THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SHEDFIELD, SOUTHAMPTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1156459

Details

Other names	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SHEDFIELD PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2014-03-31
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Activities

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

Activities: A Parish Church and PCC within the Church of England

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£111,408	£101,527	-	-
2024-12-31	£100,624	£99,216	-	-
2023-12-31	£109,700	£101,409	-	-
2022-12-31	£148,182	£109,315	-	-
2021-12-31	£101,159	£104,805	-	-
2020-12-31	£95,859	£84,965	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN MARK JORDAN		2014-04-08
Andrew Golding		2023-05-14
Ann Rosemary Stone		2020-10-25
BRIAN NEWTON-SOUTHON		2014-03-21
CAROL DELIA HOTCHKISS		2020-10-25
Christopher Glover		2020-10-25
Hillier Petrina Dawn		2020-10-25
IAN JAMES TREVEIL		2017-04-25
JENNIFER BARKER		2014-03-21
Julia Marion Jordan		2016-04-19
ROSEMARY YEOMAN		2014-03-21
Tanya Tye-Reeve		2022-04-26

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2025

Incumbent:

Revd Fiona Grove

Registered Charity
No. 1156459

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INTRODUCTION

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- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
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To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist and Study Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Reverend Canon David Isaac left us as our Associate Priest at Candlemas and Reverend Jill Phipps assumed the leadership for the spiritual wellbeing of the parish.
2025 has continued to see Sunday worship alternating with our sister church in the benefice on alternate Sundays. It is very encouraging to see members of each congregation going to the services in the other church. From January until Easter all services were conducted in St John the Baptist Church due to major restoration work at St Nicholas Church, Wickham.

School links with both our Primary School and with Fairlands Nursery continued to be fostered and to flourish, with the Mothers' Union key to this growing relationship. Pupils have visited the church on a number of occasions, for workshops and worship.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals have continued. These occasional offices are significant public events which, as well as serving the personal needs of those involved, create a major connection with the wider community.

Our regular pattern of services has continued under the leadership of Reverend Canon David Isaac (up to Candlemas), Reverend Jill Phipps and Licenced Lay Minister Stephen Campion. In May Revd Fiona Grove was installed as the Rector of the Benefice. This year has seen the continued inclusion of the Lay worship team leading services following their commissioning in St Nicholas Church Wickham.

All are welcome to attend all our services. There were 63 on the Electoral Roll in March 2025 (76 March 2024). This significant change was due to a statutory revision of the Electoral Roll that happens periodically. The average weekly attendance for services was 63 (61 in 2024) with the October count in the parish being 39 (36 in 2024). Remembrance Sunday service saw 116 (162 in 2024) worshipping with us and over the Christmas period we had 688 people (1027 in 2024) attending both school and church services.

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As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. During this year we have celebrated 9 baptisms (5 in 2024), 8 weddings (5 in 2024) and 12 funerals (14 in 2024). The ministry team have also officiated at the Parish Council cemetery and interment of ashes services in the church's memorial garden. Members of the ministry team have also led funerals at local crematoria.

Safeguarding
Safeguarding is firmly embedded in the culture of this church. It is everybody's responsibility, not just the Churchwardens and PCC. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (Julia Jordan) ensures that all those who need DBS checks have those completed. Anybody who is required to have a DBS check is required to do some Safeguarding training dependent on their role that is usually online but can be done in person if sufficient numbers warrant a visit from one of the diocesan safeguarding training team. In the wake of the Makin report and other incidents involving the Church of England, the diocese has a policy of all required training being completed six months following their appointment or DBS checks.

Deanery Synod
The Bishops Waltham deanery has been led by the Area Dean Reverend Canon David Isaac and Lay Chair Paul Quinn (Hambledon). From May 2025 onwards Reverend James Hunt became the Araea Dean and Reverend Fiona Grove, Assistant Area Dean with Lay Chair remaining, Paul Quinn. As part of the Deanery Plan, an application for central church funding was granted for the development of the diocesan vision, Renew, Revive, Revitalise. As a result, it was possible to begin the process of appointing additional priests to serve in the deanery. Lay leadership training, which was successfully started in our benefice by Reverend Canon David Isaac, is being developed in the wider in the diocese. Chris Glover has filled the second Deanery Synod place allocated to our parish.

Pastoral Care
Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Canon David Isaac, Reverend Fiona Grove, Reverend Jill Phipps and Mr Stephen Campion (our PtO Licenced Lay Reader) have visited all church members who have requested it. Home Communion has remained an important ministry enabled by a team of Home Communion Visitors.

Mission and Evangelism
Mission and evangelism are priorities for the ministry team. Links with St John the Baptist Primary School, Fairlands Nursery and Shedfield Lodge are strengthening however Shedfield Lodge remains difficult to connect with despite multiple attempts. Reverend Fiona will try again in the coming year. PCC members are encouraged to engage in thinking about how the church's outreach can be broadened across the three villages in the parish. We reach all members of the parish through the parish magazine which has been online and delivered all year. We have a weekly email bulletin which goes out to 94 addresses.

The monthly Parish Lunch and Tuesdays@10 continue to be popular. Two new initiatives have taken off: Lego Lunch Club and Mindful Stitchers. Lego Lunch Club meets in the school holidays and half-terms and has proved very popular. Mindful Stitchers meets monthly in the Study Centre for conversation and crafting. Very many thanks to the volunteers who lead these activities and those who assist.

The re-branded Shedfield Shindig continues to be popular in the parish with the move from June to September. It is planned to have it on 5th September 2026.

Ecumenical Relationships
We have well established links with the local Methodist church.

The Church Fabric
Expenditure on the church building was £1,936 (2024: £3,000). This expenditure was mainly for routine maintenance and architect fees associated with the faculty application for the restoration of the bells. All of the items in the last quinquennial report have been completed. The bells require restoration and re-hanging. The

estimated cost is in the region of £80,000. There is a long-term concern about the main roof of the church that will need work at some stage, and we are aware that the current resources are insufficient for any repair.

The Churchyard
The churchyard team have gone from strength to strength, and it is apparent to anybody the amount of work and effort that has been invested in looking after the churchyard sympathetically. All the 499 graves have been re-mapped. The expenditure on the churchyard was £639 (2024: £2,627) for footpath repairs and general maintenance.

The Study Centre
The Study Centre income and activities have increased in 2025. This year has seen income from the Study Centre of £18,997 (2024: £13,666). The Study Centre Management Committee led by Mr Brian Southon looks after the day-to-day management and bookings. The PCC is most grateful to Brian and the committee for all the work they have done to keep the Centre going.

Financial Review
Total receipts on all funds were £111,408 (2024: £100,624): up on last year by £10,784. The planned giving has decreased by £834 to £38,787 (2024: £39,621). Membership of the Parish Giving Scheme gives the church a steadier cash flow as the Gift Aid is realised from HMRC monthly. Using the church envelopes, standing orders and gift aid envelopes requires regular submissions to HMRC to claim the refund. The Shedfield Shindig raised £2,459 (2024: £2,473). Our parish share was £40,000 (2024: £47,759). That is our largest annual commitment to the diocese which has reduced due to a diocesan consultation and review of parish share. The parish share costs the church £769 per week. We have met the cost of the parish share in full. Along with the expenses, costs for building repairs and churchyard maintenance described above and other running costs, the end of year surplus is £8,336 (2024: £8,105).

Reserves Policy
It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £35,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. We are significantly above this level but with the quinquennial expenses and other unforeseen events, the reserves may quickly diminish. The PCC has agreed to maintain the reserves at £40,000.

Volunteers
We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the welcoming community it is. There are too many individuals to pick out for special mention so thank you to all for your continued commitment and support.

Structure, governance and management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist the membership consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens, the Licensed Lay Minister and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Please speak to Ms Sarah Weston for information about the Electoral Roll.

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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC, and all have received training on the responsibilities of being a trustee.

The PCC met 9 times during the year 2025 with an average attendance of 78%. The Standing Committee, composed of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Fabric Officer, met six times and has the authority from the PCC to spend up to £1,000 without referring to PCC. Any spending decision must be reported to the PCC at the next meeting.

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Administrative information

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Reverend Canon David Isaac	(until February 2025)
Reverend Fiona Grove	Vicar (From May 2025)
Adrian Jordan	Churchwarden, Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council
Carol Hotchkiss	Churchwarden
Trina Hillier	Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod
Julia Jordan	Verger, Benefice Safeguarding Officer
Jenny Barker	Buildings and Fabric Officer
Chris Glover	Deanery Synod (from May 2025)
Andrew Golding	Treasurer
Gill Hamill	
Brian Southon	Study Centre
Ann Stone	
Ian Treveil	H&S Officer
Tanya Tye-Reeve	Foundation Governor, St John the Baptist School
Rosemary Yeoman	Secretary

Looking Forward

The Study Centre business has increased in 2025 and current activity should continue. The increase in energy prices and general global instability is having effects nationally and internationally and we are not immune to these events. The church gas and electricity contracts had to be renewed towards the end of 2024 so there was an increase in the cost of utilities in 2025.

The Standing Committee and PCC shall continue to hold their meetings and so the routine business of the church will continue. There is no outstanding work to be completed from the quinquennial report. Existing funds should cover most eventualities and our efforts at fundraising continue with the Shedfield Shindig in September 2026.

