

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

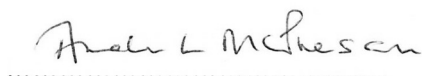
Mr Jeremy Nash (from April 2022)

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



Priest-in-charge

Accounts

1. Statement of Financial Activities – 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	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

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St Christopher's Church

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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

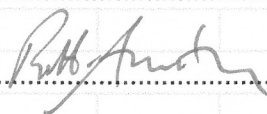
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R. H. Armstrong

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.

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