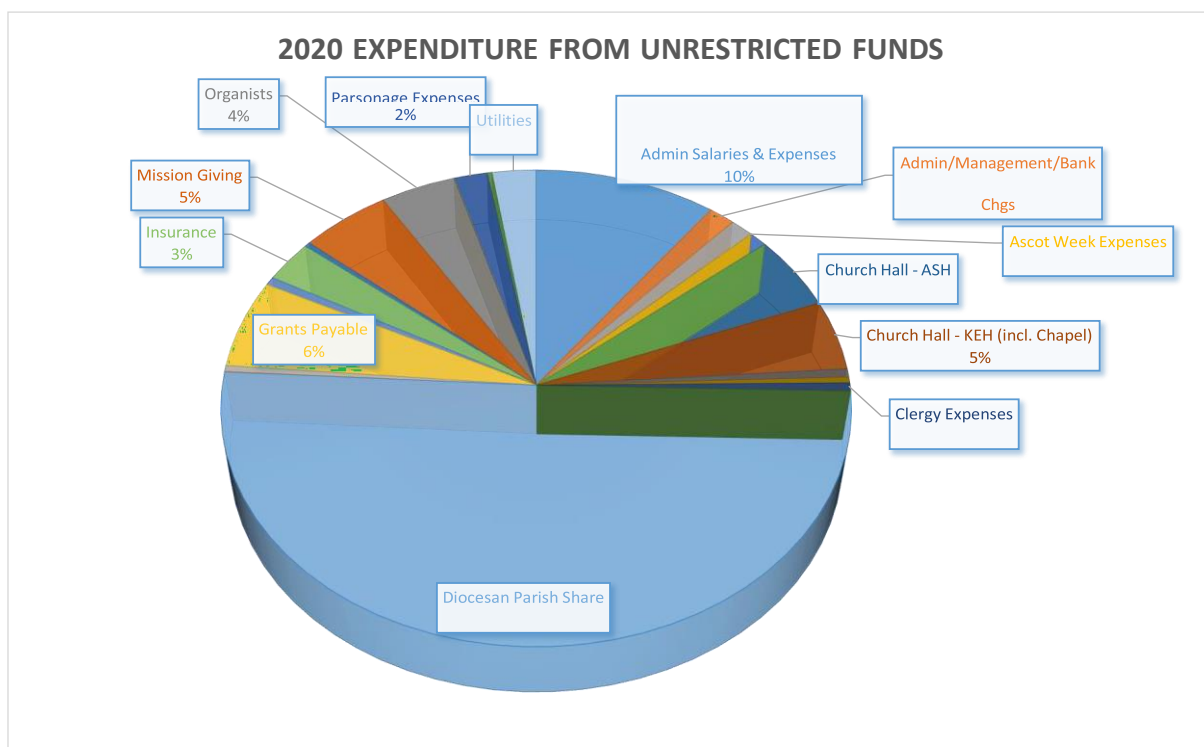
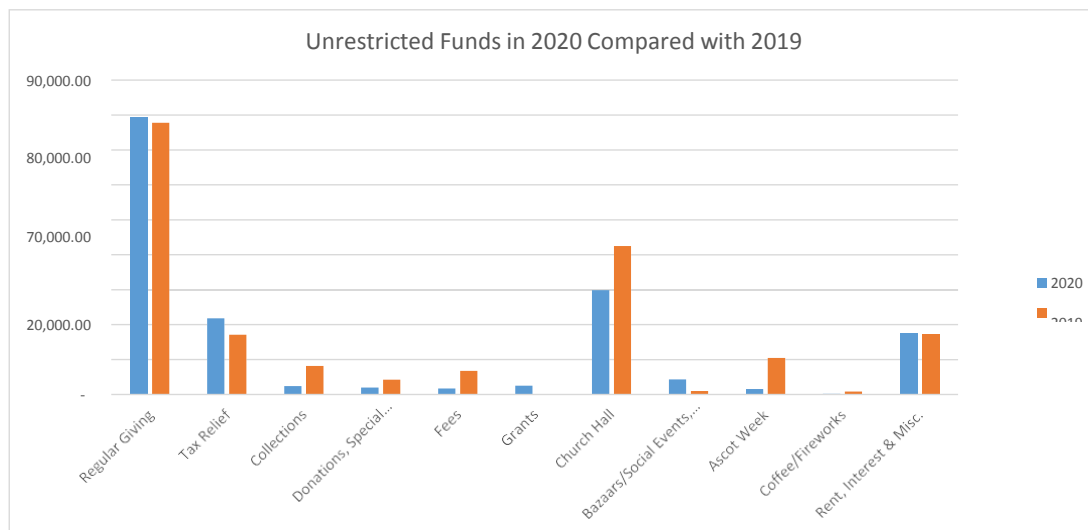
During 2018, and after detailed discussion, PCC agreed to formalise its unrestricted reserves policy to protect the church against unexpected financial setbacks. The PCC recognises that the general recommendation to charities is to hold a minimum of three months expenditure/income in reserve. However, as future income flows continue to be unpredictable and expenditure commitments difficult to contain, the PCC of All Saints aims to hold significantly higher unrestricted reserves equivalent to 10 months expenditure excluding grant funded expenditure. This broadly represents the current unrestricted reserves held.