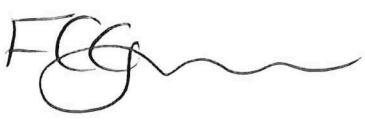
The major expenditure looking forward will be the restoration of the bells. This project will cost in the region of £80,000. Funds are beginning to come in for this project with a generous legacy of £5,000 and a generous donation of £7,000 beginning to bring in funds for this project. A concerted effort to raise money for the bells will have to take place in 2026. The Listed Places of Worship Scheme was supposed to close on 31st March 2026 but has closed early so we cannot reclaim the VAT on any project going forwards.

The PCC concentrated on mission opportunities in 2025. The Lego Lunch Club that launched in February 2024 has proved successful as has Mindful Stitchers that meets monthly. The PCC is always looking for other opportunities to build connections between the church and the community.

A concern going forwards is succession planning. Both of the Churchwardens have served for well over the allotted 6 years due to the suspension of the rule limiting churchwardens to a maximum of 6 years by the Meeting of Parishioners a few years ago. As a church we need to encourage others to step forward to serve in these roles and be encouraged to join the PCC to learn about church governance.

The lack of a parish administrator has put an additional burden on the clergy and churchwardens. We are most grateful that Mrs Jane Goulson, the parish administrator in Wickham, has taken on the responsibility for co-ordinating baptisms, weddings and funerals across the benefice. In 2026 it is hoped that we will recruit a benefice administrator who will work out of the office in the Study Centre.

On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.



10th March 2026 Incumbent

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC
Year ended 31st December 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving and donations	3	44,996	5,858	---	50,854	50,682
Income from activities	4	54,380	1,753	---	56,133	45,652
Investment income		4,421	---	---	4,421	4,290
Total Income		**103,797**	**7,611**	---	**111,408**	**100,624**
Cost of generating funds	5	4,726	---	---	4,726	3,522
Charitable activities	6	96,657	144	---	96,801	95,694
Total Costs		**101,383**	**144**	---	**101,527**	**99,216**
(Deficit)/Surplus		2,414	7,467	---	9,881	1,408
Change in market value	7	(1,576)	---	31	(1,545)	6,697
Net movement in funds		**838**	**7,467**	**31**	**8,336**	**8,105**
Fund balance brought forward		132,509	1,293	1,259	135,061	126,956
Fund balance carried forward		133,347	8,760	1,290	143,397	135,061
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		117,116	---	---	117,116	115,865
Designated						
Old Tower		4,808	---	---	4,808	5,000
Parish Magazine		11,423	---	---	11,423	11,644
Bell restoration fund		---	7,467	---	7,467	---
Magazine						
Restricted						
Junior Church		---	1,123	---	1,123	1,123
Un-named (Graves)		---	170	---	170	170
Endowment						
Stanley Grave Trust		---	---	1,290	1,290	1,259
		133,347	**8,760**	**1,290**	**143,397**	**135,061**

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes		2025	2024
			£	£
Current Assets	8	Investments (CCLA)	101,646	103,222
		Barclays Communities Account	1,244	6,234
		Barclays Deposit Account	24,686	10,134
		Lloyds Current Account (Magazine)	11,161	11,616
		Gift Aid/VAT debtor	1,190	1,065
	9	Stanley Grave Trust (Endowment)	1,290	1,259
		Account Receivable	6,626	4,576
		Prepayments	---	1,260
Total Current Assets			**147,843**	**139,366**
Liabilities		Accruals	650	300
		Agency collections	253	228
		Magazine Pre-paid Advertising	3,543	3,777
Total Liabilities			**4,446**	**4,305**
Net Asset Surplus			**143,397**	**135,061**
Represented by Funds:				
Unrestricted			117,116	115,865
Designated			16,231	16,644
Restricted			8,760	1,293
Endowment			1,290	1,259
Total			**143,397**	**135,061**

The Financial Statements and accompanying notes on pages 9 to 12 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Incumbent .....Treasurer

Revd Fiona Grove **Mr Andrew Golding**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission No.1156459.

Accounting Policy. The basis of preparation of the accounts is prepared on the accruals basis.

1. **Funds**
The General Fund represents funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for all general or planned purposes of the PCC. Donations, and fundraising events made or carried out for restricted purposes will be categorised as Restricted Funds and may only be applied to the purposes for which those funds were raised or donated. Endowment Funds allow for income from such funds to be applied without restriction; however, the capital is not normally available for use.

The accounts include monetary transactions, and monetary assets and liabilities, for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2. **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**
The following types of assets are not valued in the Balance Sheet but are insured by the PCC for replacement:
Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The following assets are recognised, and a monetary value given as part of the Statement of Financial Activity and are identified in the Balance Sheet:
Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) where a formal claim can be made.
Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
Any other amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December.
Closing bank and cash balances reflecting the PCC funds balances as shown in the Balance Sheet.

The following liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet and are also identified in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced or costs are known or estimated by 31 December, principally charges for gas and electricity.
Amounts raised/donated/collected for special purposes before 31st December not paid to beneficiaries by that date ("Agency Collections").
Parish Magazine advertising charges received before 31st December for publications after that date until the end of the magazine advertising cycle.
Any loans made to the PCC where the loans are repayable at any future date (none at present).

3. Principal sources of voluntary income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Collections/envelopes	6,312	4,685
Standing orders	8,672	10,502
Parish Giving Scheme	23,803	24,434
One-off donations (baptisms, weddings etc.)	375	200
Gift Aid	5,644	9,039
Legacies	5,000	---
Other	1,048	1,822
Total	**50,854**	**50,682**

4. Income from activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wedding/funeral fees	6,228	4,150
Fees for others	9,430	8,130
Parish Magazine	10,525	10,295
Shedfield Shindig	2,459	2,473
Lunch Club	3,203	2,466
Tuesdays@10	219	---
Study Centre hire	12,837	10,695
Study Centre catering	6,160	2,971
Other income	1,856	3,558
Listed Places of Worship VAT refund	3,216	914
Total	**56,133**	**45,652**

5. Cost of Generating Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Study Centre catering	1,872	1,056
Tuesdays@10	39	---
Lunch Club	2,669	2,147
Lego Lunch Club	146	319
Total	**4,726**	**3,522**

6. Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Parish Share	40,000	47,759
Honoraria and bookkeeping	3,800	3,800
Ministry Team Expenses	1,757	110
Fees Paid	9,096	6,979
Church Insurance	3,650	2,884
Church Repairs	1,936	3,000
Churchyard Upkeep	639	2,627
Church Utilities	2,907	1,925
Parish Magazine	10,746	11,212
Study Centre Repairs	5,791	---
Study Centre Maintenance	---	1,064
Study Centre Utilities	3,071	1,985
Study Centre Insurance	923	721
Study Centre Cleaning	5,112	5,012
Office costs	3,164	2,067
Flowers	524	330
Old Tower Costs	192	192
Other	3,493	4,027
Total	**96,801**	**95,694**

7. Change in Market Value

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment Reserve	(1,576)	6,660
The Stanley Grave Trust	31	37
Change in market value	**(1,545)**	**6,697**

8. Investments with CCLA

The following investments are held with CCLA.

All the units held are designated "CBF-CoE" and are Income Units

Fund	Holding Units	Cost	2025	2024
		£	£	£
CoE Property	44,181.44	1.2319	54,736	54,427
CoE Global Equity	11,927.96	3.2154	36,212	38,353
Fixed Interest	7,002.39	1.4912	10,698	10,442
Total			**101,646**	**103,222**

9. **The Stanley Grave Trust** is an endowment fund consisting of 844 Fixed Interest Units.

Fund	Fixed Interest Units	2025	2024
		£	£
Stanley Grave Trust	844	1,290	1,259

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 - 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Our regular pattern of services has continued under the leadership of Revd Canon David Isaac, Revd Jill Phipps and LLM Stephen Campion. This year has seen the inclusion of the Lay Leadership team leading services following their licensing in St Nicholas Church Wickham.

All are welcome to attend all our services. There were 76 on the Electoral Roll in March 2024 (78 March 2023). The average weekly attendance for services was 61 with the October count in the parish being 36. Remembrance Sunday service saw 162 worshipping with us and over the Christmas period we had 1027 people attending both school and church services.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding is firmly embedded in the culture of this church. It is everybody's responsibility, not just the Churchwardens and PCC. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (Julia Jordan) ensures that all those who need DBS checks have those completed. Anybody who is required to have a DBS check is required to do some Safeguarding training dependent on their role that is usually online but can be done in person if sufficient numbers warrant a visit from one of the diocesan safeguarding training team. In the wake of the Makin report and other incidents involving the Church of England, the diocese has a policy of all required training being completed six months following their appointment or DBS checks.

Deanery Synod

The Bishops Waltham deanery has been led by the area dean Rev Canon David Isaac and Lay Chair Paul Quinn (Hambledon). As part of the Deanery Plan, an application for central church funding was granted for the development of the diocesan vision, Renew, Revive, Revitalise. As a result, it was possible to begin the process of appointing additional priests to serve in the deanery.

Lay leadership training, which was successfully started in our benefice by Rev Canon David Isaac, is being developed in the wider in the diocese. Although there are two synod places allotted to St John the Baptist Church, currently only one is filled.

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The re-branded Shedfield Shindig continues to be popular in the parish with the move from June to September. It is planned to have it on 6th September 2025.

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We have well established links with the local Methodist church.

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The Study Centre income and activities have increased in 2024. This year has seen income from the Study Centre of £13,666 (2023: £12,290). The Study Centre Management Committee led by Mr Brian Southon looks after the day to day management and bookings. The PCC is most grateful to Brian and the committee for all the work they have done to keep the Centre going.

