THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE

England & Wales · Charity number 1156528

Details

Other names	PCC CHRIST CHURCH STONE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2014-04-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: We are a church based in Stone, Staffordshire.Our aims are to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ both in the immediate local community and across the world (through supporting our mission partners).Our church is headed by The Reverend Paul Kingman.We also work actively in our local schools and provide additional support for our local children by employing a Youth Minister.Amen

Classification

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

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Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,438	£114,762	-	-
2023-12-31	£135,557	£114,158	-	-
2022-12-31	£92,300	£87,020	-	-
2021-12-31	£83,783	£90,948	-	-
2020-12-31	£107,123	£113,549	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REVEREND PAUL HENRY CHARLES KINGMAN	Chair	2014-03-28
Andrew Stone		2014-03-28
Christine Ann Pentland		2024-04-21
DAVID RICHARD BEAUCHAMP		2014-03-28
Dr Susan Kingman		2025-04-27
Elizabeth Elsie Jane Mason		2020-10-04
Gary Bruce Williams		2022-04-24
George Frederick Holden		2024-04-21
Helen Jean Bowes		2014-07-09
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Marylyn Hillman		2019-04-28
Maxine Juliette Garrington-Miller		2024-04-21
PETER MASON		2014-03-28
Peter Jonathan Cuthbert		2019-10-01
Peter Joseph Kelly		2017-01-25
SHELAGH JANE SANDERS		2014-03-28
Shirley Joan Hallam		2022-04-24

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Reporting Serious Incidents

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The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Fabric and Insurances

In order to protect the buildings, grounds and fixtures and fixings under the charge and management of the Trustees, a comprehensive Insurance policy is maintained with Ecclesiastical Insurance and Guarantee (EIG). This policy and its implications to church activities are managed by the Wardens.
Working with EIG has proved of benefit not only in providing cover for accidental damage, but also in providing a framework and templates to ensure activities and management within the church comply with the relevant sections of the insurance policy.
Prompted by the policy, a full review and subsequent modifications have been made to the agreements for those renting rooms in the church centre.
A comprehensive review has also been made of the Fire Safety provisions and this has also produced modifications and improvements to the way the buildings are managed, especially when larger numbers are being accommodated.

This all comes as part of the Trustee's desire to provide a safe environment for visitors to the church, as well as be good stewards of the facilities in their care.

The Charity's Vision and Priorities for the Future.

Involvement with Lead Academy has focussed the Trustees on their achievable aims, what we do well and what we need to improve on.

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture
We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
Actions:
To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings, and funerals and at other times as they arise.

We will hold events that promote our meeting together, to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism

In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Actions:

We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.

We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.

We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.

We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.

We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.

We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship

We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

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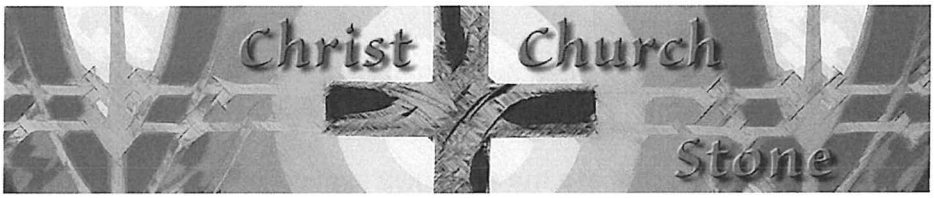
Declaration

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – Submitted to LDBF and pending completion of the Independent Examination for 2024.

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We maintain accurate records of DBS documentation and the ChurchSuite software prompts for renewal and training requirements.

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A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.
The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Fabric and Insurances

In order to protect the buildings, grounds and fixtures and fixings under the charge and management of the Trustees, a comprehensive Insurance policy is maintained with Ecclesiastical Insurance and Guarantee (EIG). This policy and its implications to church activities are managed by the Wardens.
Working with EIG has proved of benefit not only in providing cover for accidental damage, but also in providing a framework and templates to ensure activities and management within the church comply with the relevant sections of the insurance policy.
Prompted by the policy, a full review and subsequent modifications have been made to the agreements for those renting rooms in the church centre.
A comprehensive review has also been made of the Fire Safety provisions and this has also produced modifications and improvements to the way the buildings are managed, especially when larger numbers are being accommodated.

This all comes as part of the Trustee's desire to provide a safe environment for visitors to the church, as well as be good stewards of the facilities in their care.

The Charity's Vision and Priorities for the Future.

Involvement with Lead Academy has focussed the Trustees on their achievable aims, what we do well and what we need to improve on.

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture
We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
Actions:
To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings, and funerals and at other times as they arise.

We will hold events that promote our meeting together, to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism

In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Actions:

We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.

We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.

We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.

We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.

We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.

We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship

We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:

We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.

We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.

We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.

We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.

We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home, Oulton Abbey and St Mary's as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

Declaration

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – Submitted to LDBF and pending completion of the Independent Examination for 2024.

Approved by the PCC on 15th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

P.H.C. Kingman

Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Registered charity number: 1156528

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 15/05/2025.