The PCC will continue to closely monitor its resources and plan for the expenditure requirements of the next quinquennial report.

The PCC thank all who, during a very difficult year, have given their most valuable support to the church's activities and mission ensuring another successful and well managed year.

Statement of Financial
Activities 1st January to 31st
December 2020All Saints'
Church, Ascot Heath

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted/ Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	103,589.09			103,589.09	103,049.04
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	4,599.96	19,567.27		24,167.23	22,940.54
Incoming resources from operating activities of PCC objectives	2c	31,801.21			31,801.21	50,172.57
activities for generating funds	2d	5,890.89			5,890.89	11,559.00
Income from Investments	2e	1,476.85		-	1,476.85	1,634.58
Other ordinary incoming resources	2f	16,156.38			16,156.38	20,295.01
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		163,514.38	19,567.27	-	183,081.65	209,650.74
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted/ Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Outgoing Resources						
Costs of Generating Funds	3a	164.27			164.27	474.96
Mission Giving and Special Collections	3b	18,451.92	798.87		19,250.79	16,403.55
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3c	122,552.06	2,318.83		124,870.89	155,087.28
Church Management and Administration	3d	25,537.51	90.00		25,627.51	32,722.13
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES		166,705.76	3,207.70	-	169,913.46	204,687.92
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources		- 3,191.38	16,359.57	-	13,168.19	4,962.82
Transfers between Funds	10	- 8,555.00	8,555.00		-	-
Gains on investments (unrealised)		856.80		2,359.58	3,216.38	5,799.85
prior year adjustment					-	-
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		- 10,889.58	24,914.57	2,359.58	16,384.57	10,762.67
Balances brought forward at 01-Jan-20		142,504.01	638,749.08	34,312.69	815,565.04	804,802.37
Balances carried forward at 31-Dec-20		131,614.43	663,663.65	36,672.27	831,949.61	815,565.04



Caraline Hedges, Treasurer
Martin Pennington, Financial Adviser

MINISTRY TEAM:

Well, the year 2020 has been like no other. Even as we all dearly hope it will not be repeated for another hundred years or more, the ministry team has risen to the challenges

of the pandemic and of meeting almost wholly online, via Zoom. I am deeply grateful to Sheila Shrigley, Pam Davey, LLMs, and Mother Miriam for their hard work and grace and generosity.

When the first lockdown fell in March, we had to find a way of staying in contact as a parish and to worship together from our separate homes. The first week I sent out via email a meditation (in lieu of a sermon). Then, thanks to a suggestion of Matthew Caminer we attempted services via Zoom. It is fair to say that the first couple weeks were a mess, as we stumbled around trying to learn this new technology. Then Michel Kallipetis and David Norman, both of whom had some experience with Zoom, stepped forward and in a very short period of time we developed an online Eucharistic service which has been highly praised both within the parish and without. Guest preachers (including Bishop Olivia, Bishop Andrew, Canon Angela Tilby, Prof. Markus Bockmuehl and the Very Revd. Dr. David Hoyle, the Dean of Westminster) have all commented on our professional looking and yet intimate and reverent services.

During this year, in addition to the guest preachers, we have benefited from sermons from Sheila, Pam and Mother Miriam. Fr Bernard has been also able to re-join us. I am deeply grateful to their contributions to our services. Of course, because of the pandemic, many of the other tasks in which Sheila and Pam take the lead, including pastoral visiting, LYCiG, and the Thursday morning Bible Study, have been on hold much of the year—or have taken other forms (such as phoning). However, Pam and Sheila continued to “deacon” during the services. The ministry team meetings have also moved from a monthly occurrence to a weekly one, so that we can keep tabs on pastoral concerns in the parish (which is more difficult since we cannot not actually see people in person). Julie Deane has joined us for these meetings, which have taken place on Zoom. We organised a Christmas Card delivery to all our parishioners who have not been able to join us on Zoom services. Julie, Sheila, Pam and I hand delivered the cards and visited on the door step about a hundred households. Sheila and I (and others in the parish) have rung around to stay in touch with parishioners. For parishioners who do not have a computer—and so cannot join us via Zoom or even receive Julie’s weekly emailing with news/notices, the service sheet and the sermon from the previous Sunday—Sheila and I (and again others) have shared delivering printed off copies of the weekly emailing at parishioners’ doors. This has led to a good deal of visiting on the door-step.

When in the summer restrictions were eased, Richard Hyslop, Steve Warrilow and I undertook a risk assessment of a socially distanced and “spoken” service in church. After the PCC’s agreement, an 8:30 was offered, alongside the 10:30 Zoom service, from the 19th July until the second lockdown just after Christmas. Throughout all these 8:30am Masses, Steve served as a subdeacon and I would like to record my thanks to him.

Although not a project of the Ministry Team, the summer Variety Show was an important event in the life of our parish during lockdown and I need to record my profound thanks to Michel Kallipetis, Jayne Strand, David and Emma Norman and all the participants who contributed acts and performances for the show. The show and the resulting DVD raised a good deal of money for the parish and showcased the wide and varied talent in this parish.

Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond, we will welcome a new curate, David Saunders, in the summer. He will be ordained deacon at the end of June and will be serving his title with us from Sunday the 4th of July.

The Year of our Lord 2020 has been a difficult one, but also one in which we have pulled together and supported one another as a parish. New individuals with real talents have come forward and I am confident that our parish has a bright and strong future. I want to thank the ministry team for their hard work and support during this time. We look toward 2021 in hope and confidence. Thanks be to God!

Fr Darrell

THE CHAPEL of ST MARY and ST JOHN
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020

The last Sunday Service to be held at the Chapel was on the 15th March last year, after which, due to the Covid restrictions, no further services were held there during 2020 or to date in 2021. A number of parishioners who regularly attended services at the Chapel have, however, been able to participate in the Sunday services presented on-line from All Saints Church at 10.30 each Sunday. We would like to thank Fr Darrell, the ministry team and the “Zoom” team who have used their expertise to make this possible.

During the year, it is with deep sadness that I record the loss of two very long standing members of our congregation. David Bennett who died in the summer, made an enormous contribution to the smooth running of the Chapel and King Edward Hall and will be greatly missed. Likewise, Julie Wood who died on Christmas eve also made a huge contribution to the local community and will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

Whilst we are extremely grateful for our Zoom services and the opportunity to meet other parishioners in the breakout groups that occur after the services, we are still looking forward to being able to return to All Saints and to the Chapel in the not too distant future. This is particularly relevant since the 23rd April 2021 is the 25th anniversary of the new Chapel being completed and dedicated by the Bishop. We would naturally wish to be able to celebrate this significant occasion.

Bob Venables

For and on behalf of members of the Chapel Congregation

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, ASCOT HEATH – SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2020:

The incumbent and churchwardens of the parish of All Saints, Ascot Heath, have certain responsibilities as outlined in the Diocese of Oxford principles and policy for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. This report prepared by the safeguarding officer for the parish, states that we are meeting the parish safeguarding responsibilities as outlined in the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

Summary of key points

1. The Parish Safeguarding Policy is published on the All Saints' Church website and is reviewed each year at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The last review of the safeguarding policy was at a meeting of the PCC held on March 20th 2020.
2. The parish officer for safeguarding produces reports as requested to the PCC on safeguarding matters. National processes for criminal records checking through the Disclosure and Barring System are in place and appropriate measures are taken by the safeguarding officer to verify required documents of identity and residence. The safeguarding of children, young adults and vulnerable adults has been fully adopted. All church members who work with children and those who visit or take communion to the sick or vulnerable adults undergo an appropriate level of checking through the Disclosure and Barring System. The parish has implemented the good practice guidelines published by the Diocese of Oxford. Information relevant for the checking and verifying process for Disclosure and Barring is held responsibly and confidentially.
3. All clergy, lay ministers and volunteer workers are required to undergo selection and training in line with their responsibilities in the church. Clergy and lay ministers are selected and trained via the Diocese of Oxford; volunteer workers complete selection and training in line with safer recruitment principles of the diocese and the Church of England. Training is now available on-line.
4. In 2020 all individuals in the parish in scope under the safer recruitment principles have completed the required application process and have received the appropriate Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates from the Disclosure and Barring Service. Applications are all completed and handled electronically via the new diocesan preferred provider. This provides a much improved turnaround time for applications.
5. The parish safeguarding register has been checked and updated. Disclosure and Barring System certificates are valid for 5 years and are renewed as appropriate.

During the year I attended two safeguarding sessions by Zoom:

1. Safeguarding Area Meeting – Berkshire – 22nd October 2020

Approx. 50 participants. Chaired by Lisa Wilkins and Archdeacon Stephen Pullen.

One of the main points to come from the meeting was how important Safeguarding is now in all walks of life. Everyone must realise that it is not just a tick box exercise, or keeping the papers in a tidy folder. We must encourage vigilance in the PCC and the congregation – no-one should think "It doesn't/can't happen here."

2. Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse - 12th November 2020

Led by Rebecca Norris-Bulpitt, Safeguarding Assistant and Training Officer. Approx. 14 participants. Areas covered were:

- What is domestic abuse and who is most affected?
- We were asked to watch a YouTube video before the session of two young men whose mother and sister had been killed by their father after the whole family suffered years of abuse.

- Duluth Wheel activity – the Duluth Wheel explores the behaviours, attitudes and tactics used by perpetrators of domestic abuse.
- Why don't people who are experiencing domestic abuse just leave?
- Responding to domestic abuse scenarios – we were given a scenario to consider before the session and then asked to re-consider to see if any of our responses had changed or developed by the end of the session. Mine certainly did.

Again one of the most important things to be remembered is that abuse can and does happen everywhere, it cannot be hidden behind church doors nor should theology be misused to condone abusive behaviour.

Safeguarding Training:

Abuse of all kinds is a very emotive issue at the present time and it is important that we do what we can to take advantage of the help and information available to us.