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Total receipts on all funds were £100,624 (2023: £109,700): down on last year by £9,076, which is mostly due to the reduction in voluntary giving and no legacies being received. The planned giving has decreased by £2,159 to £39,621 (2023: £41,780). Membership of the Parish Giving Scheme gives the church a steadier cash flow as the Gift Aid is realised from HMRC monthly. Using the church envelopes, standing orders and gift aid envelopes requires Brian Thompson to submit quarterly reports to HMRC to claim the refund. Brian retired from this role at the end of December after faithfully completing the HMRC returns for the last 45 years! The Shedfield Shindig raised £2,473 (2023: £2,510). Our parish share was £47,759 (2023: £45,485). That is our largest annual commitment to the diocese which has remained the same. The parish share costs the church £918 per week. We have met the cost of the parish share in full. Along with the expenses, costs for building repairs and churchyard maintenance described above and other running costs, the end of year surplus is £8,105 (2023: £6,241).

Reserves Policy
It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £35,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. We are significantly above this level but with the quinquennial expenses and other unforeseen events, the reserves may quickly diminish. The PCC has agreed to maintain the reserves at £40,000.

Volunteers
We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the welcoming community it is. There are too many individuals to pick out for special mention so thank you to all for your continued commitment and support.

Structure, governance and management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist the membership consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens, the Licensed Lay Minister and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Please speak to Ms Sarah Weston for information about the Electoral Roll.

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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC and all have received training on the responsibilities of being a trustee.

The PCC met thirteen times during the year 2024 with an average attendance of 81%. Two of these meetings were held jointly with Wickham PCC to discuss the Parish Profile. The Standing Committee, composed of the Associate Priest, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Fabric Officer, met six times and has the authority from the PCC to spend up to £1,000 without referring to PCC. Any spending decision must be reported to the PCC at the next meeting.

Administrative information

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

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Reverend Canon David Isaac	Associate Priest
Reverend Jill Phipps	Assistant Curate
Adrian Jordan	Churchwarden, Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council
Carol Hotchkiss	Churchwarden
Trina Hillier	Deanery and Diocesan Synod
Maurice Tester	Deanery Synod (resigned November 2024)
Jenny Barker	Buildings and Fabric Officer
Chris Glover	
Andrew Golding	Treasurer
Gill Hamill	Elected April 2024
Julia Jordan	Safeguarding Officer and Verger
Brian Southon	Study Centre Chair
Ann Stone	
Ian Treveil	H&S Officer
Tanya Tye-Reeve	Foundation Governor, St John the Baptist P. School
Rosemary Yeoman	Secretary

Looking Forward

The Study Centre business has stayed fairly static in 2024 and current activity should continue. The increase in energy prices and general global instability are having effects nationally and internationally and we are not immune to these events. The church gas and electricity contracts had to be renewed towards the end of 2024 so there will be an increase in the cost of utilities in 2025.

The Standing Committee and PCC shall continue to hold their meetings and so the routine business of the church will continue. There is no outstanding work to be completed from the quinquennial report. Existing funds should cover most eventualities and our efforts at fundraising continue with the Shedfield Shindig in September 2025.

The PCC concentrated on mission opportunities in 2024. The Lego Lunch Club that launched in February 2024 has proved successful as has Mindful Stitchers that meets monthly. The PCC is always looking for other opportunities to build connections between the church and the community.

The major expenditure looking forward will be the bells. They require a complete overhaul and re-hanging. An estimate has been received for this work that is in the region of £70,000. This work will hopefully be completed before the end of March 2026 as the Listed Places of Worship scheme VAT exemption is likely to cease. If the bells are not overhauled by then, there will be an additional cost of 20% on the estimate. This will require a special fund-raising team and effort to engage with the local community.

The lack of a parish administrator has put an additional burden on the clergy and churchwardens. We are most grateful that Mrs Jane Goulson, the parish administrator in Wickham, has taken on the responsibility for co-ordinating baptisms, weddings and funerals across the benefice.

On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.

22nd April 2025 Vice-Chair of PCC

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC
Year ended 31st December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving and donations	3	50,682	---	---	50,682	60,938
Income from activities	4	45,536	116	---	45,652	44,714
Investment income		4,290	---	---	4,290	4,048
Total Income		**100,508**	**116**	---	**100,624**	**109,700**
Cost of generating funds	5	3,522	---	---	3,522	3,435
Charitable activities	6	95,375	319	---	95,694	97,974
Total Costs		**98,897**	**319**	---	**99,216**	**101,409**
(Deficit)/Surplus		1,611	(203)	---	1,408	8,291
Change in market value	7	6,660	---	37	6,697	(2,050)
Net movement in funds		**8,271**	**(203)**	**37**	**8,105**	**6,241**
Fund balance brought forward		124,238	1,496	1,222	126,956	120,715
Fund balance carried forward		132,509	1,293	1,259	135,061	126,956
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		115,865	---	---	115,865	106,677
Designated						
Old Tower		5,000	---	---	5,000	5,000
Parish Magazine		11,644	---	---	11,644	12,561
Restricted						
Junior Church		---	1,123	---	1,123	1,326
Un-named (Graves)		---	170	---	170	170
Endowment						
Stanley Grave Trust		---	1,259	1,259	1,259	1,222
		132,509	**1,293**	**1,259**	**135,061**	**126,956**

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2024

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes		2024	2023
			£	£
Current Assets	8	Investments (CCLA)	103,222	96,563
		Barclays Communities Account	6,234	16,758
		Barclays Deposit Account	10,134	—
		Lloyds Current Account (Magazine)	11,616	12,055
		Gift Aid/VAT	1,065	816
	9	Stanley Grave Trust (Endowment)	1,259	1,222
		Account Receivable	4,576	2,991
		Prepayments	1,260	—
Total Current Assets			**139,366**	**130,405**
Liabilities		Accruals	300	150
		Agency collections	228	—
		Magazine Pre-paid Advertising	3,777	3,299
Total Liabilities			**4,305**	**3,449**
Net Asset Surplus			**135,061**	**126,956**
Represented by Funds:				
Unrestricted			115,865	106,677
Designated			16,644	17,561
Restricted			1,293	1,496
Endowment			1,259	1,222
Total			**135,061**	**126,956**

The Financial Statements and accompanying notes on pages 9 to 12 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Vice-Chair PCC
Adrian Jordan

.....Treasurer
Mr Andrew Golding

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission No.1156459.

Accounting Policy. The basis of preparation of the accounts are prepared on the accruals basis.

1. **Funds**

The General Fund represents funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for all general or planned purposes of the PCC. Donations, and fundraising events made or carried out for restricted purposes will be categorised as Restricted Funds and may only be applied to the purposes for which those funds were raised or donated. Endowment Funds allow for income from such funds to be applied without restriction; however the capital is not normally available for use.

The accounts include monetary transactions, and monetary assets and liabilities, for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2. **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The following types of asset are not valued in the Balance Sheet but are insured by the PCC for replacement:
Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the Statement of Financial Activity and are identified in the Balance Sheet:
Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) where a formal claim can be made.
Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
Any other amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December.
Closing bank and cash balances reflecting the PCC funds balances as shown in the Balance Sheet.

The following liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet and are also identified in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced or costs are known or estimated by 31 December, principally charges for gas and electricity.
Amounts raised/donated/collected for special purposes before 31st December not paid to beneficiaries by that date ("Agency Collections").
Parish Magazine advertising charges received before 31st December for publications after that date until the end of the magazine advertising cycle.
Any loans made to the PCC where the loans are repayable at any future date (none at present).

3. Principal sources of voluntary income – Giving and donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Collections/envelopes	4,685	5,335
Standing orders	10,502	13,162
Parish Giving Scheme	24,434	23,283
One-off donations (baptisms, weddings etc.)	200	3,275
Gift Aid	9,039	10,294
Legacies	---	4,008
Other	1,822	1,581
Total	**50,682**	**60,938**

4. Income from activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wedding/funeral fees	4,150	5,102
Fees for others	8,130	8,098
Parish Magazine	10,295	10,688
Shedfield Shindig	2,473	2,510
Lunch Club	2,466	2,247
Tuesdays@10	---	15
Study Centre hire	10,695	10,428
Study Centre catering	2,971	1,862
Other income	3,558	3,051
Listed Places of Worship VAT refund	914	713
Total	**45,652**	**44,714**

5. Cost of Generating Funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Study Centre catering	1,056	1,218
Tuesdays@10	---	104
Lunch Club	2,147	2,113
Lego Lunch Club	319	---
Total	**3,522**	**3,435**

6. Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Parish Share	47,759	45,485
Honoraria and bookkeeping	3,800	3,800
Ministry Team Expenses	110	242
Fees Paid	6,979	7,632
Church Insurance	2,884	2,834
Church Repairs	3,000	1,727
Bells and belfry	---	675
Churchyard Upkeep	2,627	3,816
Church Utilities	1,925	1,907
Parish Magazine	11,212	10,689
Study Centre Repairs	---	1,068
Study Centre Maintenance	1,064	2,695
Study Centre Utilities	1,985	1,988
Study Centre Insurance	721	708
Study Centre Cleaning	5,012	4,560
Office costs	2,067	1,807
Flowers	330	292
Old Tower Costs	192	192
Other	4,027	5,856
Total	**95,694**	**97,974**

7. Change in Market Value

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment Reserve	6,660	(2,115)
The Stanley Grave Trust	37	65
Change in market value	**6,697**	**(2,050)**

8. Investments with CCLA

The following investments are held with CCLA .

