

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER, BOURNEMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1153390

Details

Other names	THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER, BOURNEMOUTH, ST CHRISTOPHER'S PCC, SOUTHBOURNE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2013-08-14
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: Regular public worship. Pastoral work, visiting the sick and the bereaved. Taking of religious assemblies inschools.The provision of a youth club. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special need groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bournemouth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£105,457	£155,221	-	-
2023-12-31	£118,081	£147,832	-	-
2022-12-31	£136,535	£95,289	-	-
2021-12-31	£69,743	£65,656	-	-
2020-12-31	£75,084	£73,415	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN CHARLES BENNET		2017-04-09
ALAN PERCIVAL TREGILGAS		2023-04-23
David Peter Arrowsmith		2024-04-30
Gay Joyce Arrowsmith		2024-04-30
Ingrid Moira Elizabeth Cooney		2023-04-23
Karen Louise Barker		2019-04-06
Lindsay Beaumont		2023-04-23
Mark Inkpen		2025-05-18
RICHARD ARMSTRONG		2013-08-03
Sheila Margaret Gold Olsen		2023-04-23
Susan Patricia Fairbairn		2023-04-23
nina maynard		2025-05-18
patricia giles		2025-05-18

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Aim and purposes

The PCC at St Christopher's Church has the responsibility of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre adjoining the Church.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, music and sacraments.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our Southbourne parish community and the community in which they work, relax or study through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and areas of Southbourne
- Missionary and outreach work locally, nationally and internationally
- Growth and discipleship programmes
- Regular evangelistic events
- Seeking opportunities for social and community partnerships

The mission statement for the church is 'We proclaim God's love for everyone through his son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives today'.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

On Sunday Morning Worship:

In 2024, as a congregation we had preaching series as follows:

Our series in the Easter Term was preaching through the gospel of John. The series was entitled: Conversations and Confrontations. For the first part of the Summer Term our series was based in James as we considered being radically whole and mature in our faith.

Later in the summer Steve Legg came to speak at St Christopher's which would have been one of the last time he would have spoken anywhere as he was suffering from cancer and went to be with the Lord last year. We had a short series entitled: Blessings from God. Archdeacon Jean preached on Being blessed by sharing the gospel. During the Christmas Term we had a series on Acts before moving into Advent and Christmas itself.

During the year during term time the Mid Week Bridge continued with a variety of series ranging from parables, Old Testament prophecies, models of prayer to the Psalms.

On Alpha:

And we had an Alpha Course which ran in the Christmas Term. This was smaller than in previous years but, as ever, the blessings through Alpha were rich indeed and relationships were deepened with each other and Jesus.

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None of this could have happened without the hard work of our preachers, service leaders and Mid-Week Bridge contributors. Week in and week out the work of the gospel goes on – thank you so much to you all.

They would say, though, that the glory does not go to them but to Him. So, thank you Lord, for your word which speaks about the living Word, our Lord Jesus.

Attendance

The average weekly attendance (Sunday services) counted during October 2024 were 72 adults (in person and on Zoom). This was because there were 3 funerals and 1 wedding. This did include the harvest service. The total number attending in person or on Zoom on Christmas Day were 62 adults and 5 children. There was no midnight service.

Home Groups

St Christopher's homegroups are an important part of our church family life.

There are five groups which meet in the first and third week of each month. Evening groups meet in the host's home with daytime afternoon groups in the bridge.

There are sixty five adults regularly getting together around God's word and for prayer in a safe supportive informal environment. This year our homegroup studies have been in line with our Sunday morning service series. Thank you hosts and leaders for your service for The Lord and commitment to your groups.

If you would like to join a homegroup or change times, speak to Sheila Olsen.

Deanery Synod Report

In November 2024 Dean Catherine Ogle came to the meeting at St Saviour's and spoke about her role as Dean of Winchester Cathedral and mentioned that she was to retire in May '25. In April 2025 an open meeting was held at St Andrew's Bennett Road to meet Bishop Rhiannon King who spoke movingly about the missional opportunities that exist in Bournemouth. She intends introducing an initiative called 'Believing in Bournemouth' that all churches will be able to participate in. This vision originated in Ipswich (from where she has come), where over 7 years the churches grew in numbers of worshippers across the ages, depth of discipleship and blessing. Apparently, a group of people had been praying for 21 years that God would bring revival to Ipswich – and He has! Further information about the possibilities for the way forward will be circulated later in the year as funding is being investigated. Area Dean Michael Smith is on sabbatical for 3 months. The next deanery synod meeting will be in September.

Sue Fairbairn

Fabric Report

Over the year the Church, the Hall and the Bridge have been used regularly on Sundays for worship services and events. Ranger, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and other groups have their weekly meetings in the hall, which is also regularly hired by local community groups including Zumba, Pilates, drama, and the Bournemouth Carnival Band. There are also occasional hires for such things as children's parties and family events. The facilities of St Christopher's are well used!

This means it is very important that our schedule of equipment servicing and routine maintenance continues through the year, with any repairs or replacements addressed promptly. During 2024 there

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were a number of items of equipment that required attention, the major ones being the partitions in the hall, the dishwasher, the fire alarm system and smoke sensors. Health & Safety regulations of course require us to keep everything in good order so that all church members and visitors, employees and volunteers, hirers of our premises and other members of the public are kept safe, enabling the church to carry out its mission, worship and ministry.

In 2024 we were also faced with having to replace the old gas boilers that provide heating and hot water in the Hall and Bridge. Unfortunately, during the commissioning procedure immediately after installation of the new boilers, it was found that the pressure of the gas supply from the mains in the road to the meter and on to the location of the boilers was inadequate to meet the demand of the new boilers. Several solutions to this problem were considered. In the end it was decided to get a new connection from the gas mains and lay a new supply pipe across our land at the rear of the church to a new meter on the outside of the Bridge toilets and then run new copper pipework to the boilers. Everything now works!

Thankfully, the exterior and the interior of the buildings have remained generally in a good state of repair.

The PCC extend their thanks to all the volunteers who have been given their time and expertise in many tasks throughout the year involving cleaning, maintenance and repairs, care of the grounds, garden and lawns.

Midweek activities

During 2024 all the following groups met: Funtime, Boys Brigade & Girls Association, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and SCY (St Christopher's Youth) and Knit & Natter have met in the Hall or Bridge each week.

Wednesday Friendship met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 'Who let the Dads out?' (a group for Dads and Grandads with young children) met once a month it term times on Saturday mornings. The hall has also been used by local groups and individuals for regular and occasional events.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is an important part of church family life. In Scripture we are urged to love one another as Jesus has loved us. At the moment we do not have a Care Coordinator. There is a team who try to ensure that those who may get overlooked are cared for, particularly those who are unable to join together on Sundays or other times. Home groups are the main basis for pastoral care, and the various groups that happen during the week are good opportunities to care for one another as well. Let us learn how to pray for one another.

Sue Fairbairn

Mission Support

The Missions Support Group aims to facilitate the continuing financial and prayer support of our mission partners by the whole church. We would like to thank the PCC for their commitment to Missions through the increasing percentage in the church's budget to Missions, increasing from 7.5% in 2023 to 8.5% in 2024, amounting to £7480. An extra £1040 was brought forward from 2023. The yearly allocation for 2024 was as follows: £ 260 designated by PCC £2400 Lunt (£200pm) £1320 Shelton (£110pm) £1320 Nash (£110pm) £1800 Anya (£150pm) £300 Sunflower (£300pa). We also gave Christmas-time gifts of £200 to each of the above 5 mission partners.

The Missions Support Group makes recommendations to the PCC regarding support levels for our mission partners. Our mission partners are: Julian Shelton, who works with SIL a subsidiary of Wycliffe Bible Translators. He coordinates the Yakar translation project in Russia; team members

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include Anya, whom we also support financially. Simon and Becky Lunt, who work with Operation Mobilisation in North London among immigrants. Becky has trained in play therapy and is starting work in a school with traumatised refugee children.

Jeremy Nash, who works with Mission Africa, reaching children in schools in Burkina Faso with the gospel. He and Rachel worked in Chad until July running the TEAM Mission guest house.

We no longer support as a church the Sunflower Fellowship as the ties with that organisation have become more tenuous with the passage of time.

We have decided that instead of focussing on Mission on just one Sunday when we invite all our partners, we will instead have each partner preach at one service during the year. This will contribute to the regular preaching program but they can also illustrate with examples or situations from their own ministry. This gives us the possibility to focus on one partner and meet them after the service. Thus, Mission will be brought to our attention on several occasions throughout the year.

Each month, one of our mission partners is remembered in Sunday prayers and a new notice board has been created in The Bridge giving news and updates of our partners. Thanks to Pat Blanchard who conscientiously keeps this up to date and relevant by putting up newsletters when they come out.

Jeremy Nash

Commitment

During 2024 we had 40 (39 in 2023) committed givers who used standing orders or the Parish Giving Scheme. Of those gift aiding, 9 used standing orders and 31 used the Parish Giving Scheme.

Volunteers

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to all those who so faithfully give of their time, gifting and energy to keep the church and the services running smoothly by volunteering to help in one way or another. Some new members have joined the welcoming team during the year. They are our first point of contact to those coming in, whether they are new folk or visitors. We need to encourage people to join this team. Our volunteers are a vital part of what is carried out at St Christopher's so if anyone wants to join us, please have a word with one of the wardens.

Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council 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 Minutes of the PCC regarding Church Representation Rules.

We now comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

At St Christopher's the membership of the PCC consisted of the Priest-In-Charge Reverend Andy McPherson (to July 2024), Churchwardens, those elected by members of the congregation and 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 6 times during the year in person.

Grateful thanks go to these teams who give oversight and direction to the church.