In this regard the Diocese of Oxford has written to all parishes to advise that it is working towards creating a Church which is safer for everyone. Active engagement with safeguarding training supports all those who have a role within the Church to effectively recognise and respond to possible abuse and implement best safeguarding practice.

To this end the Church of England has developed various safeguarding training modules for Church Officers, the term which applies to everyone appointed by, or on behalf of, the Church to a post or role, whether they are ordained or lay, paid or unpaid.

Training is done on-line and if anyone is interested in taking the Basic Awareness module please contact me and I will be pleased to give you all the details.

Sheila Sparks – Parish Safeguarding Officer

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT:

As 2020 was a most unusual year in terms of Churchwarden's normal duties and responsibilities being carried out in the same way this report inevitably is in a different format than in preceding years.

The first two months of 2020 were spent by Maz Down ensuring that all documents and files kept in the safe were in order to hand over to a new CW after the APCM. The music and main church inventories were updated, and the Logbook checked for entries. Copies of new policy documents were stored in a new extension file.

From the middle of March, the country was in lockdown and entry to the Church building was restricted to the Rector to avoid the risk of any transfer of the Covid-19 virus. The Diocese were very prompt in reacting to the Covid-19 situation and sent regular instructions on how to work with a closed building. Once it became clear that the APCM could not be held in April

as planned, churchwarden duties all became virtual. The PCC and Standing committee meetings were online using Zoom as was the Sunday Mass.

During the year, any necessary maintenance of the Church was carried out and details recorded in the Logbook. Work could not be carried out inside the Church so a planned notice board in the Children's corner has not yet been done. A List B application for work on the South Aisle flashing and replacement tiles (identified in the last Quinquennial) was granted by Archdeacon's approval and the work subsequently done in September.

The APCM which had been deferred to October went ahead via Zoom and Brian Bence was elected Churchwarden.

Brian Bence was introduced to the role of churchwarden with a quick familiarisation of the relevant documents stored in the Church safe. After routine clearances and registration, the new warden was sworn in at one of the few services held in Church in December.

Planning for the two main projects for 2021 was started. The first is to install equipment to enable the live streaming of church services once the Church building is open again and to offer a high-quality service to those that wish to continue supporting the church from home or other remote location. The second project is to install solar panels with battery storage on the roofs of both King Edward's Hall and at All Saints' Hall. This will reduce the parish's carbon dioxide emissions, reduce the electricity bills, and make a statement to the whole parish that the church is taking the climate crisis seriously.

Other more routine activities have been to update the Health and Safety policy and for fire extinguisher checks to be completed.

Maz Down/Brian Bence

PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

Our Home Communion had to be stopped from March because of the pandemic. During the early part of the lockdown, we drew up a list of those who would be on their own at home, or otherwise vulnerable, so that we could ensure that we maintained contact with them. We were able to put many in touch with church members who could arrange collection and delivery of essential shopping for them. We have also contacted hospital chaplaincies when we are aware of someone in hospital for non-Covid reasons so that they may be visited by a chaplain. We have endeavoured to keep in contact with those who are in particularly difficult situations and we look forward to resuming home visits, especially with Holy Communion, when that becomes possible.

Sheila Shrigley

READERS AND INTERCESSORS:

Our readers and intercessors enhance our services and we thank them for their thoughtful and prayerful contribution to our worship. We have been blessed with a team of people who were willing to participate in services which were live-streamed during the pandemic. As well as reading or leading the prayers on Sunday mornings, they have also joined online for a run-through on the preceding Saturday. This has been particularly helpful for the technical team and has contributed to the smooth running of our services. A group of readers and intercessors also participated in the 08:30 Sunday worship when that was possible in the Church.

We look forward to the time when all the readings and intercessions will again take place in worship at the Church and Chapel.

Sheila Shrigley

THE HEALING TEAM MINISTRY:

All Saints' Church has a Healing Team Ministry that is available to anyone who would like someone to pray with them and for them, for whatever reason. On most Sundays, a member of the Healing Team stays after the 10:30 am parish mass to be available for prayer, usually beside the font at the west door.

Prayer requests and discussions are confidential and may include a need for personal prayer for oneself, for family members, friends or things happening in our lives. These concerns may be about physical or emotional health and well-being, relationships with God and many other concerns.

Often individuals come to offer prayers of thanksgiving for healing or resolution of a particular concern. The Healing Team meets regularly to pray for people who have asked for prayers and we also include people who are on the Pews News lists.

The Healing Team Ministry was available as usual in church from the start of the year 2020 until the Covid 19 lockdown which started on March 23rd. With the suspension of the 10:30 parish mass and the move to an online service, the Healing Prayer group was not able to meet.

However, our prayer ministry has continued throughout the year with each member praying regularly for people who have asked for prayers and for all who are listed in the weekly Pews News. In between lockdown this year and in compliance with government rules for meeting outside, individual members of the team have responded to requests from individual parishioners and also where appropriate, have arranged a socially distanced meeting.

A Healing Team prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus

Give us your listening heart

*So that when we pray,
We will become a powerful channel
Through which you will touch
Each person with your healing care. Amen*

All members of the Healing Team are required to complete an approved training course and to attend external events as appropriate.