All the units held are designated "CBF-CoE" and are Income Units

Fund	Holding Units	Cost	2024 Value	2023 Value
		£	£	£
CoE Property	44,181.44	65,000	54,427	54,445
CoE Global Equity	11,927.96	26,000	38,353	32,287
Fixed Interest	7,002.39	12,500	10,442	9,831
Total		**104,000**	**103,222**	**96,563**

9. **The Stanley Grave Trust** is an endowment fund consisting of 844 Fixed Interest Units.

Fund	Fixed Interest Units	2024 Value	2023 Value
		£	£
Stanley Grave Trust	844	1,259	1,222

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 - 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Annual Report of the PCC
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INTRODUCTION

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, present its annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Aims and Purposes

St John the Baptist Church's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of collaborating with the Incumbent and Area Dean, in promoting 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 Study Centre of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

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 at St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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 people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

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

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

2023 has continued to see us settle into our new way of worship alternating with our sister church in the benefice on alternate Sundays. It is very encouraging to see members of each congregation going to the services in the other church.

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To enable everyone to share confidently in receiving the sacrament, the practice of Communion by intinction, introduced during the pandemic, was continued and has been reviewed regularly by the ministry team and the PCC.

In June, very sadly our Vicar, The Revd Canon Jane Isaac, died after a long illness. In July Revd Jill Phipps joined us as Assistant Curate. Ministry cover was provided by Authorised Lay Minister Stephen Campion, the Area Dean and other clergy and lay ministers from around the diocese. The Area Dean, Revd Canon David Isaac was appointed as Associate Priest with effect from 12th September 2023. With the support of members of the congregation, it was possible to maintain all our regular and special services along with pastoral care for those needing our support.

All are welcome to attend all our services. There were 78 on the Electoral Roll in March 2023 (81 March 2022). The average weekly attendance for services was 62 with the October count in the parish being 40. Remembrance Sunday service saw 100 worshipping with us and we returned to our traditional festival of lessons and carols at Christmas.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. During this year we have celebrated 10 baptisms, 6 weddings and 14 funerals. The ministry team have also officiated at the Parish Council cemetery and interment of ashes services in the church's memorial garden. Members of the ministry team have also led funerals at local crematoria.

Deanery Synod

The two deanery synod representatives are Trina Hillier and Maurice Tester. The Synod has met in person this year. Revd Canon David Isaac continues to be Area Dean and Norman Chapman was succeeded as Lay Chair of Synod by Paul Quinn.

During the past year the synod has been working on the deanery plan which is part of the diocesan vision for Live, Pray Serve. Options for the future of the deanery were considered and the main development was the establishment of the Meon Valley Parishes group. One new incumbent (stipendary) has been appointed to the Meon Valley Benefice based in Swanmore. A self-supporting priest has been appointed to Hambledon with two more planned for the group.

Part of the deanery plan was the construction and presentation of an audit of resources in the deanery in order that strengths and weaknesses could be identified and then resources could be shared. Data from both church records and national statistics were used. For example, for our parish 73% or the congregation are over 70 and the worshipping community is 2.3% of the local population.

Revd Jill Phipps was commissioned as the Deanery Anna Chaplain.

The first phase of a training course for Lay Worship Leaders was arranged by the Area Dean and Lay Minister Stephen Campion.

The parishes in the deanery are grouped in the following pattern:

Bishop's Waltham with Upham

Botley, Curdridge and Durley

Shedfield and Wickham

The Meon Valley parishes: Swanmore, Hambledon, Newtown, Soberton, Droxford, Meonstoke and Corhampton, Exton.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Canon David Isaac, Reverend Jill Phipps and Mr Stephen Campion (our PtO Authorised Lay Reader) have visited all church members who have requested it.

Mission and Evangelism

Mission and evangelism is a priority for the ministry team. Links with St John the Baptist Primary School, Fairlands Nursery and Shedfield Lodge are strengthening and PCC members are encouraged to engage in thinking about how the church's outreach can be broadened across the three villages in the parish. We reach all members of the parish through the parish magazine which has been online and delivered all year. We have a weekly email bulletin which goes out to 90 addresses.

The monthly Parish Lunch and Tuesdays@10 continue to be popular and Rosemary and Trina and their teams are thanked for their ongoing commitment.

The re-branded Shedfield Shindig continues to be popular in the parish with the move from June to September. It is planned to have it at the same time of year in 2024.

Ecumenical Relationships

We have well established links with the local Methodist church.

The Church Fabric

Expenditure on the church building was £1,727 (2022: £12,733). This expenditure was mainly for steel plate to secure the flagpole, lightning conductor and heating system repairs. All of the items in the last quinquennial report have been completed. There is a long-term concern about the main roof of the church that will need work at some stage and we are aware that the current resources are insufficient for any repair.

The Churchyard
The churchyard team have gone from strength to strength and it is apparent to anybody the amount of work and effort that has been invested in looking after the churchyard sympathetically. All the 499 graves have been re-mapped. The expenditure on the churchyard is £3,816 (2022: £886). The increase in expenditure is mainly due to the repairs to the Boucher Memorial and another grave close by that were damaged by a branch of a tree from a neighbouring property falling down. This was settled for the cost of the repairs (£2,000) from the neighbour's insurance.

The Study Centre
The Study Centre income and activities have decreased in 2023. This year has seen income from the Study Centre of £10,428 (2022: £12,944). The Study Centre Management Committee led by Mr Brian Southon looks after the day to day management and bookings. The PCC is most grateful to Brian and the committee for all the work they have done to keep the Centre going.

Financial Review
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Annual Report of the PCC
Year Ended 31st December 2023

Administrative information
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Reverend Canon Jane Isaac	Incumbent (until June 2023)
Reverend Canon David Isaac	Associate Priest and Area Dean
Reverend Jill Phipps	Curate (from July 2023)
Adrian Jordan	Churchwarden, Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synod and Treasurer (until May 2023)
Carol Hotchkiss	Churchwarden
Trina Hillier	Deanery and Diocesan Synod
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Looking Forward
The Study Centre business has stayed fairly static in 2023 and current activity should continue. The increase in energy prices and general global instability are having effects nationally and internationally and we are not immune to these events. The church gas and electricity contracts that were contracted before the increase in utility prices and will run until 2024 and 2025 respectively so there shall be an increase in our utility expenses beginning in March 2024.

The Standing Committee and PCC shall continue to hold their meetings and so the routine business of the church will continue. There is no outstanding work to be completed from the quinquennial report. Existing funds should cover most eventualities and our efforts at fundraising continue with the Shedfield Shindig in September 2024.

The PCC is concentrating on mission opportunities in 2024. The Lego Lunch Club that launched in February 2024 has proved successful as has Mindful Stitching that meets monthly. The PCC is always looking for other opportunities to build connections between the church and the community.

The major expenditure looking forward will be the bells. They require a complete overhaul and re-hanging. An estimate has been received for this work that is in the region of £60,000. This work will not be done in 2024 and will require a special fund-raising team and effort to engage with the local community.

The lack of a parish administrator has put an additional burden on the clergy and churchwardens. We are most grateful that Mrs Jane Goulson, the parish administrator in Wickham, has taken on the responsibility for co-ordinating baptisms, weddings and funerals across the benefice.

On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.

28th April 2023

Area Dean

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC
Year ended 31st December 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving and donations	3	60,938	---	---	60,938	95,201
Income from activities	4	44,714	---	---	44,714	48,759
Grants received	5	---	---	---	---	1,574
Investment income		4,048	---	---	4,048	2,648
Total Income		**109,700**	**---**	**---**	**109,700**	**148,182**
Cost of generating funds	6	3,435	---	---	3,435	2,965
Charitable activities	7	97,974	---	---	97,974	106,350
Total Costs		**101,409**	**---**	**---**	**101,409**	**109,315**
(Deficit)/Surplus		8,291	---	---	8,291	38,867
Change in market value	8	(2,115)	---	65	(2,050)	(15,429)
Net movement in funds		**6,176**	**---**	**65**	**6,241**	**23,438**
Fund balance brought forward		118,062	1,496	1,157	120,715	97,277
Fund balance carried forward		124,238	1,496	1,222	126,956	120,715
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		106,677	---	---	106,677	100,500
Designated						
Old Tower		5,000	---	---	5,000	5,000
Parish Magazine		12,561	---	---	12,561	12,562
Restricted						
Junior Church		---	1,326	---	1,326	1,326
Un-named (Graves)		---	170	---	170	170
Endowment						
Stanley Grave Trust		---	---	1,222	1,222	1,157
		124,238	**1,496**	**1,222**	**126,956**	**120,715**

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes		2023	2022
			£	£
Current Assets	9	Investments (CCLA)	96,563	98,678
		Barclays Communities Account	16,758	9,030
		Lloyds Current Account (Magazine)	12,055	12,562
		Gift Aid	816	965
	10	Stanley Grave Trust (Endowment)	1,222	1,157
		Account Receivable	2,991	2,129
Total Current Assets			**130,405**	**124,521**
Liabilities		Accrued costs	150	---
		Magazine Pre-paid Advertising	3,299	3,806
Total Liabilities			**3,449**	**3,806**
Net Asset Surplus			**126,956**	**120,715**
Represented by Funds:				
Unrestricted			106,677	109,306
Designated			17,561	8,756
Restricted			1,496	1,496
Endowment			1,222	1,157
Total			**126,956**	**120,715**

The Financial Statements and accompanying notes on pages 9 to 12 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Area Dean .....Treasurer

Reverend Canon David Isaac **Mr Andrew Golding**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission No.1156459.

Accounting Policy. The basis of preparation of the accounts are prepared on the accruals basis.

1. **Funds**
The General Fund represents funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for all general or planned purposes of the PCC. Donations, and fundraising events made or carried out for restricted purposes will be categorised as Restricted Funds and may only be applied to the purposes for which those funds were raised or donated. Endowment Funds allow for income from such funds to be applied without restriction; however the capital is not normally available for use.