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Administrative Information

St Christopher's Church is situated in Southbourne, Bournemouth. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Christopher's Church, Arnewood Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW. Registered charity number 1153390. PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Wardens:

- Mrs Sue Fairbairn (from April 2024)
- Mr Alan Bennet (from April 2024)
- Mrs Pat Giles (to April 2024)
- Mr Richard Armstrong (to April 2024)

Elected members:

- Mr Alan Bennet, Deanery Synod (from April 2023), Lay Vice Chair
- Mrs Sue Fairbairn, Deanery Synod (from April 2023)
- Mrs Ingrid Cooney, PCC secretary (from April 2023)
- Mr Mark Inkpen (to April 2024)
- Mrs Janice Price (to April 2024)
- Ms Sheila Olsen (from April 2023)
- Mrs Lindsay Beaumont (from April 2023)
- Mr Alan Tregilgas (from April 2023)
- Mr Mike Wyatt (from April 2023)
- Mr Richard Sparke (from April 2023)
- Mrs Gay Arrowsmith (from April 2024)
- Mr Philip Attwood (from April 2024 to April 2025)
- Mrs Francis Attwood (from April 2024 to April 2025)
- Mr Richard Armstrong (from April 2024)
- Mrs Nina Maynard (from April 2024)

Co-opted:

- Mr Fred Stewart (to April 2024)
- Mrs Karen Barker, Safeguarding Officer
- Mr Dave Arrowsmith

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Chair

Signed



Dated

28/4/2025

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Charity Commission Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2024

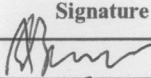
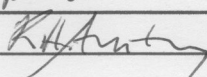
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	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	453,817	464,798
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	453,817	464,798
Current assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	639	2,110
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	103,743	125,988
<i>Total current assets</i>	104,383	128,098
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18,431	3,493
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	85,952	124,605
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	539,769	589,403
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Total net assets or liabilities	539,769	589,403
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	461,717	477,053
Unrestricted funds	78,051	112,350
Revaluation reserve	0	0
Total charity funds	539,769	589,403

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	ALAN BENNET	28/4/25
	RICHARD ARMSTRONG	28/4/25

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	79,622	0	0	79,622	93,689
Charitable activities	7,481	0	0	7,481	6,353
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	5,197	0	0	5,197	4,969
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	13,158	0	0	13,158	13,071
Total	105,457	0	0	105,457	118,081
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	545	0	0	545	798
Charitable activities	135,192	8,503	0	143,695	137,503
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	10,981	0	0	10,981	9,531
Total	146,719	8,503	0	155,221	147,832
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-41,261	-8,503	0	-49,764	-29,751
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	-41,261	-8,503	0	-49,764	-29,751
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	6,833	-6,833	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	-34,428	-15,336	0	-49,764	-29,751
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	112,350	477,053	0	589,403	
Total funds carried forward	77,922	461,717	0	539,640	

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S01 Donations and legacies					
Gifts and Donations	6,812	0	0	6,812	10,364
Monthly Bank Giving	54,145	0	0	54,145	52,016
Church Repairs Donations/Grant	3,210	0	0	3,210	15,377
Weekly Service Giving	4,348	0	0	4,348	4,569
Outreach Income	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality Donations	481	0	0	481	353
Gift Aid Tax Received	10,627	0	0	10,627	11,010
	79,623	0	0	79,623	93,689
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Fairs/Fundraising Events	1,882	0	0	1,882	2,250
Church Fees	484	0	0	484	364
Church Groups Income	5,115	0	0	5,115	3,739
	7,481	0	0	7,481	6,353
S03 Other trading activities					
	0	0	0	0	0
S04 Investments					
Investment Interest	5,197	0	0	5,197	4,969
	5,197	0	0	5,197	4,969
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
Premises Lettings	13,158	0	0	13,158	13,071
Grant Income	0	0	0	0	0
	13,158	0	0	13,158	13,071
S08 Raising funds					
Fairs/Fundraising Expenses	545	0	0	545	798
	545	0	0	545	798
S09 Charitable activities					
Electricity	3,969	0	0	3,969	4,125
Clergy Expenses	49	0	0	49	194
Hospitality Expenses	840	0	0	440	259
Church Groups Expenses	826	0	0	826	1,540
Other Expenses	68	0	0	68	235

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Mission Payments	960	8,503	0	9,463	9,995
Children/Family Co Staff Costs	28,866	0	0	28,866	29,666
Children/Family Co Exps	169	0	0	169	557
Volunteers & Staff Training	186	0	0	186	105
Sunday Club	307	0	0	307	388
Caretaker Staff Costs	10,741	0	0	10,741	7,280
Administrator Staff Costs	4,865	0	0	4,865	4,447
Premises Insurance	2,571	0	0	2,571	2,479
Heating	5,690	0	0	5,690	6,905
Water	573	0	0	573	401
Telephone & Internet	1,867	0	0	1,867	1,987
Church Services Expenses	678	0	0	678	318
Office Expenses	1,896	0	0	1,896	177
Books	168	0	0	168	0
Outreach Expenses	1,095	0	0	1,095	1,754
Printing & Publicity Expenses	1,160	0	0	1,160	2,205
Repairs, Maintenance & Renewals	9,359	0	0	9,359	1,459
Major Church Repairs	26,415	0	0	26,415	22,111
Cleaning / Hygiene Expenses	1,422	0	0	1,422	1,330
Flowers	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Expenses	226	0	0	226	66
Recruitment	0	0	0	0	0
Worship/Training Co Staff Costs	4,266	0	0	4,266	9,943
Worship & Training Co Exps	0	0	0	0	41
Website	0	0	0	0	0
Licences & Support	1,696	0	0	1,696	1,556
Equipment Purchases	118	0	0	118	750
Equipment Servicing/Repairs	214	0	0	214	1,150
Common Mission Fund CMF	24,000	0	0	24,000	24,000
Bank Charges	335	0	0	335	82
	135,195	8,503	0	143,698	137,505
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
Depreciation Buildings	9,531	0	0	9,531	9,531
Depreciation Organ	1,450	0	0	1,450	0
	10,981	0	0	10,981	9,531
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	90	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					

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Transfers between funds	-6,833	6,833	0	0	0
	-6,833	6,833	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)					
	0	0	0	0	0

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NOTE TO THE ACCOUNTS

Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which in law the P.C.C. is responsible.

Figures in the financial statements are shown rounded to the nearest pound and as a result there are some minor rounding differences within some totals.

Fund Accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the P.C.C.'s discretion, with any income derived to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was originally established. At 31 December 2024 we have no Endowment Funds.

Restricted Funds are made up of income from endowments that are to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and revenue donations or grants for a specific P.C.C. activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, any interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. At 31 December 2024 we hold Restricted Funds in respect of the residue of two legacies received several years ago and our Mission Holding Account which temporarily holds money given for specified missions, charities or individuals until distribution.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are spent on the P.C.C.'s general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside from time to time by the P.C.C. for specified purposes in the future. Project Funds are designated for administration purposes only. Funds that are designated as invested in Fixed Assets for the P.C.C.'s own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. All Designated Funds remain unrestricted and the P.C.C. may alter their designation or move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Gift Aid tax reclaim amounts are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the P.C.C. is entitled to use these resources when their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

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Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over if the award creates a binding obligation on the P.C.C. Our contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is paid by monthly direct debit and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is recognised when incurred and accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable Church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the P.C.C. and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years, apart from the organ. The organ is now outside of its 10 year guarantee and the P.C.C. needs to consider the appropriate depreciation going forward. Other individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off on acquisition of the asset.

For the Bridge project, together with upgrading of the existing Hall and its facilities, donations, grants and other income were accumulated in a Restricted Fund and the resulting expenditure was taken from it. This expenditure has been capitalised as a Fixed Asset and recorded as such on the Balance Sheet under Restricted Income Funds. The Bridge project was completed in 2016. The Hall and Bridge building combined, excluding the value of the land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years, being its estimated useful life.

Accounts Receivable

At 31 December 2024 £639 was due for a Gift Aid tax reclaim which was received in January 2025.

Accounts Payable

At 31 December 2024 there is a total sum of £18,431 accrued. £10,757 is the maximum due to the gas contractor, with the actual amount to be paid still to be agreed. £5,783 was due to a fire services company and was paid in January 2025. £421 is in the Missions Holding Account pending distribution. £1,165 is held for BBGA/SCY to be paid over during 2025.

Financial Review of 2024

Total receipts were £105,457 (£118,081 in 2023). This includes planned monthly giving of £54,145 (£52,016 in 2023), other donations and one-off gifts of £14,851 (£30,663 in 2023) and Gift Aid tax reclaimed of £10,627 (£11,010 in 2023). Other income was £13,158 from premises lettings (£13,071 in 2023), plus £7,481 from charitable activities and £5,197 investment income.

Total expenditure was £144,240 (£138,301 in 2023). A major cost incurred was for the replacement of the gas boilers that service the Hall and the Bridge, which involved re-routing the gas supply from the mains to the new boilers and the installation of a new gas meter; the

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total cost of all associated works amounted to £26,415 (of which £10,757 is unpaid pending final price agreement with the contractor). Significant repairs were also required to some essential equipment in the premises, amounting to £9,359 (£1,459 in 2023). Office expenses were £1,896 (£177 in 2023) because we had to lease a new photocopier. Utilities costs were down to £10,232 (£11,434 in 2023) mainly due to a correction to the VAT rate applied from 20% to 5%. Staff costs were also down to £48,468 (£51,336 in 2023), partly because of a change in working hours for some employees and partly because we were able to claim a National Insurance rebate.

The net result in 2024 was a deficit of £49,764 including depreciation of £10,981. This compares to a deficit of £29,751 including £9,531 depreciation in 2023.

The combined total of all funds at 31 December 2024 is £539,769 (£589,403 total in 2023). This includes the significant fixed asset of £453,817 for the Hall and Bridge. Liquid assets amount to £103,743, comprising £93,437 (£19,101 of which is restricted) in investment funds and £10,306 cash in the bank.

Reserves Policy

The P.C.C. maintains its policy on free reserves (Net Current Assets) of holding a balance that equates to at least three months unrestricted payments plus any potential redundancy payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow to meet emergencies/contingencies. At 31 December 2024 the balance of the free reserves is £85,952 which is sufficient to cover the potential need.

It is our policy to hold our investment fund balances with the CCLA – The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

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Council of St Christopher's Church, Bournemouth.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of
St Christopher's Church, Southbourne Parochial Church Council**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Financial Accounts of St Christopher's Church, Southbourne (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

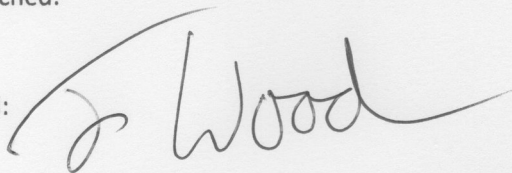
Independent Examiners Statement

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

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

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

Signed:



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24th APRIL 2025

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Aim and purposes

The PCC at St Christopher's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge, the Reverend Andy McPherson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre adjoining the church.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, music and sacraments.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our Southbourne parish community and the community in which they work, relax or study through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and areas of Southbourne
- Missionary and outreach work locally, nationally and internationally
- Growth and discipleship programmes
- Regular evangelistic events
- Seeking opportunities for social and community partnerships

The mission statement for the church is 'We proclaim God's love for everyone through his son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives today'.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

On Sunday Morning Worship

Jesus the name high over all writes the hymn writer - and so each Sunday to meet together to worship together and to proclaim that He is high over all - over everything is wonderful. And many thanks to our team of musicians, service leaders and preachers and all who help to make Sundays so special. But that is not all - what about our welcomers, the team who bless us with refreshments, those on prayer ministry, the team that read the Bible passages, the team leading our prayers for others, the tech guys, the communion team, those contributing to the Mid-Week Bridge, the family service planning team. And anyone else that I've forgotten. What a team!

Over the past year we have had series as follows:

Hebrews
Deuteronomy
The Gospel of John

Looking forward to the summer, we will be looking at the book of James.

On Prayer

Can I encourage us all to pray. I was rightly reminded recently that it is not prayer that is hard but making the time to pray that is hard. How as a church can we encourage each other to pray? How can we be (helpfully) accountable to each other?

Two quotes on prayer:

"We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much machinery but few results." (R. A. Torrey)

Our prayers lay the track down which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails. (Watchman Nee)

And by way of encouragement - isn't it wonderful that the church is open twice a week now for prayer - and that came out of a Home Group.