Healing Team members 2020: Julia Kellett, Maureen Rayner, Chris Parnell, Elizabeth Gwynne and Pam Davey.

Pam Davey

BRACKNELL DEANERY SYNOD - REPORT TO ASCOT HEATH APCM:

This report relates to 2020, one of the most extraordinary and challenging years we have ever encountered as a Deanery. The previous year's report was not presented to the parish until October 2020, the APCM having been delayed due to the pandemic. Although I gave an oral update at the meeting, the content of the report related only to 2019, which already seemed long in the past by then! The delay to the APCM was authorized by Bishop Steven as part of a package of measures, which included the extension of the life of deanery Synods, which would otherwise have ended in the summer of 2020.

Bracknell Deanery Synod met at Ascot Priory only once in 2020, in February just before the first lockdown. The guest speaker was Matthew Caminer, his theme being "Living as a Clergy Spouse: How to align the daily reality with your personal identity". There was a lively discussion after his talk. The other meetings (in June and December) were held remotely by Zoom. This worked surprisingly well although attendances were low.

The Deanery Evensong which was to be held at Ascot Priory during the weekend of the VE day commemorations in May was a casualty of the pandemic and sadly had to be cancelled.

At the June meeting of Synod, elections were held to fill vacancies in the posts of Assistant Lay Chair and Assistant Secretary. Lee Townsend and Malcolm Chalmers respectively were elected unopposed to those positions and are a welcome addition to the team of Deanery Officers. Synod then moved to a discussion in groups on the topic of "Post-Peak Strategic Questions Based on the Five Marks of Mission: a tool to aid reflection" (a Diocesan initiative designed to help us think about the life of the church after the pandemic). Some interesting ideas were fed back in plenary, including how to continue to reach those in our congregations who had not been able to join streamed services and how to retain and embrace those new members of the congregation who had joined since the inception of those services.

A Quiet Morning was held on a Saturday in October on the theme of "Love in a pandemic: the wisdom of Julian of Norwich". Bishop Olivia led us in reflection and there was time for individual prayer and study. Although this too had to be held by Zoom, there was a good attendance of over 20 people from across the parishes of the Deanery.

At the December Synod meeting, the last in the extended 2017 to 2020 triennium, we welcomed as guests the new members of Synod elected at 2020 APCMs and a special guest, the Archdeacon of Berkshire, Canon Stephen Pullin. The Archdeacon spoke about Deaneries and the challenges facing us post pandemic. In group discussions a number of themes emerged, including financial difficulties due to closed churches and halls, and the consequent fall in income from collections and rents. Concern was also expressed about the effect of the pandemic on the mental health of our communities.

Caroline Kallipetis served as Deanery Lay Chair throughout the year. Father Guy Cole continued as Area Dean and Mother Tracey Williams served as Associate Area Dean until she stepped down in September. Chris Boutle and Lesley Philpot continued to serve in their respective roles of Deanery Treasurer and Synod Secretary. Jayne Strand was elected at the 2020 APCM as a lay representative of the parish on Deanery Synod from 1st January 2021 until the end of June 2023. There remain three vacancies which could be filled at the APCM.

The Deanery Standing and Pastoral Committees met regularly throughout the year and the Lay Chair and Area Dean attended meetings of the Berkshire Mission and Pastoral Committee. The Deanery Mission Action plan is kept under review and updates from the parishes will be welcome.

Parish Share for the deanery was once again paid in full in 2020. This is a magnificent achievement against all the odds, and the Diocese has expressed thanks to the parishes for meeting their commitments. The 2021 parish share has been frozen at the 2020 level by the Diocese and the allocation of the share between the parishes was agreed at the December Synod according to the same formula as in previous years.

Caroline Kallipetis/February 2021

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASCOT HEATH.
MISSION GIVING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020.

For the first time in its history, the Mission Giving Committee met online by Zoom on Wednesday 13th January, 2021, to consider the budget of £8,500 for charitable donations for the Year 2020. The Chairman opened the meeting by giving an overview of national giving in the light of the pandemic. A special report by the Charities Aid Foundation concluded that 'Despite Covid 19, giving remains in line with previous years but restricted in-person fundraising has taken its toll on some key causes, i.e. medical research. There has been a large increase, however, in donations to hospitals and hospices as well as to the NHS.'

The 2020 budget of £8,500 represented the same amount as for the previous year, and the Committee decided to support all but one of the same Charities. It was agreed that the normal donation to the Pilgrim Hearts Trust would on this occasion be redirected to Thames Hospice, which 'has never needed the support of our community more than at this time'.

Furthermore, our Rector had raised just over £2000 for Pilgrim Hearts in November, 2020, by bravely doing a sponsored sleep-out in his garden on a frosty night.

In summary, we allocated £1500 to local charities, £1000 to local and national church charities and £6000 to international charities. The three international charities continue to be Karuna Action (which runs a Children's Home in Albania), Mercy Ships and FACE (Gambella). The Church has been supporting Mercy Ships for 22 years now, and we have made 27 donations since December, 1999. The total amount from all our gifts to Mercy Ships is £23,952 to date, and we are about to add a further £2000 to this figure. Mercy Ships provides training and support to local healthcare professionals and strengthens healthcare systems in Africa.