The accounts include monetary transactions, and monetary assets and liabilities, for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2. **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**
The following types of asset are not valued in the Balance Sheet but are insured by the PCC for replacement:
Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the Statement of Financial Activity and are identified in the Balance Sheet:
Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) where a formal claim can be made.
Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
Any other amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December.
Closing bank and cash balances reflecting the PCC funds balances as shown in the Balance Sheet.

The following liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet and are also identified in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced or costs are known or estimated by 31 December, principally charges for gas and electricity.
Amounts raised/donated/collected for special purposes before 31st December not paid to beneficiaries by that date ("Agency Collections").
Parish Magazine advertising charges received before 31st December for publications after that date until the end of the magazine advertising cycle.
Any loans made to the PCC where the loans are repayable at any future date (none at present).

3. Principal sources of voluntary income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Collections/envelopes	5,335	7,915
Standing orders	13,162	13,822
Parish Giving Scheme	23,283	20,554
One-off donations (baptisms, weddings etc.)	3,275	330
Gift Aid	10,294	7,235
Legacies	4,008	45,000
Other	1,581	345
Total	**60,938**	**95,201**

4. Income from activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wedding/funeral fees	5,102	5,374
Fees for others	8,098	7,504
Parish Magazine	10,688	11,308
Shedfield Shindig	2,510	2,079
Fairtrade	---	114
Lunch Club	2,247	1,911
Tuesdays@10	15	61
Study Centre hire	10,428	12,944
Study Centre catering	1,862	1,690
Other income	3,051	466
Listed Places of Worship VAT refund	713	5,308
Total	**44,714**	**48,759**

5. Grants Received

	2023	2022
	£	£
Covid grant – Winchester City Council	---	1,124
Training grant – Diocese of Portsmouth	---	450
Total	**---**	**1,574**

6. Cost of Generating Funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Lent Lecture expenses	---	26
Study Centre catering	1,218	929
Tuesdays@10	104	291
Lunch Club	2,113	1,719
Total	**3,435**	**2,965**

7. Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Parish Share	45,485	45,485
Honoraria and bookkeeping	3,800	3,750
Ministry Team Expenses	242	695
Fees Paid	7,632	8,313
Church Insurance	2,834	2,576
Church repairs – major	---	7,884
Church Repairs	1,728	4,849
Bells and belfry	675	11
Churchyard Upkeep	3,816	886
Church Utilities	1,907	1,889
Parish Magazine	10,689	11,035
Study Centre Repairs	1,068	2,287
Study Centre Maintenance	2,695	2,046
Study Centre Utilities	1,988	1,029
Study Centre Insurance	708	644
Study Centre Cleaning	4,560	4,280
Office costs	1,807	1,634
Flowers	292	44
Old Tower Costs	192	174
Other	5,856	3,562
Provision for past debtors	---	3,277
Total	**97,974**	**106,350**

8. Change in Market Value

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investment Reserve	(2,115)	(15,250)
The Stanley Grave Trust	65	(179)
Change in market value	**(2,050)**	**(15,429)**

9. Investments with CCLA

The following investments are held with CCLA .

All the units held are designated "CBF-CoE" and are Income Units

Fund	Holding Units	Cost	2023 Value	2022 Value
		£	£	£
CoE Property	44,181.44	65,500	54,445	57,665
CoE Global Equity	11,927.96	26,000	32,287	31,413
Fixed Interest	7,002.39	12,500	9,831	9,600
Total		**104,000**	**96,563**	**98,678**

10. **The Stanley Grave Trust** is an endowment fund consisting of 844 Fixed Interest Units.

Fund	Fixed Interest Units	2023 Value	2022 Value
		£	£
Stanley Grave Trust	844	1,222	1,157

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 - 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

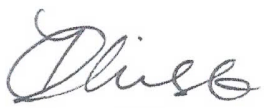
An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
   - To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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for the year ended 31 December 2022

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St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
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INTRODUCTION

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, present its annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Aims and Purposes

St John the Baptist Church's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of collaborating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Jane Isaac, in promoting 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 Study Centre of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

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 at St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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 people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

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

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

2022 was a year of contrasts – settling down with relief into a more familiar routine after the uncertainties of the Covid pandemic, balanced with building on the fresh insights learned during those difficult months and moving on as a worshipping community 'Being Church Together' in the United Benefice.

The service pattern used during the Covid pandemic had proved both popular and sustainable and continued to flourish, with an encouraging growth in numbers gathering for Sunday worship. The pattern of alternating Sunday worship between St John the Baptist and St Nicholas provides a range of opportunities for worship; either 8.00am Holy Communion (traditional language) followed at 10.00am by the less formal 'Being Church Together: The Sunday Service' *or* parish communion at 10.00am.

School links continued to be fostered and to flourish, with the Mothers' Union key to this growing relationship. Pupils have visited the church on a number of occasions, for workshops and worship.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals were re-established after the pandemic. These occasional offices are significant public events which, as well as serving the personal needs of those involved, create a major connection with the wider community.

To enable everyone to share confidently in receiving the sacrament, the practice of Communion by intinction, introduced during the pandemic, was continued and has been reviewed regularly by the ministry team and the PCC.

In June, our Assistant Curate, the Revd Dr Ruth Howley-Shipley, was appointed Team Vicar in the Chalke Valley benefice, in the Diocese of Salisbury. In November, the Vicar was admitted to the Hammersmith Hospital for a stem cell transplant, following the encouraging outcome of 8 cycles of chemotherapy for a lymphoma-related cancer. Ministry cover was provided by Authorised Lay Minister Stephen Campion, the Area Dean and other clergy and lay ministers from around the diocese. With the support of members of the congregation, it was possible to maintain all our regular and special services along with pastoral care for those needing our support. The

aggressive return of Revd Jane's cancer meant that in December the planned stem cell transplant was indefinitely postponed and she began a phased return to work along with a new treatment regime.

Guided by Stephen Campion, a series of encouraging conversations was held to consider the formation of a Benefice choir and the development of a Benefice lay worship team to share in delivery of The Sunday Service.

Bishops Waltham deanery consultations continued to consider the best use of ministry resources within the framework of the diocesan and deanery strategic plans. These discussions, whilst difficult at times, have both encouraged and affirmed the potential and bond we have as a United Benefice, along with the distinctiveness of our two individual parishes.

All are welcome to attend all our services. There were 81 on the Electoral Roll in March 2022 (88 March 2021). The average weekly attendance for services was 53 with the October count in the parish being 38. Remembrance Sunday service saw 164 worshipping with us and we returned to our traditional festival of lessons and carols at Christmas.
As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 9 baptisms, 3 weddings and 15 funerals. The ministry team have also officiated at the Parish Council cemetery and interment of ashes services in the church's memorial garden. Members of the ministry team have also led funerals at local crematoria.

Deanery Synod
One of the two Deanery Synod positions has been filled. One of the Churchwardens sits on Deanery Synod by right as being on Diocesan Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the church. The Synod met in person for all its meetings this year. Revd Canon David Isaac continues as Area Dean and Norman Chapman as the Lay Chair of Synod. Throughout 2022 Synod has been working on the diocesan vision for Live | Pray | Serve. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes with the Deanery Standing Committee and Mission and Pastoral Committee looking at the options for the future of this Deanery and how the parishes will work together. With the arrival of Bishop Jonathan, the vision for the diocese has been reinvigorated and there is now very close liaison between the Bishop's senior staff and the Area Dean and Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod. Areas that the bishop would like included in the plans are care for the elderly (Anna Chaplaincy) and planned provision for children and young people. The congregation has been kept updated with the provisional plans which are evolving documents. Nothing is set in stone. At present the benefice of Shedfield and Wickham is unaffected by the changes in the wider deanery.

Pastoral Care
Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Jane Isaac, Reverend Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley and Mr Stephen Campion (our PtO Authorised Lay Reader) have visited all church members who have requested it.

Mission and Evangelism
Mission and evangelism is a priority for the ministry team. Links with St John the Baptist Primary School, Fairlands Nursery and Shedfield Lodge are strengthening and PCC members are encouraged to engage in thinking about how the church's outreach can be broadened across the three villages in the parish. We reach all members of the parish through the parish magazine which has been online and delivered all year. We have a weekly email bulletin which goes out to 93 addresses.
The monthly Parish Lunch and Tuesdays@10 continue to be popular and Rosemary and Trina and their teams are thanked for their ongoing commitment.
The re-branded Shedfield Shindig continues to be popular in the parish with the move from June to September. It is planned to have it at the same time of year in 2023 and possibly link it with a celebration for the 20th anniversary of the building of the Study Centre.

Ecumenical Relationships
We have well established links with the local Methodist church.

The Church Fabric
Expenditure on the church building was £12,733 (2021: £20,652). This expenditure was mainly for the clerestory windows and repairs to the drainage in the courtyard. We are grateful for the help of the Boucher Trust in funding the repairs to the Study Centre. All of the items in the last quinquennial report have been completed. There is a long-term concern about the main roof of the church that will need work at some stage and we are aware that the current resources are insufficient for any repair.

The Study Centre
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Administrative information

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The Standing Committee and PCC continue to hold their meetings and so the routine business of the church will continue. The expenditure in 2022 on the church building and improvements and repairs to the Study Centre have been completed. There is no outstanding work to be completed from the quinquennial report. Existing funds should cover most eventualities and our efforts at fundraising continue with the Shedfield Shindig in September 2023.

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On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.