Can I encourage all of us (in particular) to pray for families: Firstly, Families of the Church, Secondly the Church Plus Families (i.e. those families who are connected to the church through Guides, Boys Brigade, Fun Time etc) and finally, all the families in Southbourne.

Let us pray families into our church!

And let us be a people steeped in prayer:

He lives - He lives - Christ Jesus lives today

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way

On Alpha

Alpha ran through the autumn term, much smaller than last year - just three men came along. But at the time of writing - I was at Home Group last night and two of the three guys were there - plus a guy who was at last year's Alpha. Isn't that wonderful?

Thank you to the Alpha team - and it was great to have new members helping to lead. We have a team ready to go for this autumn! But we will need guests - so let's get praying!

Attendance

The average weekly attendance (Sunday services), counted during October 2023 were 90 adults (in person and on Zoom) and 20 children under the age of 16. Although these figures were up from 2022, this was because the Confirmation service with Bishop Debbie in attendance took place at the end of October. The annual average attendance of Sundays over the weeks when services were held in church or Zoom but excluding Advent and Christmas were 79 adults and 15 children under the age of 16. This did include the harvest service. The total number attending in person or on Zoom for Advent, Carols, Crib Service and Christmas Day were 616 adults and 177 children, a slight increase from 2022. There was no midnight service on Christmas Eve. There was also a total of 1050 children from Stourfield Schools during December.

Home Groups

St Christopher's homegroups are an important part of our church family life.

There are five groups which meet in the first and third week of each month. Evening groups meet in the host's home with daytime afternoon groups in the bridge.

There are sixty five adults regularly getting together around God's word and for prayer in a safe supportive informal environment. This year our homegroup studies have been in line with our Sunday morning service series.

Thank you hosts and leaders for your service for The Lord and commitment to your groups.

If you would like to join a homegroup or change times, speak to Janice Price

Deanery Synod Report

There were only two meetings held in 2023.

The September meeting highlighted changes within the Diocese, including the appointment of the new Bishop of Winchester, Rev Philip Mountstephen, and also Rev Jean Burgess appointed as the new Archdeacon for the Bournemouth Deanery. Pastoral Reorganisation in Bournemouth is still being worked through and the status of some churches either merging or not merging was communicated.

The October meeting involved a talk by Rev Rachel Noel, Vicar of St James Pokesdown, who suffers with neurodiversity. She shared the platform with a friend, Caroline Shutler, who has cerebral palsy. Both of them spoke honestly about the difficulties their symptoms create in the course of their everyday lives and work. In small discussion groups, we were asked to reflect on how we, as Christian individuals and as churches, react when we meet another person who doesn't seem to be "like us". Do we, whether intentionally or sub-consciously, notice the differences and make judgements based on what we notice about that person's "otherness"? Being or feeling different in appearance or character from what is familiar, expected, or generally accepted is very hard. Our challenge is to consider how we respond when we see differences with people in our church family and how we can encourage and include one another.

Fabric Report

Over the year the Church Centre has been used by the Church Fellowship and hired by local community groups including Zumba, Pilates, Drama, and the Bournemouth Carnival Band. There have also been other single hires for such things as children's parties and family events.

Our contracted servicing, routine maintenance and ongoing equipment repairs have continued through the year and in-house Maintenance Mornings have been held with volunteers doing routine cleaning, gardening and minor repairs to the premises.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the building, carried out in March 2022 by the church architect, identified several external areas of the church fabric in need of attention and there was concern about leaks in the south aisle roof.

These leaks became significant and in mid-2023 the south aisle flat roof covering was replaced and the opportunity taken to provide a layer of insulation under it. As this work involved the erection of scaffolding, it was decided to address certain other areas of fabric repair identified in the 2022 Quinquennial report. This included decoration of the external rainwater goods and repairs to external brickwork pointing. In addition, as the south aisle roof leak had fused and damaged the internal south aisle lighting, both the north and south aisle lights were replaced with equivalent LED luminaires. The lamps in the nave lights were also replaced with LED bulbs. The main body of the church (excluding the Hi-Bay lights over the chancel) is therefore now lit by LED lamps.

Towards the end of 2023 part of the lead roof of the bell cote roof became dislodged and this was repaired with new lead coping and minor repairs to surrounding brickwork. Also, at the end of 2023 the flat roof to the north east corner of the Hall developed a leak and was repaired together with repairs to various damaged roof tiles.

The 3 gas boilers supplying heating and hot water to the Hall and Bridge are old and beyond economical repair. Their replacement with 2 new, larger capacity, boilers is scheduled to take place in April 2024.

Apart from the above significant external building work, the interior of the buildings has remained generally in a good state of repair.

The PCC extend their thanks to all those who have been involved in cleaning, maintenance and repairs, care of the grounds, garden and lawns.

Midweek activities

During 2023 all the following groups met: Funtime, Boys Brigade & Girls Association, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and SCY (St Christopher's Youth) and Knit & Natter have met in the Hall or Bridge each week. Wednesday Friendship met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 'Who let the Dads out?' (a group for Dads and Grandads with young children) met once a month on Saturday mornings. The hall has also been used by local groups and individuals for regular and occasional events.

Pastoral Care

At St Christophers' we are very caring of one another showing love for one another in all our many groups 'from cradle to the grave'. For the youngest in our church and community funtime on Monday and Wednesday mornings is an opportunity to make friend for mums and little ones alike. On a Friday lunchtime mum time is specifically for the under ones group a safe space for newer mums to chat.

Our older friends find support at Wednesday friendship or Knit and Natter group. Solos, Men's Group, and many friendships all Bible based encouragement with a listening ear and prayer for people's concerns when going through difficult times giving thanks for answered prayer.

At St Christopher's, we all seek to love one another by being thoughtful, kind, prayerful and encouraging, patient practical and discreet in our care for one another.

Please make me aware of any unmet pastoral care need thank you Janice Price.

Mission Support

The Missions Support Group aims to facilitate the continuing financial and prayer support of our mission partners by the whole church. Our mission partners are:

Julian Shelton who works with SIL a subsidiary of Wycliffe Bible Translators. He coordinates the Yakar translation project in Russia; team members include Anya, whom we also support financially. Simon and Becky Lunt who work with Operation Mobilisation in North London among immigrants. Becky has trained in play therapy and is starting work in a school with traumatised refugee children. Jeremy Nash who works with Mission Africa, reaching children in schools in Burkina Faso with the gospel. He and Rachel are currently in Chad for a year looking after a guest house. Sunflower Fellowship in Romania, helping Ukrainian refugees.

The Missions Support Group makes recommendations to the PCC regarding support levels for our mission partners and last year St Christophers was able to give 7.5% of its annual budget to missions. The PCC has agreed to raise the percentage of the budget to 8.5% for 2024.

Missions Sunday was held on June 25th 2023 and 3 of our mission partners were able to come and briefly outline what they were doing. A bring your own lunch after the service enabled the church family to further get to know the partners.

Each month, one of our mission partners is remembered in Sunday prayers and a new notice board has been created in the bridge giving news and updates of our partners.

Ecumenical and Deanery relationships

St Christopher's is in partnership with St Saviour's and the Holdenhurst and Iford Benefice.

Financial Review – 2023

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £98265 of which £62527 unrestricted planned voluntary donations, £10993 Gift Aid tax recovery and £24745 donations and other Charitable income.

Restricted Income of £19816 was also received and included £18 Gift Aid tax recovered.

The total income was £118081 (£136534 - 2022)

The unrestricted planned giving via monthly bank payments including the Parish Giving Scheme decreased by £2328 during the year.

Income from the Church Groups decreased slightly by £129 and a decrease of £383 from Facilities Lettings.

Investment Interest increased by £3861 due to sound investing in CCLA and good interest rates.

The total income was £118081 (£136534 - 2022)

The expenditure for the year was £138303 which included £25372 restricted expenditure (£85758 - 2022)

The main increase in costs relate to roof repairs of £22111 and the staff costs for the

Children's and Families Co-Ordinator increased by £24717 as a whole year of employment (£ 4949 – 2022) Mission payments increased by £2702 to £9995 (£7293 - 2022)

There was a loss for the year of £29751 compared to the increase of funds in 2022 to £41,248 but this includes depreciation of £9531. The actual monetary loss for 2023 was £20220 compared to the increase in 2022 of £50779.

The total fund balances now held are £589403 (£619155- 2022) the reduction is due to the loss in 2023.

Reserves Policy

The P.C.C. maintains its policy on free reserves (Net Current Assets) of holding a balance of at least three months unrestricted payments plus any potential redundancy payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow to meet emergencies/contingencies. The balance of the free reserves on December 31, 2023, was £124605 (£144,826 - 2022) which is sufficient to cover the potential need.

It is our policy to hold our investment fund balances with the CCLA – The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Commitment

During 2023 we had 39 (45 – 2022) committed givers who used standing orders or the Parish Giving Scheme. Of these, 28 members Gift Aided their donations. Of those Gift Aiding, 4 used standing orders and 24 used the Parish Giving Scheme.

Volunteers

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to all those who so faithfully give of their time, gifting and energy to keep the church and the services running smoothly by volunteering to help in one way or another. Some new members have joined the welcoming team during the year. They are our first point of contact to those joining us whether they are new folk or visitors. We need to encourage people to join this team. Our volunteers are a vital part of what is carried out at St Christopher's so if anyone wants to join us, please have a word with one of the wardens.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council 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 Minutes of the PCC regarding Church Representation Rules.

We now comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

At St Christopher's the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-In-Charge Reverend Andy McPherson, Churchwardens, those elected by members of the congregation and 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 6 times during the year in person. The Standing Committee, as part of the leadership team, met once. They comprise: Priest in Charge, 2 Wardens, Lay Vice Chair and Pastoral Care co-ordinator. There has been no need for this team to meet again during 2023.

Grateful thanks go to these teams who give oversight and direction to the church.