FACE is a Charity which supports the work of Anglican Churches in Ethiopia and the wider Horn of Africa. We have been supporting this Charity for about 5 years now, and our donations 'go a long way towards the programme of training for new priests, the relief of poverty, the education of women and the care of their families in that region and in particular in the Gambella region where life for many is especially hard.'

The Chairman conveyed to the Mission Giving Committee members the gratitude and appreciation expressed by the various Charities which we had donated to last year, based on their acknowledgement letters and emails. All Charities had written to say that they had received our donation cheque and were most appreciative.

At the January 2021 PCC meeting, there was unanimous approval for our recommendations for the Year 2020 budget, and the Chairman is currently occupied with sending out letters and donation cheques to the intended Charities. The Mission Giving Committee is very grateful to the PCC for its approval of our recommendations.

Simon Lagden, Chairman

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP:

Men's Breakfast is alive and well, despite all the lockdown regulations. We meet each Saturday at 2.00 pm so that we can include our friend Mike from across the pond. We have continually had 6 to 8 members on Zoom. My thanks to Matthew Caminer for setting this up for us. Discussions on the Gospel - and other things! – last about 1 1/2 hours – full of questions to which we may not have all the answers and a lot of humour. If you want to join just let me know and Matthew will 'invite' you. I still have a reservation at Rydal in the Lakes for 13th May for our annual weekend of discussion, walking and occasional drinks. More about that later but if you would be interested to join us Covid permitting (£110 for 5 nights B+B) then let me know – duncan.rayner@virgin.net or 01344 622693. Men's Breakfast has now been running EVERY Saturday without a break for over 30 years. Why don't you join us?

Duncan Rayner

WELCOMER (SIDESPERSON) TEAM:

Members of the Welcomer Teams appointed at the APCM in April 2019 continued with their duties at the 8 o'clock and 10:30 services until mid-March when regular in-person services were suspended.

From July a team of six Welcomers undertook duties in pairs at the 8 o'clock Sunday services in All Saints' Church until these services were suspended.

One new Welcomer was appointed by the PCC but she has yet to undertake any duties.

Nick Perkins

GODLY PLAY/SAINTS ALIVE:

We continue to use Godly Play as our main way of exploring biblical stories with our children on Sunday mornings, interspersed with 'Creative' sessions reflecting on recent stories through art and games. Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 restrictions no Godly Play has taken place during 2020. We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic team to run the sessions - Julia, Sarah, Catharine, Caroline, Suzanne and Linda. I must thank everyone for all their help and support.

Caroline Kelly

REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH ASCOT HEATH:

The Friends scheme aims to foster interest and participation in events and services at All Saints' church and to raise funds for specific projects connected with the church building and its use.

Members can be part of present or past congregations, local residents and anyone with connections through baptism, confirmation, wedding or funeral; in fact anyone who loves All Saints' church. Newsletters were sent out to members in Lent and Advent and were well received, especially by those friends that live far afield.

We were, of course intending to have an AGM in the Spring, but the Coronavirus changed all that!

Thus we have been unable to have any fund raising concerts, Royal Ascot Hospitality or Heritage Open Days.

The church building itself has been closed during the pandemic except to allow a regular deep clean, for private prayer (at specified times) and lately for a carefully organised spoken service at 8.30 am each Sunday, with strict obedience to the Government's guidelines. The

main 10.30 service has been held very successfully by Zoom each Sunday with music recorded by the choir and musicians and also an opportunity for online fellowship after the service-these services have been well attended and we have, on occasions, been joined by members of the friends from far and wide (do contact the church office for details if you would like to join us).

At present there are no major concerns about the building or its fittings however the amount of money coming into church funds is obviously reduced (though many folk have been very generous especially in donating to the variety concert and subsequent DVD-which together raised in excess of £4,000.00).

With no means of knowing when the pandemic will end and things get back to a “new normal” the activities of the Friends will be very low key, but we will keep in touch and are always pleased to hear from you.

A reminder of subscription renewals was sent out by the secretary in March-thank you to all those who responded.

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and recruiting more members, so if you are interested please make contact with Pat, David or Caroline.

Caroline Kelly

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:

Our extraordinary church cleaning team have had a challenging year, as since the Covid-19 pandemic took over UK and the three national lockdowns from 22nd March (officially, first lockdown started on Monday, the 23rd March 2020, but the Sunday Mass on the 22nd was suspended, so for us, it started on the 22nd) until today, more than half of our team had to self-isolate in order to preserve their health and lives. Out of 11 regular members, we got down to 4 and we had to ask for more volunteers to join, so we could cover the fortnightly provisional rota for maintaining the Church clean during the pandemic.

The Church was completely closed to public worship until the beginning of August and before reopening it to the public, it needed a thorough cleaning, so Josie and Ron, two external volunteers stepped in to help and did a magnificent job. After that, it was just a matter of plotting the 4 members and other volunteers to a fortnightly schedule, as the Church was going to be open only on Sundays. Just after Christmas the Sunday Mass were suspended due to rising Covid-19 cases in our area, but will be still open for private prayer on Sundays after lunch.