9th May 2023

Chair of PCC P J Isaac Vicar

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC
Year ended 31st December 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving and donations	3	95,201	---	---	95,201	55,026
Income from activities	4	48,014	---	---	48,014	34,540
Grants received	5	2,319	---	---	2,319	9,500
Investment income		2,648	---	---	2,648	2,095
Total Income		**148,182**	**---**	---	**148,182**	**101,161**
Cost of generating funds	6	2,965	---	---	2,965	1,002
Charitable activities	7	106,350	---	---	106,350	103,803
Total Costs		**109,315**	**---**	---	**109,315**	**104,805**
(Deficit)/Surplus		38,867	---	---	38,867	(3,644)
Change in market value	8	(15,250)	---	(179)	(15,429)	5,118
Net movement in funds		**23,617**	**---**	**(179)**	**23,438**	**1,474**
Fund balance brought forward		94,445	1,496	1,336	97,277	95,803
Fund balance carried forward		118,062	1,496	1,157	120,715	97,277
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		100,500	---	---	100,500	80,985
Designated						
Old Tower		5,000	---	---	5,000	5,000
Parish Magazine		12,562	---	---	12,562	8,460
Restricted						
Junior Church		---	1,326	---	1,326	1,326
Un-named (Graves)		---	170	---	170	170
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St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2022

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		Barclays Communities Account	9,030	14,518
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		Gift Aid	965	1,146
	10	Stanley Grave Trust (Endowment)	1,157	1,336
		Account Receivable	2,129	3,016
Total Current Assets			**124,521**	**106,193**
Liabilities		Agency Collections	---	149
		Magazine Pre-paid Advertising	3,806	8,765
Total Liabilities			**3,806**	**8,914**
Net Asset Surplus			**120,715**	**97,279**
Represented by Funds:				
Unrestricted			109,306	80,985
Designated			8,756	13,460
Restricted			1,496	1,496
Endowment			1,157	1,336
Total			**120,715**	**97,277**

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P.J. Isaac

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3. Principal sources of voluntary income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Collections/envelopes	7,915	14,442
Standing Orders	13,822	11,154
Parish Giving Scheme	20,554	18,930
One-off donations (baptisms, weddings etc.)	330	708
Gift Aid	7,235	9,709
Legacies	45,000	---
SC coffee/Church box	345	83
Total	**95,201**	**55,026**

4. Income from activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wedding / Funeral Fees	5,374	4,854
Fees for others	5,977	8,135
Parish Magazine	11,308	5,657
Shedfield Shindig	2,079	1,913
Fairtrade	114	118
Lunch Club	1,911	730
Tuesdays@10	61	---
Study Centre Hire	11,194	7,030
Study Centre Catering	1,690	250
Other income	466	2,112
Flowers	---	156
Listed Places of Worship VAT refund	5,308	3,186
Ministry team expenses	---	397
Total	**45,482**	**34,538**

5. Grants Received

	2022	2021
	£	£
National Churches Trust	---	5,000
Hampshire and Island Historic Churches Trust	---	4,500
Covid grant – Winchester City Council	1,869	---
Training grant – Diocese of Portsmouth	450	---
Total	**2,319**	**9,500**

Grants received in 2021 are in respect of church tower repairs and are regarded as restricted funds.

6. Cost of Generating Funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Lent Lecture Expenses	26	237
Study Centre Catering	929	159
Tuesdays@10	291	---
Lunch Club	1,719	606
Total	**2,965**	**1,002**

7. Charitable Activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Parish Share	45,485	43,320
Honoraria and bookkeeping	3,750	3,150
Ministry Team Expenses	695	1,281
Fees Paid	8,313	6,156
Church Insurance	2,576	2,399
Church repairs – major	7,884	17,904
Church Repairs	4,849	2,748
Bells and belfry	11	290
Churchyard Upkeep	886	200
Church Utilities	1,889	2,176
Parish Magazine	11,035	9,279
Study Centre Repairs	2,287	6,600
Study Centre Maintenance	2,046	1,684
Study Centre Utilities	1,029	695
Study Centre Insurance	644	600
Study Centre Cleaning	4,280	1,116
Office costs	1,634	1,804
Flowers	44	74
Old Tower Costs	174	88
Other	3,562	2,239
Provision for past debtors	3,277	---
Total	**106,350**	**103,803**

8. Change in Market Value

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investment Reserve	(15,250)	5,213
The Stanley Grave Trust	(179)	(95)
Change in market value	**(15,429)**	**5,118**

9. Investments with CCLA

The following investments are held with CCLA .

All the units held are designated "CBF-CoE" and are Income Units

Fund	Holding Units	Cost	2022 Value	2021 Value
		£	£	£
CoE Property	18,618.1	25,000	24,219	27,104
Bought during 2022	25,563.34	40,500	33,446	---
Property total	44,181.44	65,500	57,665	27,104
CoE Global Equity	7,108.77	12,500	18,722	21,761
Bought during 2022	4,819.19	13,500	12,691	---
Global Equity total	11,927.96	26,000	31,413	21,761
Fixed Interest	7,002.39	12,500	9,600	11,063
Total		**104,000**	**98,678**	**59,928**

10. **The Stanley Grave Trust** is an endowment fund consisting of 844 Fixed Interest Units.

Fund	Fixed Interest Units	2022 Value	2021 Value
		£	£
Stanley Grave Trust	844	1,157	1,336
Total		**1,157**	**1,336**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 - 11.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Sophie Golding ACA
3 Barley Fields
High Street
Shirrell Heath

6 June 2023

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

Incumbent:

Reverend Jane Isaac

Registered Charity
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St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Annual Report of the PCC
Year Ended 31st December 2021

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St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Annual Report of the PCC
Year Ended 31st December 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, present its annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Aims and Purposes

St John the Baptist Church's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of collaborating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Jane Isaac, in promoting 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 Study Centre of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

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 at St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish whilst working within the constraints of the government and Church of England Covid-19 rules. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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 people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

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

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The church was closed for Sunday services until 14th March 2021 when it re-opened and remained open for the rest of the year. The new pattern of services, including a weekly Sunday eucharist, was resumed with alternating Sunday services with our sister church, St Nicholas, Wickham. Services were held in each church on major feasts and festivals. We have continued to provide online services (Morning Prayer) and Prayer During the Day throughout the year.

All are welcome to attend all our services. There were 88 on the Electoral Roll in March 2021 (92 March 2020). The average weekly attendance when the church was open for services was 53. Remembrance Sunday service saw 207 worshipping with us and we returned to our traditional festival of lessons and carols at Christmas

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 4 baptisms, 4 weddings and 7 funerals. The ministry team have also officiated at the Parish Council cemetery and interment of ashes services in the church's memorial garden. Members of the ministry team have also led funerals at local crematoria.

September saw the retirement of Revd Juliet Montague who had been with us since 2013. We had a farewell service in September with the acting Archdeacon, Revd Canon Will Hughes and 137 from across the Deanery coming to say farewell.

Deanery Synod

One of the two Deanery Synod positions has been filled. One of the Churchwardens sits on Deanery Synod by right as being on Diocesan Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the church. Again due to the Covid pandemic, the Deanery Synod has held most of its meetings

virtually using Zoom. Revd Canon David Isaac continues as Area Dean and Norman Chapman as the Lay Chair of Synod. Throughout 2021 Synod has been working on the diocesan vision for Live | Pray | Serve. A lot of work has been done behind the scenes with the Deanery Standing Committee and Mission and Pastoral Committee looking at the options for the future of this Deanery and how the parishes will work together. This work has slowed down as we await the arrival of our new Bishop. Members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to visit the diocesan website for further information.

Pastoral Care
Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Jane Isaac, Reverend Juliet Montague, Reverend Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley and Mr Stephen Campion (our PtO Authorised Lay Reader) have visited all church members who have requested it before the pandemic struck but have been confined in their activities during the pandemic.

Mission and Evangelism
Mission and evangelism is a priority for the ministry team. Links with St John the Baptist Primary School, Fairlands Nursery and Shedfield Lodge are strengthening and PCC members are encouraged to engage in thinking about how the church's outreach can be broadened across the three villages in the parish. We reach all members of the parish through the parish magazine which has been online and delivered all year. We have a weekly email bulletin which goes out to 94 addresses.
We have re-branded the summer fête, the Shedfield Shindig, moving it from June to September. This was extremely successful and it is planned to have it at the same time of year in 2022.

Ecumenical Relationships
We have well established links with the local Methodist churches and welcome Revd Phil Griffin as their new minister.

The Church Fabric
The church building is a continued cause for concern. The church tower roof has been repaired in early 2021 and some of the clerestory windows need repair. The quinquennial review was carried out in May and identified a series of minor repairs individually but taken as a whole will require significant funds. Work started on the findings from the quinquennial review with all the external work being completed. Expenditure on the church building was £20,652 (2020: £2,181). This expenditure was mainly for the church tower roof and the external quinquennial repairs to the downpipes, pointing and other work identified in the quinquennial review. We are grateful for the help of the Boucher Trust in funding the repairs to the Study Centre. There is outstanding work to be done internally to some of the metalwork around some of the windows. There is a long-term concern about the main roof of the church that will need work at some stage and we are aware that the current resources are insufficient for any repair.

The Study Centre
The Study Centre income and activities have increased in 2021 with the lifting of lockdowns and easing of restrictions. Mrs Lynn Hayward resigned as the Study Centre lead in September. She is thanked for all that she has done over the years to put the Study Centre firmly on the map. The Study Centre Management Committee led by Mr Brian Southon looks after the day to day management and bookings. The PCC is most grateful to Brian and the committee for all the work they have done to keep the Centre going.