Administrative information

St Christopher's Church is situated in Southbourne, Bournemouth. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Christopher's Church, Arnewood Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW. Registered charity number 1153390. PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-charge:

Reverend Andy McPherson (Chairman)

Wardens:

Mrs Pat Giles (from April 2023)
Mrs Rachel Nash (until April 2023)
Mr Richard Armstrong (from April 2023)

Elected members:

Mr Alan Bennet, Deanery Synod (from April 2023), Lay Vice Chair
Mrs Sue Fairbairn, Deanery Synod (from April 2023)
Mr Peter Collins (until April 2023)
Mrs Ingrid Cooney, PCC secretary (from April 2023)
Mrs Karen Barker, Safeguarding Officer
Mr Jeremy Nash (until April 2023)
Mrs Janice Price, Pastoral support
Mr Mark Inkpen
Ms Sheila Olsen (from April 2023)
Mrs Lindsay Beaumont (from April 2023)
Mr Alan Tregilgas (from April 2023)
Mr Mike Wyatt (from April 2023)
Mr Richard Sparke (from April 2023)

Co-opted

Mr Fred Stewart

Approved by the PCC on 25 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

Signed.....*Andy McPherson*
Priest-in-charge
25.3.24

ACCOUNTS

1. Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) – Summary

St Christopher's Church

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	73,873	19,816	0	93,689	115,050
Charitable activities	6,353	0	0	6,353	5,923
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	4,969	0	0	4,969	1,108
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	13,071	0	0	13,071	14,454
Total	98,265	19,816	0	118,081	136,534
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	798	0	0	798	0
Charitable activities	112,132	25,371	0	137,503	85,755
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	9,531	0	0	9,531	9,531
Total	122,461	25,371	0	147,832	95,286
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-24,195	-5,556	0	-29,751	41,248
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	-24,195	-5,556	0	-29,751	41,248
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	26,789	-26,789	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	2,593	-32,344	0	-29,751	41,248
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	90,295	528,359	0	618,654	
Total funds carried forward	92,888	496,015	0	588,903	

2. Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) – Detail

St Christopher's Church Printed: 18/03/2024

December 2023	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Year Total	Last Year
S01 Donations and legacies					
Gifts and Donations	5,942	4,422	0	10,364	44,526
Monthly Bank Giving	52,016	0	0	52,016	54,344
Church Repairs Donations/Grant	0	15,377	0	15,377	0
Weekly Service Giving	4,569	0	0	4,569	4,763
Outreach Income	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality Donations	353	0	0	353	207
Gift Aid Tax Received	10,993	18	0	11,010	11,211
	73,873	19,817	0	93,689	115,051
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Fairs/Fundraising Events	2,250	0	0	2,250	1,958
Church Fees	364	0	0	364	96
Church Groups Income	3,740	0	0	3,739	3,868
	6,354	0	0	6,353	5,922
S04 Investments					
Investment Interest	4,969	0	0	4,969	1,108
	4,969	0	0	4,969	1,108
S06 Other (inc.)					
Premises Lettings	13,071	0	0	13,071	13,454
Grant Income	0	0	0	0	1,000
	13,071	0	0	13,071	14,454
	98,265	19,816	0	118,081	136,534
S08 Raising funds					
Fairs/Fundraising Expenses	798	0	0	798	0
	798	0	0	798	0
	97,467	19,816	0	117,283	136,534

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December 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S09 Charitable activities					
Electricity	4,125	0	0	4,125	2,310
Clergy Expenses	194	0	0	194	197
Hospitality Expenses	259	0	0	259	404
Church Groups Expenses	1,540	0	0	1,540	2,193
Other Expenses	235	0	0	235	0
Mission Payments	0	9,995	0	9,995	7,293
Children/Family Co Staff Costs	29,666	0	0	29,666	4,949
Children/Family Co Exps	557	0	0	557	0
Volunteers & Staff Training	105	0	0	105	87
Sunday Club	388	0	0	388	150
Caretaker Staff Costs	7,280	0	0	7,280	5,906
Administrator Staff Costs	4,447	0	0	4,447	4,528
Premises Insurance	2,479	0	0	2,479	2,288
Heating	6,905	0	0	6,905	6,693
Water	401	0	0	401	316
Telephone & Internet	1,987	0	0	1,987	1,130
Church Services Expenses	318	0	0	318	169
Office Expenses	177	0	0	177	87
Books	0	0	0	0	70
Outreach Expenses	1,754	0	0	1,754	827
Printing & Publicity Expenses	2,205	0	0	2,205	831
Repairs,Maintenance & Renewals	1,458	0	0	1,459	5,272
Major Church Repairs	6,734	15,377	0	22,111	0
Cleaning / Hygiene Expenses	1,330	0	0	1,330	797
Flowers	0	0	0	0	200
Garden Expenses	66	0	0	66	127
Recruitment	0	0	0	0	1,825
Worship/TrainingCo Staff Costs	9,943	0	0	9,943	9,435
Worship & Training Co Exps	41	0	0	41	172
Website	0	0	0	0	0
Licences & Support	1,556	0	0	1,556	1,310
Equipment Purchases	750	0	0	750	505
Equipment Servicing/Repairs	1,150	0	0	1,150	1,580
Common Mission Fund CMF	24,000	0	0	24,000	24,107
Bank Charges	82	0	0	82	0
	112,132	25,372	0	137,505	85,758
	-14,664	-5,556	0	-20,220	50,779
S11 Other (exp.)					
Depreciation Buildings	9,531	0	0	9,531	9,531
Depreciation Organ	0	0	0	0	0
	9,531	0	0	9,531	9,531
	-24,195	-5,556	0	-29,751	41,248

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which in law the P.C.C is responsible.

Figures in the financial statements are shown rounded to the nearest pound and as a result there are some minor rounding errors in certain of the totals.

Fund Accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the P.C.C.'s discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was originally established. We have no Endowment Funds on December 31 2023.

Restricted Funds comprise of income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and revenue donations or grants for a specific P.C.C. activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. Included in Restricted Funds are the Mission and Appeal Funds and Church Group Funds.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the P.C. C's general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the P.C.C for future use. Project funds are designated for projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in Fixed Assets for the P.C. C's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the P.C.C may move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Gift Aid refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the P.C.C. is entitled to use these resources when their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over if the award creates a binding obligation on the P.C.C. The Diocesan Common Mission Fund is paid by monthly direct debit and is accounted when due. All other expenditure is recognised when incurred and accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with S. 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable Church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the P.C.C. and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years, apart from the organ. The organ is now outside of its 10 year guarantee and in 2024 the P.C.C. needs to consider the appropriate depreciation going forward. Other individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off on acquisition of the asset.

For the Bridge project, together with upgrading of the existing hall and its facilities, donations, grants and other income were accumulated in a Restricted Fund and the resulting expenditure was taken from it, this expenditure has been capitalised as a Fixed Asset and recorded as such on the Balance Sheet under Restricted Income Funds. The Bridge project was completed during 2016 with the payment of all final expenses. The resulting overall asset of Bridge and Hall buildings is shown in the 2023 financial statements.

As the building project was completed in 2016, depreciation is appropriate. The building, excluding the value of the land, is depreciated on a straight -line basis over 50 years, being the estimated useful life of the building.

Accounts Receivable

At the year end £1,212 (£1,133 - 2022) was due for Gift Aid Tax and received in January 2024. Also due was £758 for premises letting charges and donations, received but not banked until January 2024 and £140 for Christmas lunch donations. Total Debtors = £2110.

Accounts Payable

Payments have been accrued for Clergy Expenses £194. Photocopying charges £100. Bank Charges £39. Payments due to SSE and not yet invoiced for gas and electricity usage £2,000. Premises hire cancelled and £110 refunded in January 2024 and Christmas lunch expenses £53. £997 is held for BBGA/SCY to be paid during 2024. Total Liabilities = £3493

Financial Review

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £98265 of which £10993 was Gift Aid tax recovery and £87272 donations and other Charitable income. Restricted Income was £19816. Total 2023 income £118081.

The unrestricted planned giving via monthly bank payments including the Parish Giving Scheme decreased by £2328 during the year.

Income from the Church Groups and Fundraising had a small increase of £163.

Investment Interest increased by £3863, due to sound investing in CCLA and increased interest rates.

Facilities letting of our premises decreased by £383.

The expenditure for the year was £138303 which included £25372 restricted expenditure (£85758 - 2022) The main increases in costs for 2023 relate to the following.

Children and Family Co-Ordinator Costs £30223 (£4949-2022)

Other Staff Costs £21711 (£20641- 2022)

Major roof repairs £22111, (£0 -2022) Mission payments £9995 (£7293 - 2022) Publicity, Outreach, Fundraising Costs, £4757 (£1658- 2022)

The net result was a deficit of £29751 which includes Restricted funds of £5556, compared to a profit of £41246 in 2022.

The total fund balances now held are £589403 (£619155 - 2022) of which £90295 is unrestricted.

Reserves Policy

The P.C.C. maintains its policy on free reserves (Net Current Assets) of holding a balance of at least three months unrestricted payments plus any potential redundancy payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow to meet emergencies/contingencies. The balance of the free reserves at December 31 2023 was £124605 which is sufficient to cover the potential need.

It is our policy to hold our investment fund balances with the CCLA – The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of
St Christopher's Church, Southbourne Parochial Church Council**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Financial Accounts of St Christopher's Church, Southbourne (the Trust) for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

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

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

Signed: *C DunCALF*

Name: *CLAIRE DUNCALF*

Address: *141 IRVING ROAD
SOUTHBOURNE
BOURNEMOUTH
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Date: *18th MARCH 2024*

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2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Christopher's Church, Bournemouth

Aim and purposes

The PCC at St Christopher's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge, the Reverend Andy McPherson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre adjoining the church.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, music and sacraments.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our Southbourne parish community and the community in which they work, relax or study through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and areas of Southbourne
- Missionary and outreach work locally, nationally and internationally
- Growth and discipleship programmes
- Regular evangelistic events
- Seeking opportunities for social and community partnerships

The mission statement for the church is 'We proclaim God's love for everyone through his son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives today'.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2022 was our first "normal" year since the pandemic in 2020.

For the Easter term we worked our way through Mark's gospel moving onto Hebrews in the summer. In the autumn we had a series entitled: At the feet of Jesus where we reflected on those individuals who were at the feet of Jesus – whether it was a place of hope or cleansing or adoration. We then had an extended series running up to Christmas of the Promise and Fulfillment of Jesus with reading from Old and New Testament.

Add to this the midweek bridge which has run through the year a word of thanks to those who faithfully lead and preach each Sunday (and in the MWB). Preaching is a labour of love and vital for the ongoing life of the church.

After the 2021 experiment of having an outside Remembrance Service in November, this was repeated again where the likely numbers of people who attended was well over 200, possibly even 300. Again – it is worth reflecting on this – and why people feel they can attend something like this. What does this mean about us making the gospel accessible? Do we need to "take it to the streets" but in a way that works culturally locally.

The various Christmas services, once again, had a mixture of positive feedback and surprise. The surprise was how many people attended Christmas Day – possibly 100 with a good number of children. What does that mean for 2023? Should Christmas Day be more of a family service? A new addition to Christmas St Christopher's in 2022 was Messy Christmas which may well be in the 2023 plan. So in September we will start planning for Christmas 2023!

Other times

Our evening prayer meeting has now moved to a quarterly basis – we have our weekly prayers plus there is the Whatsapp Group: Thursday Knights which is a place for prayer requests. We have prayer ministry each Sunday; we are praying in our home groups; we pray when we meet. May that be the continued heartbeat of the church.

A big thank you to our amazing musicians and singers who serve each week in leading our worship. The music of our church enhances our worship and is a joy. Thank you.

The average weekly attendance (Sunday services), counted during October 2022, were 69 adults (in person and on Zoom) and 14 children under the age of 16. The annual average attendance of Sundays over the weeks when services were held in church or Zoom excluding Advent and Christmas were 76 adults and 14 children under the age of 16. The total number attending in person or on Zoom for Advent, Carols, Crib Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were 355 adults and 89 children, an increase from 2021.

Home groups

Our St Christopher's homegroups continue to be a vital part of ongoing spiritual growth within St C's church family life.