The Church has been kept beautifully cleaned throughout these unprecedented times by our good-hearted, brilliant volunteers – Greta, Bridgit, Elizabeth and Sigrid; we will be forever grateful for their time and effort into maintaining this beautiful Church clean and safe.

During these unprecedented times, with the help of technology, we’ve managed to stay connected to our wonderful parish and we are grateful for being able to see and hear each other, and participate to our Sundays and Holy Days Masses, all possible with the grace of

God and the All Saints Church members that setup the technology in place and keep these interactive online Services.

Thank you for all the extraordinary efforts on keeping peoples' hearts filled with hope and gratitude.

Daniela Vasile

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM:

On the 23 February we cleared the Christmas flowers as Ash Wednesday was the 26th and there would be no flowers in Church till Easter. Our first Lent Lunch was on the 29th and I decorated the tables with daffodils – a sure sign of spring. We had our second Lent Lunch and on Tuesday 17th March everything was closed down. The Church was closed. No Easter flowers, no flowers in the Memorial Window and no pedestals for Ascot Hospitality. A Renewal of Vows was cancelled as was a Wedding. A photograph of our Harvest Loaf was taken as were a few poppies for November. Greta made an Advent Wreath. Christmas was celebrated on Zoom when photographs of previous flowers were incorporated.

We now look forward to the day when All Saints will be open and we can have a Celebration of Flowers.

Vera Miller

MUSIC:

Despite the limitations placed on us all by a year of national and international confinement, music at church continues to flourish albeit using new platforms. At the time of writing, it is nearly a year since the church choirs last met in the flesh. However, both the Senior and Junior Choirs have contributed significantly to the spiritual witness of the All Saints community by pre-recording material in their own homes, for Sunday services broadcast over the internet. In addition, a great deal of effort has gone into putting together other 'zoom' events such as the summer concert and the carol service; all of these things have shown the wealth and range of musical talent to be found at our church as a whole. A huge thanks to the expertise of the church's technical team, without whom none of this would have been possible.

The Senior Choir meets online each week for a social mix of gossip, quizzes and moans about the weather; occasionally, they talk about church music.

The Director of Music has been furloughed for the most part, and therefore has limitations placed on him as to what he can and cannot do during national lockdown. However, he continues to pre-record music for use in online services and does what he can to support the musical life of the church. With the exception of recording hymns, the organ has

remained silent for the year. Despite this, when last played, the organ functioned well and had held its tuning.

The choirs and all those who contribute to the music at All Saints should be rightly proud of all they have achieved during what has been a most unique experience for us all. We have managed to produce a range and quality of music which many churches have struggled to do.

Mervyn Williams
Organist and Director of Music

ALL SAINTS BAND ANNUAL REPORT FOR APCM:

As with all other church activities, the last year has presented significant challenges to All Saints Band, particularly learning how to make successful individual recordings at home that can then be blended into a single 'performance' without any combined rehearsal or face to face collaboration. After dipping a toe in the water with an instrumental piece for one service, the Band gave a spectacular rendering of "*When the Saints go Marching in*" at our Patronal Festival. Then the Band and some members of the Junior Choir combined to provide all the music for the annual Crib Service and, at the time of writing, were busy recording music for Mothering Sunday. Like many aspects of the pandemic, this has brought some benefits. While we have all missed the pleasure and ease of interacting at rehearsals and services, for instance, the Band is now largely playing specially prepared arrangements with individual parts for the different instruments, which is musically far more satisfying than playing out of the book. The Band has greatly appreciated technical support from David Norman, stitching the individual recordings together – no mean feat – and also the superb visuals by Emma to accompany the recordings.

The Band has enjoyed welcoming Anna Brecknock (flute) and Michael Hannah (violin) as new players, as well as occasional guest appearances from Mother Miriam (flute). Sadly, the circumstances of the pandemic have prevented us from working with Mervyn this year, and we look forward to resuming our collaboration when things ease. More players, especially younger musicians, would always be welcome: perhaps you are studying an instrument and would like the opportunity to play alongside others, even with the continued challenge of remote recording. Or maybe you have an instrument gathering dust in the attic and would like to blow off the cobwebs. Either way, do get in touch and we can discuss it. There is no audition: you will rapidly discover whether you will feel comfortable!

Matthew Caminer /January 2021

THE ALL SAINTS, ASCOT BRANCH OF MOTHERS UNION 1979 TO 2020:

The branch began in 1979 but by 2010 only 2 members remained. Our new curate Reverend Rosie Webb, a keen supporter and member of MU encouraged us to attend a meeting and we eventually had 22 members. Margaret Armstrong was voted as leader and Joy Appleby

as Treasurer. The younger mums in the group decided to meet in the evening, the rest of us met once a month on a Tuesday.