Financial Review
Total receipts on all funds were £101,159 (2020: £95,859): up on last year by £5,300, which is mostly due to an increase in income from activities of £34,538 (2020: £28,448) and grant income of £9,500 from the National Churches Trust and Hampshire and Island Historic Churches Trust for the repair to the church tower roof (2020: £1,334). The planned giving has reduced by £8,816 to £55,026 (2020: £63,842). Membership of the Parish Giving Scheme gives the church a steadier cash flow as the Gift Aid is realised from HMRC monthly. Using the church envelopes, standing orders and gift aid envelopes requires Brian Thompson to submit quarterly reports to HMRC to claim the refund. The Shedfield Shindig raised £1,913 (2020: £90). Our parish share was £43,320 (2020: £50,016). That is our largest annual commitment to the diocese which has reduced due to a reduction in the average weekly attendance (AWA). The parish share costs the church £833 per week. We have met the cost of the parish share in full. It will increase in 2022. Along with the expenses, costs for building repairs and churchyard

maintenance described above and other running costs, the end of year account is running a surplus of £1,472 (2020: £18,816). This surplus is entirely due to an increase in the investments with CCLA of £5,213 with an increased valuation to £59,928 (2020: £54,715).

Reserves Policy
It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £35,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. We are significantly above this level but with the quinquennial expenses and other unforeseen events, the reserves may quickly diminish. The PCC has agreed to maintain the reserves at £40,000.

Volunteers
We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the welcoming community it is. There are too many individuals to pick out for special mention so thank you to all for your continued commitment and support.

Structure, governance and management
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist the membership consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens, the Reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Please speak to Ms Sarah Weston for information about the Electoral Roll.

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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC and all have received training on the responsibilities of being a trustee.

The PCC met 9 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 89%. The PCC met in person for four meetings and then virtually using Zoom for five meetings. The Standing Committee, composed of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Fabric Officer, met 7 times (three in person and four times virtually using Zoom). It has the authority from the PCC to spend up to £1,000 without referring to PCC. Any spending decision must be reported to PCC at the next meeting. Notes of the Standing Committee are made and are available if required.

Administrative information
St John the Baptist Church is situated in Church Road, Shedfield. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Parish Administrator, St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Shedfield, Hampshire, SO32 2HY. The PCC is a Body Corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Reverend Jane Isaac	Incumbent
Reverend Ruth Howlett-Shipley	Curate (in attendance)
Adrian Jordan	Churchwarden, Diocesan Synod, Treasurer
Carol Hotchkiss	Churchwarden
Trina Hillier	Deanery Synod
Jenny Barker	Buildings and Fabrics Officer
Danny Dubois	
Chris Glover	
Julia Jordan	Safeguarding Officer
Brian Southon	Study Centre and Magazine Chair
Ann Stone	
Ian Treveil	H&S Officer
Rosemary Yeoman	Secretary

Looking Forward

As the country learns to live with the coronavirus pandemic, church activity and the Study Centre business have increased in 2021 and barring another catastrophic event current activity should continue. The increase in energy prices and the war in Ukraine are having global effects and we are not immune to these events. The church gas and electricity contracts were contracted before the recent increase in utility prices and will run until 2024 and 2025 respectively so there should be some stability with our expenses.

The Standing Committee and PCC continue to hold their meetings and so the routine business of the church will continue. Following the major expenditure of 2021 with the church tower, no major projects on this scale are planned for 2022. There is outstanding work to be completed from the quinquennial report but this should be met from existing funds and our efforts at fundraising with the Shedfield Shindig in September 2022.

The loss of the parish administrator has put an additional burden on the clergy and churchwardens. We are most grateful that Mrs Jane Goulson, the parish administrator in Wickham, has taken on the responsibility for co-ordinating baptisms, weddings and funerals across the benefice.

On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.

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Advent Market	---	---
Fairtrade	118	169
Lunch Club	730	973
Historic Churches Bike Ride	---	145
Study Centre Hire	7,030	5,660
Study Centre Catering	250	600
Other income	2,112	538
Flowers	156	100
Listed Places of Worship VAT refund	3,186	397
Ministry team expenses	397	1,616
Total	**34,538**	**28,448**

5. Grants Received

	2021	2020
	£	£
National Churches Trust	5,000	---
Hampshire and Island Historic Churches Trust	4,500	---
Hampshire County Council	---	1,334
Total	**9,500**	**1,334**

Grants received are in respect of church tower repairs and are regarded as restricted funds.

6. Cost of Generating Funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Lent Lecture Expenses	237	---
Study Centre Catering	159	207
Fairtrade	---	36
Lunch Club	606	598
Total	**1,002**	**841**

7. Charitable Activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Parish Share	43,320	50,016
Honoraria and bookkeeping	3,150	5,010
Ministry Team Expenses	1,281	2,391
Fees Paid	6,156	3,660
Church Insurance	2,399	2,335
Church repairs – major	17,904	---
Church Repairs	2,748	2,182
Bells and belfry	290	---
Churchyard Upkeep	200	2,735
Church Utilities	2,176	2,186
Parish Magazine	9,279	4,233
Study Centre Repairs	6,600	---
Study Centre Maintenance	1,684	2,129
Study Centre Utilities	695	783
Study Centre Insurance	600	584
Study Centre Cleaning	1,116	794
Office costs	1,804	1,883
Flowers	74	142
Old Tower Costs	88	89
Other	2,239	2,972
Total	**103,803**	**84,124**

8. Change in Market Value

	2021	2020
	£	£
Investment Reserve	5,213	7,855
The Stanley Grave Trust	(95)	67
Change in market value	**5,118**	**7,922**

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Total			**59,928**	**54,715**

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Stanley Grave Trust	844	1,336	1,431
Total		**1,336**	**1,431**

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Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31st December 2021

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for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Annual Report of the PCC
Year Ended 31st December 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, present its annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Aims and Purposes

St John the Baptist Church's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of collaborating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Jane Isaac, in promoting 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 Study Centre of St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

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 at St John the Baptist. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish whilst working within the constraints of the government and Church of England Covid-19 rules. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity 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 people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

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

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The customary pattern of services was stopped on 14th March 2020 when the instruction to close all churches was made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The church re-opened for public worship on 4th July 2020 with all COVID-safe measures in place under very different conditions with social distancing and a different type of service. We are grateful to the congregation for accommodating the requirements for social distancing. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on our delivery of services. We have had to adapt very quickly to online services and ensure the website was up to date and maintained regularly to support our services. During lockdown, online services were available for Morning Prayer and the 10am Service. There has also been Prayer During the Day for all the church seasons and a Spiritual Communion on the website. When churches were allowed to re-open the decision to alternate services between St John the Baptist, Shedfield and St Nicholas, Wickham was taken.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. There were 92 on the Electoral Roll in March 2020 (96 March 2019). The average weekly attendance when the church was open for services was 56. The church was closed for most of the major festivals and Remembrance Sunday but open for Christmas services.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 4 baptisms, 4 weddings and 7 funerals.

Deanery Synod

Up to 25th October there were two elected members of the Deanery Synod. Following the APCM on 25th October 2020 only one of these positions has been filled. One of the Churchwardens sits on Deanery Synod by right as being on Diocesan Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the Parish and the wider structures of the church. Again due to the Covid pandemic, the Deanery Synod has held most of its meetings

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virtually using Zoom. Revd Canon David Isaac continues as Area Dean and Norman Chapman as the Lay Chair of Synod. Towards the end of 2020 the diocesan vision of Live | Pray | Serve was renewed. It has been recognised that the national church has been in decline for many years and although the Covid pandemic has acted as a catalyst, there is a necessity to re-invigorate parish ministry and do things differently. Members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to visit the diocesan website for further information.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Jane Isaac, Reverend Juliet Montague, Reverend Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley and Mr Stephen Champion, our Reader have visited all church members who have requested it before the pandemic struck but have been confined in their activities during the pandemic.

Mission and Evangelism

Mission and evangelism is a priority for the ministry team. Links with St John the Baptist Primary School, Fairlands Nursery and Shedfield Lodge are strengthening and PCC members are encouraged to engage in thinking about how the church's outreach can be broadened across the three villages in the parish. We reach all members of the parish through the parish magazine which has been online for most of the year.

Ecumenical Relationships

We continue to have a strong relationship with local Methodist churches. At Christmas the clergy and choir contributed to a joint service with Waltham Chase Methodist Church on Zoom.

The Church Fabric

The church building is a continued cause for concern. The church tower roof is scheduled to be repaired in early 2021 and some of the clerestory windows need repair. It has been decided by PCC to postpone the repair of the clerestory windows until we have had the quinquennial review that has been postponed from 2020. This will identify any other works that need completing. Expenditure on the church building was £2,181 (2019: £9,135). This expenditure was mainly church architect fees and some minor works and replacement of an outside electrical socket. There is a long-term concern about the main roof of the church that will need work at some stage and we are aware that the current resources are insufficient for any repair.

The Study Centre

The Study Centre income and activities have been particularly badly hit by the pandemic. However, when possible activities have re-started and then stopped again. Mrs Lynn Hayward continues to be the driving force behind the Study Centre. As a PCC we are most grateful to her for her hard work continuing to attract bookings for 2021. The phone and internet connection have been considerably improved this year to make the Centre more attractive to potential hirers.
Mr Brian Southon applied for and obtained a grant from HCC to offset some of the financial loss in 2020. We are most grateful to Brian for researching and successfully obtaining this grant.