There are 6 groups with 70 adults meeting fortnightly on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings and daytime groups on Wednesday afternoons. Homegroups aim to encourage individual spiritual growth and prayer within a safe supportive informal environment. An Alpha course was hosted by the Thursday evening group through the autumn term leading to a few folk joining a homegroup.

Thank you to homegroup leaders and hosts for your quiet ongoing service: also to David and Richard who plan and produce the material for our studies. If you wish to try homegroup or change groups please speak to Janice Price.

Deanery Synod Report

Bournemouth Deanery Synod met three times in 2022 (in June, September and November). No meeting was held in the earlier part of the year because the new Area Dean had only then recently been appointed.

When we did meet in June, Rev Michael Smith, as our new Area Dean, outlined his thoughts on the role of Deanery Synod going forward and asked what we wanted to be and to do. There was broad agreement that we wanted and needed to exhibit a more meaningful purpose than had evidently been the case in recent years. It was acknowledged that to some degree we had been distracted and hampered by events within the Diocese, including cost reduction schemes and the fact that the Bishop of Southampton was now the Acting Bishop of Winchester. It was noted that the appointment process and likely timetable would mean that a new Bishop of Winchester might not be in place until the autumn of 2023.

Our meeting in September included a time of worship together and reflection on the teaching of Jesus that we would be known by our fruit. This was followed by a finger buffet and time of socialising with colleagues present. When we met in November we sought to encourage one another by sharing what our plans were for the pre-Christmas period in our churches and parishes.

Fabric Report

Over the year the Church Centre has been used by the Church Fellowship and hired by local community groups including Zumba, Pilates, Drama, Bournemouth Carnival Band and children's foreign language classes. There have also been other single hires for such things as children's parties and family events.

Our contracted servicing, routine maintenance and ongoing equipment repairs have continued through the year and in-house Maintenance Mornings have been held with volunteers doing routine cleaning, gardening and minor repairs to the premises.

In mid 2022 part of the carpeting in the Bridge adjacent to the serving hatch was replaced with a vinyl floor covering to improve general maintenance and cleaning.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the building was carried out in March 2022 by the church architect and the subsequent report identified several external areas of the church fabric in need of attention. More urgent

items really needing to be addressed within the next year include repair of various areas of external brickwork pointing, loose/ damaged putty on the leaded-light windows (a specialist repair job) plus refurbishment and redecoration of the outside iron rainwater goods. Some, if not all, of this work may require scaffolding with the associated additional cost. Quotations for the work are being sought.

An additional issue that became evident towards the end of the year was a number of significant leaks in the South aisle roof of the church. Roofing firms have been asked to quote for the requisite remedial work. This will cost several thousand pounds as the flat roof covering will need to be renewed.

Apart from the above significant external building work, the interior of the buildings has remained generally in a good state of repair.

During the year BT initiated a change to the church's telephone access from the 'old' analogue system to the new digital system – so that our telephone and internet both use the same digital 'pipe'. This was completed in early 2023.

The PCC extend their thanks to all those who have been involved in cleaning, maintenance and repairs, care of the grounds, garden and lawns.

Midweek activities

During 2022 all the following groups met: Funtime, Boys Brigade & Girls Association, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and SCY (St Christopher's Youth) and Knit & Natter have met in the hall or Bridge each week. Wednesday Friendship met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 'Who let the Dads out?' (a group for Dads and Grandads with young children) met once a month on Saturday mornings. The hall has also been used by local groups and individuals for regular and occasional events.

Pastoral Care

'Sharing the Love' - we at St Christopher's love one another in all our many groups throughout the week. At St C from cradle to grave from Funtime to Wednesday friendship there is a group to join and find friendship and sense of truly belonging. Pastoral care begins within our groups, thank you group leaders.

Our pastoral care team gives Bible based encouragement with a listening ear and prayer for people's concerns when going through difficult times. Holy Communion and practical help are also available according to need.

It is good to welcome Dave Arrowsmith, our Children and Families Co-ordinator who will be aware of the pastoral needs of our families and children.

At St C we all seek to love one another by being thoughtful, kind, prayerful and encouraging, patient, practical and discreet in our care for one another. Please make me aware of any unmet pastoral care need. Thank you, Janice Price.

Mission and evangelism

Our name has changed during the year so we are now the Mission Support Group. Our desire is to facilitate the continuing financial and prayer support of our Mission partners by the whole church. To that end we want all church members to become more aware of who our mission partners are and what they are doing. We are thankful that the mission partners continue to be remembered in Sunday prayers. Each month there is a focus on one partner. Slides before and after the service enable us to see who our partners are.

Home groups have been encouraged to adopt a mission partner as an honorary member of the home group, to be remembered along with all other house group members during prayer times.

We discussed and made recommendations to the PCC regarding support levels for our mission partners and these recommendations were accepted. St Christopher's is committed to 7.5% of its annual budget to Mission which means a budget of £6,840 for this year.

- Work needs to be done to update the missions side of the church website.

- Jean Langford has left the MSG. We are thankful for her faithful work over many years. She was responsible for organising the Christmas giving to Sunflower fellowship which raised £375. We will continue to look to Jean with regard to her knowledge for our ongoing support for the sunflower fellowship.

- Mission Sunday was on May 22nd in 2022, and is planned for June 25th this year. This will be followed by a picnic lunch and an opportunity to have time talking with and getting to know our partners.

News updates:

Jeremy has had his support level increased to £110 per month towards ministry costs in Burkina Faso. These costs are over £30,000 per year but are reaching around 22,000 children. Many thanks to so many in the church for words of encouragement, your interest and prayers and individual gifts received for Ministry, and for Poor fund, a separate account, which has been able to help. 418 children with school fees and a number of people with operations this year.

Jeremy and Rachel are expecting to work in Chad for a year from June helping in the running of a guest house and office.

Simon and Becky continue building friendships and sharing the gospel with immigrants in London. They are also engaged in discipleship and Becky is putting into practice play therapy. Our giving to them increased to £200 p/m as one of their main supporting churches has reduced their giving so we have stepped up ours to help fill the gap.

Julian coordinates the Yakar translation project. He works closely with the Yakar translators and other team members, providing exegetical input, checking the resulting translation for accuracy and ensuring that it is of the highest quality. The translation continues at a good pace. Catherine works part-time (1 day a 5 week) with Wycliffe/SIL as a health and wellness coach on the SIL Staff Care Team. She also has a supporting role handling the family finances, tax reporting and supporter thank you letters. Anya has returned to the translation project following a leave of absence due to the difficult situation of her divorce. Monthly giving for the Sheltons increased in line with inflation to £110pm. Anya also receives £50 p/m in support from the church.

Please do get in touch with the parish office if you would like to follow more closely what any of our Mission partners are doing so you can receive their occasional news updates

Ecumenical and deanery relationships

St Christopher's is in partnership with St Saviour's and the Holdenhurst and Iford Benefice

Financial Review

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £127,668 of which £56,267 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, £9,891 Gift Aid tax recovery and £61,510 donations and other Charitable income. Restricted Income of £8,865, was also received and included £1,320 Gift Aid tax recovered.

The unrestricted planned giving via monthly bank payments including the Parish Giving Scheme increased by £1625 during the year. The Free Will Offering envelopes were discontinued for 2022.

Income from the Church Groups increased by £1,895 due mainly to the very successful work in Funtime and Dads Out with our local community.

Investment Interest increased by £1,099 due to sound investing in CCLA and increased interest rates.

Facilities letting of our premises increased by £7,640 due to an increase in regular hirers and children's parties.

The expenditure for the year was £95,289 which included £7,262 restricted expenditure (£75,187 - 2021) The main increase in costs relate to heat and light £9,003 (£5,678 - 2021), mission payments £7,293 (£4,500 - 2021) The employment of the Children's and Families Co-Ordinator in November 2022 incurred additional expenses of £6,774 for recruitment and staff costs.

There were surplus funds of £41,246 which included restricted funds of £1,604. (£2873- 2021)

The total fund balances now held are £619,154 (£577,907- 2021) of which £245,354 is unrestricted.

Reserves Policy

The P.C.C. maintains its policy on free reserves (Net Current Assets) of holding a balance of at least three months unrestricted payments plus any potential redundancy payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow to meet emergencies/contingencies. The balance of the free reserves at December 31 2022 was £144,825 which is sufficient to cover the potential need.

It is our policy to hold our investment fund balances with the CCLA – The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Commitment

During 2022 we had 45 committed givers who used standing orders or the Parish Giving Scheme. Of these, 34 members Gift Aided their donations. Of those Gift Aiding, 10 used standing orders and 24 used the Parish Giving Scheme. By the end of 2022 there were 32 members using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Volunteers

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to all those who so faithfully give of their time, gifting and energy to keep the church and the services running smoothly by volunteering to help in one way or another. After the 'How I Can Help' Sunday, some new members have joined the Refreshments Team. We are still a few volunteers short on the welcoming team, but we would like to thank the welcomers we have, whose smiling faces are the all important first point of contact for new folk and visitors. We will continue to encourage people to join this vital team.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council 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 Minutes of the PCC regarding Church Representation Rules.

We now comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

At St Christopher's the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest-In-Charge Reverend Andy McPherson, churchwardens, those elected by members of the congregation and 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 6 times during the year in person. The Leadership team comprising 8 members met once. In May the leadership team changed to the ministry team of 7-8 members who meet to discuss the prayer life and worship of the church. The Standing Committee, as part of the leadership team, met once. They comprise: Priest in Charge, 2 Wardens, Secretary, and Pastoral Care co-ordinator. There has been no need for this team to meet again during 2022.

Grateful thanks go to these teams who give oversight and direction to the church.