Reverend Rosie was appointed to St Andrews Church, in Clewer, we were all delighted for her and went to visit her church and she kept in touch with us throughout. Our branch membership was open to all baptised members of the C of E worshipping at All Saints Ascot Heath Parish. The branch to be self-managed and funded separate to the PCC and maintaining our own bank account. I kept a record of all income and expenditure using a cheque book with 3 signatories, sending the annual consolidated accounts to the diocesan office to be audited and signed off.

Our members organised a calendar for monthly meetings with speakers, outings and fundraising activities. We represented our branch at Deanery meetings and Margaret became a trained guide at Christchurch Cathedral Oxford.

Our main fundraising event has always been a joint effort with all members helping to run a Lent lunch at Kind Edwards Hall. We have done consistently well enjoying fun, fellowship and raising over £400 each time for AFIA (Away From It All). MU have funded holiday schemes for families and people who need a holiday or just time out, perhaps to a holiday camp, days out, coach trips etc.

At Christmas for the past 4 years Father Paul at the Priory Church has made us very welcome, he has composed a lovely Mothers Union Advent Meditation with music readings and prayer and our members taking part. Afterwards my friend Amy Beasley and I set up afternoon tea in the library. A delightful meeting.

The last Advent Meditation was held in December 2019 and I had bookings arranged for the Saturdays during Lent for Lent Lunches supporting different charities. The first MU lunch for AFIA took place on the 29th Feb 2020 - it went well with lots of fun and fellowship as did the lunch of Pauline Richardson for New Beginnings Children's Home, Albania. Sadly then the Coronavirus Pandemic caused everything to be cancelled for the foreseeable future.

The past 2 years have been very difficult for Margaret, her husband Barry was diagnosed with dementia and recently with Parkinsons. She has found it impossible to carry on as lead of our branch. My husband Allan was admitted into Frimley Park Hospital for 4 weeks and I was unable to take over. Margaret emailed all our members but sadly none could help. I had no option but to inform the Diocesan President Maureen Weston that we would have to close the branch. I also closed our account with TSB in Ascot and they sent the remaining funds to MU Oxford. Although our branch has closed we are all welcome to carry on as members of MU and I am pleased to do so. I have thoroughly enjoyed the years that I have worked with Margaret and we have made a good team.

Best Wishes
Joy Appleby

ROYAL ASCOT HOSPITALITY 2020:

The committee remained the same as the previous year and met once early in the year to confirm that all members were willing to continue in the same roles as in previous years.

Following this meeting the website was set up for bookings. Before another meeting could be called the Covid 19 pandemic had struck and the country was in lockdown. Bookings continued slowly but eventually it was obvious that Royal Ascot would be run behind closed doors. All those who had booked parking already were offered a refund. We are grateful to those who decided to leave their fee as a donation to Church funds. This amounted to £1147.50. At the time of writing this report we are awaiting an update from Ascot Authority for June 2021. At present no tickets are being sold.

Maz Down

MESSY CHURCH:

The Messy values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration, it is supported, resourced and enabled by the Bible Reading Fellowship.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic with prolonged lockdowns and the social distancing restrictions we have regrettably been unable to hold the usual bi-monthly Messy Church meetings in 2020.

We are hopeful that meetings may resume in the second half of 2021.

Julia Kellett

REPORT FROM 1ST ASCOT (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP:

The Scout Association believes in helping young people develop “Skills for Life”, but it soon became apparent in 2020 that life was going to be vastly different for all of us with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This has been especially challenging for our Scout Group since the majority of the activities we deliver depend on face-to-face meetings and working in teams. Obviously, with lockdown in March, all such meetings had to stop. During the Autumn term, as restrictions were eased, and following Government and Scout Association guidance, we did manage to offer some activities outdoors, in a socially distant way and for restricted numbers. No sooner had we started, the situation changed again, and such meetings had to be stopped as we moved towards the 2nd lockdown. Moving into 2021, we decided to offer online meetings using “Zoom” but this is equally challenging since many of the young people have already spent hours in front of computer screens doing home schooling. To maintain attention and interest is difficult but as always, our Leaders do a fantastic job being innovative, creative and as supportive as possible.

Another consequence of the pandemic was the cancellation of the planned VE75 celebrations in partnership with the Church, the local school and others, which was to be

hosted at our Scout Hut and grounds. This was a huge disappointment, as all of us looked forward to this being a fun event to bring the community together. We hope that once restrictions begin to improve, we can discuss rescheduling this or some other suitable community event.

We also have some changes in our team. Laura Wenham has been appointed as our new Group Scout Leader. Laura has been with our Scout Group for many years – as a Scout herself, and then as a Cub and Explorer Leader. Laura is known to many in the community and will bring lots of experience and enthusiasm to the role. For myself, after 8 years as Committee Chairman, I have announced that I will be stepping down. We expect to identify a suitable candidate soon, to be formally elected at our next AGM.

As we move to better times ahead, I am confident that Laura, together with our amazing Leaders and our dedicated Committee will continue to deliver the benefits of Scouting and those important “Skills for Life” to the young people of North Ascot. In achieving this, we are, as always, most grateful for the support we receive from the Church and to Chris Gunton who actively represents the Church as part of our Committee. We always welcome additional help so please do contact us if you are interested to join our team.

Robert Pickering, Committee Chairman