Financial Review

Total receipts on all funds were £95,859 (2019: £106,989): down on last year by £11,130, which is almost totally due to the Covid pandemic. The planned giving has remained fairly static. Membership of the Parish Giving Scheme gives the church a steadier cash flow as the Gift Aid is realised from HMRC monthly. Using the church envelopes, standing orders and gift aid envelopes requires Brian Thompson to submit quarterly reports to HMRC to claim the refund. The church registered for online giving through "SumUp", which is endorsed by the national Church. This raised an additional £941. There was no summer fête nor Advent Market which usually boost our income by about £7,000. Our parish share was £50,016 (2019: £54,571). That is our largest annual commitment to the diocese which has reduced due to a reduction in the annual weekly attendance (AWA). The parish share costs the church £961 per week. We have met the cost of the parish share in full. It will reduce in 2021 as the usual October count for AWA could not be used due to the pandemic. The parish share for 2021 will based on the total income received by the diocese for 2019. Along with the expenses, costs for building repairs and churchyard maintenance described above and other running costs, the end of year account is running a surplus of £18,816 (2019: (£6,079)). This surplus must be carefully interpreted as this report includes the parish magazine account. The parish magazine has been printed a very few times in 2020 so the surplus here is abnormally high £6,148

(2019: £1,614). The investments with CCLA have also done well this year with an increased valuation to £54,715 (2019: £46,860).

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £35,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. We are significantly above this level but with the quinquennial review in 2021 and other unforeseen events, the reserves may quickly diminish. The PCC has agreed to maintain the reserves at £40,000.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the welcoming community it is. There are too many individuals to pick out for special mention so thank you to all for your continued commitment and support.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John the Baptist the membership consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens, the Reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Please speak to Ms Sarah Weston for information about the Electoral Roll.

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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC and all have recently received training on the responsibilities of being a trustee.

The PCC met 7 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 82%. The PCC met in person for three meetings and then virtually using Zoom. The Standing Committee, composed of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Fabric Officer, met 6 times (twice in person and four times virtually using Zoom). It has the authority from the PCC to spend up to £500 without referring to PCC. Any spending decision must be reported to PCC at the next meeting. Notes of the Standing Committee are made and are available if required.

Administrative information

St John the Baptist Church is situated in Church Road, Shedfield. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Parish Administrator, St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Shedfield, Hampshire SO32 2HY. The PCC is a Body Corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Reverend Jane Isaac	Incumbent
Reverend Ruth Howlett-Shipley	Curate
Stephen Campion	Lay Minister/Reader (retired 25th October 2020)
Adrian Jordan	Churchwarden, Diocesan Synod, Treasurer (appointed 26th February 2020)
Carol Hotchkiss	Churchwarden
Mary Hogg	Deanery Synod until 25th October 2020
Julia Jordan	Deanery Synod until 25th October 2020
Trina Hillier	Deanery Synod elected 25th October 2020
Robert Banks	Until 25th October 2020
Jenny Barker	Buildings and Fabrics Officer
Danny Dubois	
Chris Glover	Elected 25th October 2020
David Hillier	Treasurer resigned 26th February 2020
Julia Jordan	Elected 25th October 2020
Brian Southon	
Ann Stone	Elected 25th October 2020
Ian Treveil	H&S Officer
Sarah Weston	Until 25th October 2020 (Electoral Roll Officer)
Rosemary Yeoman	Secretary

Looking Forward

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to have the greatest effect on church life and activity in the Study Centre. With the spike in Covid-19, the clergy and churchwardens, with PCC backing, took the decision to close the church to private and public worship from 10th January 2021 and re-opened on 14th March 2021. As a result, church income and Study Centre income has been greatly affected again this year.

The Standing Committee and PCC continue to hold their meetings using Zoom so the routine business of the church will continue. 2021 will be an expensive year for the church. The PCC has committed to repairing the church tower roof, which will cost in the region of £16,500. This is not unexpected and the church has been fortunate in grant applications from the National Churches Trust and Hampshire and the Island Historic Churches Trust. Between them we have a grant of £9,500 towards this cost. There will be a quinquennial review in 2021 and we are aware that some of the clerestory windows require some repair. The lightning conductor has been inspected to meet the requirements of our insurance company. The earthing rods have all but disappeared so these have had to be replaced. As long as the country continues to emerge from the pandemic as is projected, we plan to hold a fete in September and a Christmas market later in the year to generate some income. The Study Centre resumed business from mid-May with the easing of the lockdown.

The loss of the parish administrator last September has put an additional burden on the clergy and churchwardens. We are most grateful that Mrs Jane Goulson, the parish administrator in Wickham, has taken on the responsibility for co-ordinating baptisms, weddings and funerals across the benefice.

On behalf of the Shedfield P.C.C.

13th July 2021 Chair of PCC

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Statement of Financial Activities of the PCC
Year ended 31st December 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Giving and donations	3	63,842	---	---	63,842	62,956
Income from activities	4	28,448	---	---	28,448	41,478
Grants received	5	1,334	---	---	1,334	---
Investment income		2,235	---	---	2,235	2,555
Total Income		**95,859**	---	---	**95,859**	**106,989**
Cost of generating funds	6	841	---	---	841	4,116
Charitable activities	7	84124	---	---	84124	105,789
Total Costs		**84,965**			**84,965**	**109,905**
Net Surplus		10,894	---	---	10,894	(2,916)
Change in market value	8	7,855	---	67	7,922	(3,163)
Total Surplus		**18,749**	**---**	**67**	**18,816**	**(6,079)**
Fund balance brought forward		74,129	1,496	1,364	76,989	83,068
Fund balance carried forward		92,878	1,496	1,431	95,805	76,989
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund		12,081	---	---	12,081	7,335
Designated						
Capital & Projects Fund		9,000	---	---	9,000	9,000
Investment Reserve Fund		54,715	---	---	54,715	46,860
Old Tower		5,000	---	---	5,000	5,000
Parish Magazine		12,082	---	---	12,082	5,934
Restricted						
Junior Church		---	1,326	---	1,326	1,326
Un-named (Graves)		---	170	---	170	170
Endowment						
Stanley Grave Trust		---	---	1,431	1,431	1,364
		92,878	**1,496**	**1,431**	**95,805**	**76,989**

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2020

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes		2020	2019
			£	£
Current Assets	9	Investments (CCLA)	54,715	46,860
		Barclays Communities Account	14,275	10,130
		Lloyds Current Account (Magazine)	13,948	7,801
		CCLA Deposit Account	9,000	9,000
		Gift Aid	1,314	1,721
	10	Stanley Grave Trust (Endowment)	1,431	1,364
		Duplicated Payment	---	390
		Account Receivable	2,808	1,409
Total Current Assets			**97,491**	**78,675**
Liabilities		Agency Collections	(157)	(157)
		Magazine Pre-paid Advertising	1,843	1,843
Total Liabilities			**1,686**	**1,686**
Net Asset Surplus			**95,805**	**76,989**
Represented by Funds:				
Unrestricted			12,081	7,335
Designated			80,797	66,794
Restricted			1,496	1,496
Endowment			1,431	1,364
Total			**95,805**	**76,989**

The Financial Statements and accompanying notes on pages 9 to 11 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....Chair
Reverend Jane Isaac

.....Treasurer
Mr Adrian Jordan

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Accounting Policy. The basis of preparation of the accounts are prepared on the accruals basis.

1. **Funds**

The General Fund represents funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for all general or planned purposes of the PCC. Donations, and fundraising events made or carried out for restricted purposes will be categorised as Restricted Funds and may only be applied to the purposes for which those funds were raised or donated. Endowment Funds allow for income from such funds to be applied without restriction; however the capital is not normally available for use.

The accounts include monetary transactions, and monetary assets and liabilities, for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2. **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The following types of asset are not valued in the Balance Sheet but are insured by the PCC for replacement:
Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the Statement of Financial Activity and are identified in the Balance Sheet:
Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue (Gift Aid) where a formal claim can be made.
Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
Any other amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December.
Closing bank and cash balances reflecting the PCC funds balances as shown in the Balance Sheet.

The following liabilities are included in the Balance Sheet and are also identified in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced or costs are known or estimated by 31 December, principally charges for gas and electricity.
Amounts raised/donated/collected for special purposes before 31 December not paid to beneficiaries by that date. ("Agency Collections")
Parish Magazine advertising charges received before 31 December for publications after that date until the end of the magazine advertising cycle.
Any loans made to the PCC where the loans are repayable at any future date (none at present).

3. **Principal sources of voluntary income**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Collections\envelopes	9,965	12,637
Standing Orders	36,604	35,816
One off donations	4,514	1,086
SumUp	941	---
Gift Aid	11,568	10,426
Legacies	100	2,000
SC coffee\Church box	150	991
Total	**63,842**	**62,956**

4. **Income from activities**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wedding \ Funeral Fees	3,221	4,108
Fees for others	4,558	4,599
Parish Magazine	10,381	11,792
Summer Fete	90	5,267
Advent Market	---	1,687
Fairtrade	169	138
Lunch Club	973	2,745
Historic Churches Bike Ride	145	105
Study Centre Hire	5,660	5,664
Study Centre Catering	600	1,723
Harvest Supper	---	444
Alyth Choir	---	856
Other	2,651	2,350
Total	**28,448**	**41,478**

5. **Grants Received**

A grant was received of £1,334 from Hampshire County Council to offset the loss of income from the Study Centre.

6. **Cost of Generating Funds**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Summer Fete costs	---	246
Advent Market	---	18
Tuesdays at 10	---	312
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Study Centre Cleaning	706	1,859
Study Centre Repair	---	1,175
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