Administrative information

St Christopher's Church is situated in Southbourne, Bournemouth. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Christopher's Church, Arnewood Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW. Registered charity number 1153390. PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-charge:

Reverend Andy McPherson (Spiritual Lead and Chairman)

Wardens:

Mrs Rachel Nash

Mr Keith Inkpen, (passed to the Lord in October 2022)

Assistant warden:

Mr Richard Armstrong, (from November 2022 and Deanery Synod)

Elected members:

Mr Chris Hawley, Deanery Synod (resigned May 2022))

Mr Alan Bennet, Deanery Synod, Lay Vice Chair

Mrs Anita Etheridge, Treasurer and Leadership team (until April 2022)

Mrs Pat Giles, PCC Secretary

Mrs Janice Price, Pastoral Lead

Mrs Nina Maynard (until April 2022)

Mr Colin Cook (until April 2022)

Mr Fred Stewart

Mr Mark Inkpen

Mrs Karen Barker, Safeguarding Officer

Mr Peter Collins

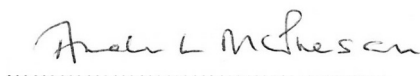
Mr Jeremy Nash (from April 2022)

Church Treasurer (not on PCC)

Mrs Frances Inkpen, Treasurer from April 2022

Approved by the PCC on 6 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

Signed



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Priest-in-charge

Accounts

1. Statement of Financial Activities - Summary

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Charity Commission SOFA Report as at 31/12/2022

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	108,116	8,685	0	116,801	69,767
Charitable activities	4,101	70	0	4,171	2,264
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	1,108	0	0	1,108	9
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	14,344	110	0	14,454	6,020
Total	127,668	8,865	0	136,534	78,060
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	78,493	7,262	0	85,755	65,656
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	9,531	0	9,531	9,531
Total	78,493	16,793	0	95,286	75,187
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	49,175	-7,927	0	41,248	2,872
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	49,175	-7,927	0	41,248	2,872
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	54,682	-54,682	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	103,857	-62,609	0	41,248	2,872
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	141,497	436,409	0	577,907	
Total funds carried forward	245,354	373,801	0	619,154	

2. Statement of Financial Activities - Detail

Paxton

Charity Commission SOFA Details Report

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December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Gifts and Donations	42,638	1,888	0	44,526	2,634
Monthly Bank Giving	49,727	4,616	0	54,344	54,802
Free Will Offering	0	0	0	0	140
Church Collections	3,902	861	0	4,763	1,784
Gift Aid Tax Received	9,891	1,320	0	11,211	10,383
Fundraising Events	1,958	0	0	1,958	24
	108,116	8,685	0	116,802	69,767
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Coffee Donations	207	0	0	207	0
Church Fees	96	0	0	96	291
Church Groups Income	3,798	70	0	3,868	1,973
	4,101	70	0	4,171	2,264
S04 Investments					
Investment Interest	1,108	0	0	1,108	9
	1,108	0	0	1,108	9
S06 Other (inc.)					
Facilities Lettings	13,344	110	0	13,454	5,814
Books Income	0	0	0	0	206
Grant Income	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
	14,344	110	0	14,454	6,020
	127,668	8,865	0	136,534	78,060

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December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S09 Charitable activities					
Electricity	2,310	0	0	2,310	2,222
Clergy Expenses	197	0	0	197	239
Coffee & Hospitality Exps	404	0	0	404	0
Youth Activities	0	0	0	0	187
Ch. Gp. payments	2,643	-450	0	2,193	1,191
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	180
Mission Payments	-200	7,493	0	7,293	4,500
Children/Family Co Staff Costs	4,949	0	0	4,949	0
Children/Family Co Exps	0	0	0	0	0
Volunteers Training	87	0	0	87	600
Sunday Group	150	0	0	150	0
Caretaking Staff Costs	5,906	0	0	5,906	5,590
Administrator Staff Costs	4,528	0	0	4,528	3,945
Premises insurance	2,288	0	0	2,288	2,203
Heating	6,693	0	0	6,693	3,456
Water	316	0	0	316	153
Telephone & Internet	1,130	0	0	1,130	-159
Communion Expenses	169	0	0	169	28
Postage & Stationery	87	0	0	87	1
Books	70	0	0	70	115
Alpha/Outreach	827	0	0	827	1,065
Printing/Photocopying	831	0	0	831	634
Repairs & Maintenance	5,113	159	0	5,272	4,434
Cleaning Consumables	797	0	0	797	187
Flowers	200	0	0	200	127
Garden expenses	67	60	0	127	0
Recruitment	1,825	0	0	1,825	0
Worship/TrainingCo Staff Costs	9,435	0	0	9,435	7,561
Worship & Training Co Exps	172	0	0	172	0
Website	0	0	0	0	0
Licences & Support	1,310	0	0	1,310	1,195
Equipment purchases	505	0	0	505	1,742
Equipment Servicing/Repairs	1,580	0	0	1,580	45
Common Mission Fund CMF	24,107	0	0	24,107	24,107
Fee Payments	0	0	0	0	108
	78,493	7,262	0	85,758	65,656
S11 Other (exp.)					
Depreciation Buildings	0	9,531	0	9,531	9,531
	0	9,531	0	9,531	9,531
	49,175	-7,927	0	41,248	2,872

3. Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which in law the P.C.C is responsible.

Figures in the financial statements are shown rounded to the nearest pound and as a result there are some minor rounding errors in certain of the totals.

Fund Accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the P.C.C.'s discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was originally established. We have no Endowment Funds on December 31 2022.

Restricted Funds comprise of income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and revenue donations or grants for a specific P.C.C. activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. Included in Restricted Funds are the Mission and Appeal Funds and Church Group Funds.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the P.C. C's general purposes.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the P.C.C for future use. Project funds are designated for projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in Fixed Assets for the P.C.C's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the P.C.C may move any surplus to other general funds. SCY, BBGA are included in Designated Funds.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Gift Aid refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the P.C.C. is entitled to use these resources when their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over if the award creates a binding obligation on the P.C.C. The Diocesan Common Mission Fund is paid by monthly direct debit and is accounted when due. All other expenditure is recognised when incurred and accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and Benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with S. 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable Church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the P.C.C. and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years, apart from the organ. As the organ is only just over 9 years old and still within its 10-year guarantee, it has not been depreciated in 2022. Appropriate depreciation will be considered by the P.C.C in 2023. Other individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off on acquisition of the asset.

For the Bridge project, together with upgrading of the existing hall and its facilities, donations, grants and other income were accumulated in a Restricted Fund and the resulting expenditure was taken from it, this expenditure has been capitalised as a Fixed Asset and recorded as such on the Balance Sheet under Restricted Income Funds. The Bridge project was completed during 2016 with the payment of all final expenses. The resulting overall asset of Bridge and Hall buildings is shown in the 2022 financial statements.

As the building project was completed in 2016, depreciation is appropriate. The building, excluding the value of the land, is depreciated on a straight -line basis over 50 years, being the estimated useful life of the building

Accounts Receivable

At the year end £1,133 (£1,064 - 2021) was due for Gift Aid Tax and paid in January 2023. Also due was £1,050 from BT for incorrect charging during 2022, £401 for late payments of facility hire and £450 repayment due from Wycliffe Translators as they were unable to pay our Missionary Partner as she is based in Russia and the war in Ukraine has prevented this. This total sum of £3,034 has been accrued in 2022 financial statements.

Accounts Payable

Payments have been accrued totalling £4,410 and shown in the 2022 financial statements as unpaid at December 31 2022 they are: - Clergy Expenses and hospitality £190, Photocopying charges £20, payments due to SSE for not yet invoiced gas and electricity usage of £2,700 and relocation expenses due to the Children's and Families Co-Ordinator of £1,500 included in Recruitment expenses.

Funds

The P.C.C. agreed in 2022 to commence tithing of donations and legacies and a new fund entitled Tithe was created. £7,700 was transferred into this fund from the general fund and out of this £4,800 was paid to the Mission Partners and £100 for Evangelical Alliance and the yet unallocated balance of £2,800 has been carried forward to 2023.

The Mission Fund will now be used for non specific mission donations and shared across our Mission Partners at the year end and a nil balance was held at December 31 2022.

Grant Income

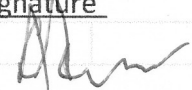
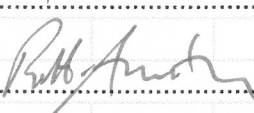
£1,000 was received in 2022 as part of a Government Energy Grant for Parishes from Winchester Diocese.

Charity Commission Balance Sheet as at December 31 2022

St Christopher's Church

	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets		
Intangible Assets	0	0
Tangible Assets	474,329	483,860
Heritage Assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
Total Fixed Assets	474329	483860
Current Assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	3034	1314
Investments	0	0
Cash at Bank and in Hand	146202	95064
Total Current Assets	149236	96378
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-4410	-2331
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	144826	94047
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	619155	577907
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provision for Liabilities	0	0
Total Net Assets or Liabilities	619155	577907
Funds of the Charity		
Endowment Funds	0	0
Restricted Income Funds	373801	443188
Unrestricted Funds	245354	134719
Revaluation Reserve	0	0
Total Charity Funds	619155	577907

Signed by two Trustees on behalf of all Trustees

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Print Name</u>
	A. DENNETT
	R.H. ARMSTRONG
Date Approved 6 March 2023	

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of
St Christopher's Church, Southbourne Parochial Church Council**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Financial Accounts of St Christopher's Church, Southbourne (the Trust) for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

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

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

Signed: *Clunalf*

Name: CLARE DUNCALF FCCA

Address: 141 IRVING ROAD
SOUTHBOURNE
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Date: 27/02/2023

Accounts

2020 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Christopher's Church, Bournemouth

Aim and purposes

The PCC at St Christopher's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge, the Reverend Andy McPherson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre adjoining the church.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, music and sacraments.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our Southbourne parish community and the community in which they work, relax or study through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and areas of Southbourne
- Missionary and outreach work locally, nationally and internationally
- Growth and discipleship programmes
- Regular evangelistic events
- Seeking opportunities for social and community partnerships

The mission statement for the church is ' Sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit'

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Worship

The overriding factor of 2020 has been the Covid 19 pandemic and the regulations introduced by the government from time to time.

The church buildings, thanks to the wardens, were adapted to conform to the regulations which of course severely limited the number of people able to attend.

Initially in February and March we did sound recordings of the sermons to supplement the written texts that we called the "Bridges". These have been published twice a week throughout the year. The Sunday evening readings becoming the "Midweek Bridge". Many thanks to all those on the preaching rota who have faithfully maintained this ministry throughout.

We were unable to celebrate Easter in church but as the year progressed we were allowed to meet once again in church but under the restricted numbers allowed by Covid guidelines which meant that about 30 were to meet in church each week together with a small band, a leader, a preacher and a couple of technical volunteers.

By this time, thanks to Mark Inkpen, we had mastered the technology to enable us to broadcast the Sunday morning services via Zoom and approximately a further 30 to 40 people joined the congregation via this medium.

Towards the end of the year with the national increase in Covid cases the regulations were tightened and although a team could broadcast the services from the church no congregation was allowed. This made our Christmas celebration somewhat muted and we were bitterly disappointed when our outdoor "Carols for the Community" was cancelled because of the extremely wet weather. Many thanks go to the musicians who have continued their brilliant ministry throughout the year. It was decided that we would not run any training courses this year.

The average weekly attendance (Sundays services), counted during October 2020, was 71 adults and 12 children under the age of 16. The annual attendance average of Sundays over the 24 weeks when services were held in church or Zoom excluding Advent and Christmas was 74 adults and 12 children under the age of 16. Special services during Advent for the local community were not held due to government guidelines. "Carols in the garden" was cancelled due to the bad weather. The total number attending in person or on Zoom for Advent, Carols, Crib Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were 357 adults and 24 children.

Prayer

The prayer life of the church was similarly affected by Covid but prayer meetings continued throughout in the church where possible but otherwise via Zoom. The Prayer "Whatsapp" has proved very effective in keeping people informed of prayer needs and a source of inspiration to those who use it.

Homegroups

Most Homegroups have been able keep some pastoral relationships going and some have been able to continue to meet one way or another for study and prayer. Hopefully when this disrupted phase of church life is over all the groups can be re-established and meet together again.

Deanery Synod Report

The Bournemouth Deanery Synod met twice in 2020 (13th February, 3rd September).

At the February meeting the Synod discussed feedback from PCCs on Diocesan plans for Benefice Ministry Teams (essentially Parishes in partnership in larger Benefices). There were a variety of views from across the Deanery which were taken by the Area Dean for use in ongoing discussions.

The Synod were given an update on the Southern Archdeaconry meeting with regard to clergy deployment which was to be led by a Steering Team with four sub-groups - Pastoral, Support, Change Management and Implementation.

The intention was to put forward a plan for March 2020 which would also include Diocesan Church Planting Strategy but no update has been received on this, presumably because it has been superseded by the Diocesan resilience initiatives resulting from Covid.

Andy Saunders gave a presentation on Lighthouse Ministries and offered a proposal to the Synod on how they might assist Children and Families Ministry in the Deanery.

The September meeting was essentially a time of prayer for the various needs in the parishes and Deanery, as well as the wider world needs resulting from the impact of the Covid19 virus on our churches, families and communities.

Fabric Report

For most of the past year our Church Centre facilities have not been in use due to the Covid-19 pandemic, apart from short periods between lockdowns.

We have taken the opportunity to completely redecorate the Church Hall and repaint the floor and relocate the Administration Office from the South Vestry to the front of the Church Hall.

Our Sound Desk and associated audio visual equipment has been upgraded to enable us to broadcast our Church services on Zoom during the pandemic and we thank Mark Inkpen for setting up and running this way of enabling us to meet together online.

Contracted servicing, routine maintenance and ongoing equipment repairs continued throughout the year.

The gas heating boiler in the North Vestry was condemned during its annual service so a replacement boiler was installed

To ensure that the premises remains secure, safe and free from deterioration during the pandemic the Churchwardens have visited the site regularly and in line with government advice have implemented "Covid Safe " measures so that we can use the our buildings during the periods we are permitted to meet.

We extend our thanks to all those involved in cleaning, maintenance and repairs of the premises and those who care for the grounds, garden and lawns and also to the group of skilled craftsmen who undertake the more time consuming projects.

Midweek activities

At the start of 2020 all activities stayed the same so during January the following groups met: Funtime, the Toddler Group, Boys Brigade & Girls Association, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and SCY (St Christopher's Youth) and Knit & Natter have met in the hall or Bridge each week. Wednesday Friendship met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. 'Who let the Dads out?' (a group for Dads and Grandads with young children) met once a month on Saturday mornings. The hall has also been used by local groups and individuals for regular and occasional events.

All these activities had to stop during lockdown except those that could meet on Zoom (Boys Bridge and SCY)

Pastoral Care

'A new command I give to you, love one another ----- by this all men will know you are my disciples if you love one another '. John 13 34:35

2020 living alongside Covid 19 has been a huge challenge to everyone's normal lives. At St Christopher's loving one another when not able to meet up in our groups and in person has exercised our ingenuity.

Many in our fellowship have found new ways to keep in touch seeking to include fringe folk. We are certainly a caring church.

Our services on Sundays on zoom or in person have been very precious. Home groups have met as much as possible in person or zoom with catch up chats in between. Wednesday friendship have continued to support seniors on the phone, Solos have zoomed regularly.

Our Pastoral care team seeks to offer further help and care with a listening ear and prayer for people's concerns in difficult times. Practical help is being offered where possible. The pastoral care team seek to keep up to date with changing needs which can be complex.

We at St Christopher's seek to 'love one another', by being thoughtful prayerfully encouraging, patient, practical and discreet.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission Committee chaired by Jeremy Nash only met twice: In January it was decided to request the PCC to support Jeremy £50 per month, which the PCC subsequently agreed to. The committee met again just a couple of days before lockdown to review the Mission Focus service held on March 1st. Becky did a song and presentation using puppets and Jeremy and Julian spoke from the front. There was a bring and share lunch in the hall and opportunity was given to hear some more from the mission partners and to ask questions.

We felt it would be good to invite a new member to join the Mission Committee and several names were discussed although no approach has yet been made to any of these individuals. It was felt it would be beneficial if we had a member of the Mission Committee who was on the PCC so Jeremy asked that his name be put forward for the PCC elections.

Julian has continued with his role in the Yakar OT translation and encouraging progress has been made through the year. Very sadly Anya and Jacob are getting divorced. Simon and Becky continue to befriend immigrants and share the gospel with them. Jeremy has been able to continue ministry in Burkina Faso coordinating after school Bible clubs and also being involved in helping with school fees for children and with food, housing and in other ways for children displaced because of terrorist activity. Please do get in touch with the parish office if you would like to follow more closely what any of our Mission partners are doing so you can receive their occasional news updates.

St Christopher's continues to give regular monthly support to Operation Mobilisation (Simon and Becky), Wycliffe Bible translators (Julian), and Mission Africa (Jeremy). We supported the Christmas Hamper appeal for the Bournemouth Foodbank and the Sunflower Fellowship Shoebox Appeal for the children in Romania.

Ecumenical and deanery relationships

St Christopher's is in partnership with St Saviour's and the Holdenhurst and Iford Benefice

Financial Review

Total receipts to unrestricted funds were £73,806 of which £54,669 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, £3,518 was from other donations including church collections and a further £10,093 was from Gift Aid tax recovery. Restricted donations of £644 (inc. Gift Aid) were also received; further information is given in the Financial Statements.

The unrestricted planned giving through standing orders, the Parish Giving Scheme and Free Will Offering envelopes decreased by less than 0.35%, effectively remaining the same, against 2019.

Total unrestricted voluntary income went down by 21.28% compared with 2019. This was largely due to the Covid restrictions meaning the Church building remained closed for a large part of the year. This led to a large decrease in Church collections, down by 80%, and one-off gifts and donations being down by 52% from 2019. Gift aid tax recovered reduced by 14% in the year.

As expected, 2020 again saw a decrease in income via Free Will Offering envelopes (before gift aid), a reduction of 50% in 2020. This is likely to reflect to some extent the change in method of giving; the Free Will Offering method being gradually phased out and replaced by other methods, primarily by the Parish Giving Scheme.

The change from giving by standing orders to giving via The Parish Giving Scheme has continued to grow in 2020. This has led to a decrease in monthly administration for the Treasurer and an earlier recovery of tax under the Gift Aid scheme. Giving via The Parish Giving Scheme for new donors and also existing donors who are prepared to change their standing orders to a direct debit under the scheme is the preferred method of giving going forwards.

The Covid restrictions in 2020 meant that our usual fundraising activities of Summer and Christmas fairs were cancelled, meaning a 100% loss of fund raising income, a decrease of £2,655 for the year.

2020 saw the closure of the letting activities for a large part of the year, resulting in a decrease of net rental income of £8,013, some 31.45% lower than 2019.

The church's unrestricted funds expenditure reduced by 3.4% overall compared to 2019.

We did not have a paid Church Family Worker at all in 2020, whereas salary of £5,925 was paid in 2019. We are grateful for all the volunteers who have given freely of their time and skills in this most difficult year.

Other regular outgoings continued to be paid during the 2020 year, such as utilities, insurance and salaries. With the pandemic new ways of worshipping emerged. A new computer was purchased for the sound desk in the year. Licences and support costs increased during the year by 28%, but it should be noted this was only some £358.

The PCC took the opportunity to carry out maintenance and repairs to the church buildings and the hall whilst they were out of usual use, including renovating the hall floor and decorating the hall. Thanks are given to the volunteers who made this possible. The Church office was relocated. A new computer was purchased to replace the aged church office computer which was no longer fit for purpose.

One of the boilers was replaced just before the year end and the cost is reflected in the 2020 financial statements.

Common Mission Fund (CMF) (previously Parish Share) payments in 2020 remained the same as in 2019 and 2018, in view of the uncertain future faced by St Christopher's in 2020 with the lack of appointment of a stipendiary minister. The proposal from the Diocese is that CMF contributions will increase substantially in future years. Due to the continuing uncertain future position of St Christopher's, the PCC has kept its contribution for 2021 at 2020 levels for the time being. The PCC will keep this under review.

Mission payments of £5,429 were made in 2020, reflecting the PCC commitment of £3,600 and other one-off payments in the year, including other gifts received and paid over.

There was a surplus on unrestricted funds in 2020 of £12,291 compared to the reported surplus of £27,483 in 2019. (However, it will be recalled that £23,798 of the £27,483 in 2019 related to the reduction in salary in 2019 on the loss of the paid Church Family worker).

The Bridge building (excluding the value of the land) is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years (see Notes to the Financial Statements). The first depreciation was shown in the 2016 financial statements (£9,531) and continues for the next 45 years.

The total fund balances increased to £575,037 (from £573,368 in 2019) of which £122,489 is unrestricted.

Commitment

During 2020 we had 54 committed givers who used standing orders, Free Will Offering envelopes or the Parish Giving Scheme. Of these, 40 members Gift Aided their donations. Of those Gift Aiding, 4 used the FWO envelopes, 15 used standing orders and 21 used the Parish Giving Scheme. By the end of 2020 there were 28 members using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments plus any potential redundancy payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies/contingencies. The balance of the

free reserves at the year-end was £122,489 which is sufficient to cover the potential demand. It is our policy to invest our investment fund balances with the CCLA - The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Volunteers

We are indebted to our many volunteers for the dedicated service they give at St Christopher's. We haven't been able to use everyone during 2020 but are very grateful for those who have helped unstintingly week after week.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council 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 Minutes of the PCC regarding Church Representation Rules.

We now comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

At St Christopher's the membership of the PCC consisted of the Priest-In-Charge Reverend Andy McPherson, churchwardens, those elected by members of the congregation and 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 5 times during the year either in person or on Zoom. The Leadership team has met 7 times: the team embraces 5 main areas of oversight: Spiritual leadership and Mission management; People management; Money management; Church buildings management; Communications and IT. The Standing Committee comprises: Priest in Charge, 2 wardens, secretary and Pastoral Care co-ordinator. These members are also part of the leadership team. Grateful thanks go to this team who give oversight and direction to the church.

Administrative information

St Christopher's Church is situated in Southbourne, Bournemouth. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Christopher's Church, Arnewood Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW. Registered charity number 1153390. PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest-in-charge:

Reverend Andy McPherson (Spiritual Lead, Chairman and Leadership team)

Wardens:

Miss Jean Langford, Leadership team

Mr Keith Inkpen, Leadership team

Elected members:

Mr Martin Smits, (until Nov '20)

Mr Richard Armstrong, Deanery Synod

Mrs Hilary Sheppard, Deanery Synod (until March '20, deceased)

Mr Alan Bennet, Deanery Synod, Lay Vice Chair and Leadership team

Mrs Anita Etheridge, Treasurer and Leadership team

Mrs Pat Giles, PCC Secretary and Leadership team

Mrs Janice Price, Pastoral Lead and Leadership team

Mr Henry Nottage (until Sept '20)

Mrs Nina Maynard

Mr Colin Cook

Mr Fred Stewart

Mr Mark Inkpen

Mrs Karen Barker, Safeguarding Officer

Mr Peter Collins (from Oct '20)

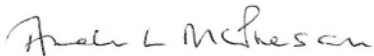
Mr Jeremy Nash (from Oct '20)

Mr Chris Hawley (from Oct '20)

Co-opted members:

Reverend David Hoyle, Worship and Teaching Coordinator and Leadership team (until Feb '21)

Approved by the PCC on 8 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

Signed.....

Parochial Church Council of St Christopher's Church, Bournemouth
Charity Number 1153390
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	68,279	644	0	68,923	80,208
Activities for generating funds	581	634	0	1,215	6,632
Investment income	72	0	0	73	127
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4,812	0	0	4,812	12,346
Other incoming resources	62	0	0	62	588
Total Incoming Resources	73,806	1,278	0	75,084	99,901
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating voluntary income	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising trading costs	0	0	0	0	370
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	57,915	5,969	0	63,884	72,431
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
Other resources expended	0	9,531	0	9,531	9,531
Total Resources Expended	57,915	15,500	0	73,415	82,332
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers	15,891	-14,223	0	1,669	17,569
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds	-3,600	3,600	0	0	0
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains/losses	12,291	-10,623	0	1,669	17,569
Other recognised gains/losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0
Gains and losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	12,291	-10,623	0	1,669	17,569
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward from previous year	110,198	463,170	0	573,368	
Total funds carried forward	122,489	452,548	0	575,037	

Notes

1. Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Figures in the financial statements are shown rounded to the nearest pound and as a result there are some minor rounding errors in certain of the totals.

Fund accounting

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place. We have no Endowment Funds as at 31 December 2020.

Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. Included in Restricted Funds are the Mission and Appeal Funds, Church Group Funds.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC may move any surplus to other general funds. Christmas and Summer Fairs, Youth and Hall Funds are included in Designated Funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan Common Mission Fund, formerly Parish Share, is paid by monthly direct debit and is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which

can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently prior to 2020, only the Organ has cost more than £1,000 so other such expenditure has been written off when incurred. In 2020 the Church purchased a replacement boiler, which cost £2,311.20. Payment was not made until January 2021 and the cost has been accrued for in the 2020 accounts.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years, apart from the organ. As the organ is only just over seven years old and is still within its 10 year guarantee, it has not been depreciated in 2020. Appropriate depreciation will be considered by the PCC for 2021. Other individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation of the boiler will not be appropriate until 2021 at the earliest.

No value has been assigned to the Church Hall as it is more than 80 years old (but see below). The land has been assigned a Fixed Asset value of £50,000 as being its potential value for use to construct a building for similar use to that existing.

For the Bridge project, together with upgrading of the existing Hall and its facilities, donations, grants and other income were accumulated in a Restricted Fund and the resulting expenditure was taken from it. This expenditure has been capitalised as a Fixed Asset and recorded as such on the Balance Sheet under Restricted Income Funds. The Bridge project was completed during 2016 with the payment of the final expenses. The resulting overall asset (of Bridge and Hall buildings) is shown in the 2020 financial statements in the Restricted Income Funds, as per earlier years.

As the Bridge building project was completed in 2016, depreciation is appropriate. The building (excluding the value of the land) is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years, being the estimated useful life of the building.

2. Income and Expenditure 2020

St Christopher's Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Voluntary income					
Gifts and donations	2431	305	0	2736	7540
Standing orders	53859	300	0	54159	53547
Free Will Offering	810	0	0	810	1619
Church collections	1087	0	0	1087	5374
Outreach Income	0	0	0	0	0
Gift aid tax received	10093	39	0	10132	12128
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	68280	644	0	68924	80208
S02 Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising Income	0	0	0	0	2655
Youth Activities Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Church Group receipts	581	634	0	1215	3977
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	581	634	0	1215	6632
S03 Investment income					
Loan Income	0	0	0	0	0
Interest	72	0	0	73	127
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	72	0	0	73	127
S04 Incoming resources from charitable					
Church Fees Income	1136	0	0	1136	657
Rent Income	3676	0	0	3676	11689
Social Events Income	0	0	0	0	0
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	4812	0	0	4812	12346
S05 Other incoming resources					
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0
Books Income	62	0	0	62	588
Grant income	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses re-imburements	0	0	0	0	0
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	62	0	0	62	588
S07 Cost of generating voluntary					
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	0	0	0	0	0
S08 Fundraising trading costs					
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0	370

2. Income and Expenditure 2020

St Christopher's Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
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	0	0	0	0	370
S09 Investment management costs					
Loan Repayments	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
S10 Charitable activities					
Electricity	2385	0	0	2385	2021
Other expenses	962	0	0	962	534
Rent Deposits returns	0	0	0	0	0
Unpaid Cheques	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Activities Payments	101	0	0	101	2364
Church Group payments	489	21	0	510	1088
Building Development Start up	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy Expenses	262	0	0	262	520
Mission Payments	0	5429	0	5429	9559
Salaries – Church Family Worker	0	0	0	0	5925
Salaries - Youth Workers	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	420
Youth Worker Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Salary-Caretaker	5437	0	0	5437	5127
Salary-Administrator	3877	0	0	3877	3700
Premises insurance	2204	0	0	2204	2167
Heating	3239	0	0	3239	2937
Water	272	0	0	272	463
Telephone & Broadband	1200	0	0	1200	833
Sanctuary	86	0	0	86	251
Stationery	0	0	0	0	58
Books	286	0	0	286	318
Social Events costs	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach costs	100	520	0	620	360
Printing/photocopying	567	0	0	567	1125
Repair & Maintenance - Church	5195	0	0	5195	1760
Repair & Maintenance. - Hall	292	0	0	292	2997
Caretaking	342	0	0	342	374
Flowers	0	0	0	0	100
Garden expenses	0	0	0	0	50
Salary-Cleaner	0	0	0	0	0
Recruitment	0	0	0	0	465
Salary - Worship and Training	0	0	0	0	0
Travel costs	0	0	0	0	0
Website	0	0	0	0	0
Licences & Support	1611	0	0	1611	1253
Equipment purchases	4310	0	0	4310	1032
Equipment Maintenance/ Repair	0	0	0	0	175
Common Mission Fund - CMF	24108	0	0	24108	24108
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0

2. Income and Expenditure 2020

St Christopher's Church

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Secretarial Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Fee Payments	591	0	0	591	346
Purchase discounts received	0	0	0	0	0
Professional fees	0	0	0	0	0
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	57916	5970	0	63886	72430
S11 Governance costs					
Audit	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
S12 Other resources expended					
Depreciation Buildings	0	9531	0	9531	9531
Depreciation Land	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Audio Visual Equipment.	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	9531	0	9531	9531
S15 Gross transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	3600	-3600	0	0	0
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	3600	-3600	0	0	0
S17 Gains and losses on revaluation					
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	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on investment					
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	0	0	0	0	0

3. Transfers between funds

Transfers between Funds are transfers between Unrestricted and Designated Funds (e.g. Summer and Christmas Fairs) to specific uses as agreed by the PCC or from Church Group funds to other Funds (e.g. General Fund) as authorised by the Church Group concerned.

In 2020 in view of Covid 19 there were limited fund raising activities and no youth summer camps. As such, no transfers were made from Christmas Fair or Summer Fair Funds to General Fund, or from General Fund to Soul Survivor this year.

In 2020, we did not have an employed Church Family Leader and therefore we continued to provide for the future employment costs of a Leader at St Christopher'. During the 2020 year, we transferred £2,368.19 per month, £28,418.28 for the year, from General Fund to "Nexit" "Nigel (Legrand) Exit Fund" being provision for future salary costs. As the so-called "Nexit" Fund is a designated fund and not a restricted fund the transfers between the General Fund and "Nexit" Fund do not show on the SOFA under "transfers between funds, both being unrestricted funds.

At the end of the financial year £,600 was transferred from the General Fund to Mission funds: Operation Mobility (OM) £,200, Wycliffe (Sheltons) £,200, Wycliffe (Anya) £00 and to Bukino Faso (BF)/Mission Africa £00 to meet the PCC' commitment to them. There were no other sundry transfers from Church Groups to the General Fund in the year.

4. Accounts receivable

At the year end there is some £1,108.86 (£,1520.33 in 2019) of Gift Aid Tax for 2020 yet to be recovered, to be received in January 2021, and 2£50 rent relating to 2020 to be received in the new year. These have been accrued in the 2020 financial statements.

5. Accounts payable

There have been no deposits paid for unfinished work at the end of 2020. We have accrued for known expenses for 2020 not yet paid by the year end. These include £1,200 being an estimate for telephone and broadband charges as these were incorrectly charged by the provider to a third party during the year; £2,311.20 being the cost of the replacement boiler installed but not paid for by 31 December 2020, as mentioned above, £48.70 being accrual for St Christopher' balance of our share of a payroll licence and £94.22 re printing and photocopying costs.

6. Pre-Payments

There are no pre-payments for 2020

7. Funds

The balances of individual Group Funds have been agreed with the Groups concerned and monies in various mission funds paid as agreed by the Mission Committee; during the year £3,600 has been sent to the various mission activities supported by St Christopher' plus amounts raised by one off gifts received in the year to December 2020. The balances in the Group Funds as at 31 December 2020 are as follows: Alpha £0; Bukino Faso £0; BBGA £77.22; Christmas Appeal £30; Christmas lunch (2018 and 2019) £254.74; Coffee £824.20; C. MacFarlane fund £1,000; Flowers Fund £564.14; Garden £26.99; General Mission £493.25; Gift (Anon) 2019 £,1825; Impact Giving £1,487.96 (£1,000 designated for specific purchase 2021); Junior Church £9.17; Knit & Natter £415.40; "Nexit" £53,284.28; OM £2.50; Romania £30.00; SCY £172.30; SCY Soul Survivor £0; STL £847.43; TTT (including the Monday and Wednesday toddlers groups) £,4904.44; Wednesday Friendship £100; Wednesday Friendship specific gift £316.19; Who Let the Dads Out? £683.06; Wycliffe (Anya) £2.50 and Wycliffe (Sheltons) £2.50.

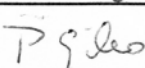
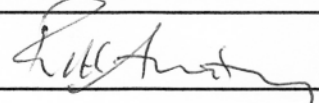
No grants were received in 2020.

Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2020

St Christopher's Church

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	50,000	443,391	0	493,391	502,925
	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	50,000	443,391	0	493,391	502,925
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	1,354	5	0	1,359	1,820
(Short term) investments	0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	74,889	9,149	0	84,038	68,623
Total current assets	76,243	9,154	0	85,397	70,444
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,754	0	0	3,754	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)	72,489	9,154	0	81,643	70,444
Total assets less current liabilities	122,489	452,545	0	575,034	573,368
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets	122,489	452,545	0	575,034	573,368
Funds of the charity					
General fund	196,992	0	0	196,992	209,186
Designated funds	-74,503	0	0	-74,503	-98,988
Restricted income funds	0	452,545	0	452,545	463,170
Endowment funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds	122,489	452,545	0	575,034	573,368

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	PAT GILES	8/3/21
	R.H. ARMSTRONG	8/20/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of

St Christopher's Church, Southbourne Parochial Church Council.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Christopher's Church, Southbourne (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: *CDuncalf*

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Date: 3 MARCH 2021