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance. St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement
The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern
There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors
No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds
Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.
Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient

reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

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

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors
Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals
Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	69,922	-	16,847	-	86,769	116,270
Income from charitable activities	20,928	-	-	-	20,928	16,761
Other trading activities	1,363	-	1,242	-	2,606	2,398
Investments	1,045	-	90	-	1,136	129
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**93,258**	**-**	**18,180**	**-**	**111,438**	**135,557**
Payments						
Raising funds	1,189	-	-	-	1,189	1,671
Expenditure on charitable activities	96,575	-	16,998	-	113,573	112,487
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**97,764**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**114,762**	**114,158**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(4,506)**	**-**	**1,182**	**-**	**(3,324)**	**21,399**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	19,029	-	-	-	19,029	15,768
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(19,029)	-	-	(19,029)	(15,768)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	110
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**14,524**	**(19,029)**	**1,182**	**-**	**(3,324)**	**21,509**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**
Total funds carried forward	**3,035**	**138,069**	**77,834**	**-**	**218,938**	**222,262**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	3,035	-	-	-	3,035	(11,489)
Designated						
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	-	36,648	-	-	36,648	36,648
Christine Burslem Fund	-	17,982	-	-	17,982	37,011
Diane Schemilt Fund	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	-	81,439	-	-	81,439	81,439
Restricted						
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Fund	-	-	11,722	-	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	-	-	2,097	-	2,097	2,081
Rock Youth Ministry	-	-	64,015	-	64,015	62,848

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Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,081	2,081
	2,081	**2,081**
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	220,574	222,762
	220,574	**222,762**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,717	2,582
	3,717	**2,582**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**216,856**	**220,180**
Total assets less current liabilities	**218,938**	**222,262**
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	**218,938**	**222,262**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	3,035	(11,489)
Designated		
Designated - Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	36,648	36,648
Designated - Christine Burslem Fund	17,982	37,011
Designated - Diane Schemilt Fund	2,000	2,000
Designated - Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	81,439	81,439
Restricted		
Restricted - Development Fund	11,722	11,722
Restricted - Gertrude Pickering Fund	2,097	2,081
Restricted - Rock Youth Ministry	64,015	62,848
Fund Totals	**218,938**	**222,262**

Approved by the PCC on 16/7/..... 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

P H C Kingston (Vicar)

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The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities – 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6430: CCLA investment fund - Pickering	-	-	2,081	-	2,081	2,081
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,081**	**-**	**2,081**	**2,081**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account	(56)	138,069	33,536	-	171,549	174,911
6505: Rock Youth 6549	7	-	4,245	-	4,252	4,170
6506: Rock Youth 0617	3,877	-	40,157	-	44,034	42,942
6510: CBF deposit account	719	-	-	-	719	719
6590: Petty Cash	20	-	-	-	20	20
Total	**4,566**	**138,069**	**77,938**	**-**	**220,574**	**222,762**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,186	-	2,186	1,050
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,186**	**-**	**2,186**	**1,050**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	1,531
Total	**1,531**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,531**	**1,531**
Net total assets	**3,035**	**138,069**	**77,834**	**-**	**218,938**	**222,262**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities – 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6430: CCLA investment fund - Pickering	-	-	2,081	-	2,081	1,971
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,081**	**-**	**2,081**	**1,971**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account	(14,573)	157,099	32,385	-	174,911	155,833
6505: Rock Youth 6549	-	-	4,170	-	4,170	4,109
6506: Rock Youth 0617	3,877	-	39,065	-	42,942	39,086
6510: CBF deposit account	719	-	-	-	719	697
6590: Petty Cash	20	-	-	-	20	20
Total	**(9,957)**	**157,099**	**75,620**	**-**	**222,762**	**199,745**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,050	-	1,050	964
Total	**-**	**-**	**1,050**	**-**	**1,050**	**964**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	-
Total	**1,531**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,531**	**-**
Net total assets	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**

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Fund movement summary – 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
CBFund							
Designated	37,011	-	-	(19,029)	-	-	17,982
Sub-totals	**37,011**	**-**	**-**	**(19,029)**	**-**	**-**	**17,982**

DEVELOP							
Restricted	11,722	-	-	-	-	-	11,722
Sub-totals	**11,722**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11,722**
DSFund							
Designated	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sub-totals	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**
Gassor Legacy							
Designated	81,439	-	-	-	-	-	81,439
Sub-totals	**81,439**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**81,439**
Gertrude							
Restricted	2,081	15	-	-	-	-	2,097
Sub-totals	**2,081**	**15**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,097**
Rock							
Restricted	62,848	18,165	16,998	-	-	-	64,015
Sub-totals	**62,848**	**18,165**	**16,998**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**64,015**
Wilding Legacy							
Designated	36,648	-	-	-	-	-	36,648
Sub-totals	**36,648**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36,648**
General							
Unrestricted	(11,489)	93,258	97,764	19,029	-	-	3,035
Sub-totals	**(11,489)**	**93,258**	**97,764**	**19,029**	**-**	**-**	**3,035**
Totals	**222,262**	**111,438**	**114,762**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**218,938**

Fund description

Designated funds:

- Irene Gassor Legacy- funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Cecelia Wilding Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Christine Burslem Legacy - funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Diane Schemilt Legacy - funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC

Restricted funds:

- Development Fund – for the development and upkeep of the Church Centre
- Gertrude Pickering Fund – to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish
- Rock Youth Ministry – Rock Youth Ministry funds are donated (and gift aided) by church members to cover the salary of the Children and Families Worker

Fund movement summary – 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
CBFund							
Designated	-	37,011	-	-	-	-	37,011
Sub-totals	**-**	**37,011**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**37,011**
DEVELOP							
Restricted	11,722	-	-	-	-	-	11,722
Sub-totals	**11,722**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11,722**
DSFund							
Designated	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sub-totals	**-**	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**

Gassor Legacy							
Designated	83,909	-	1,701	(768)	-	-	81,439
Sub-totals	**83,909**	**-**	**1,701**	**(768)**	**-**	**-**	**81,439**
Gertrude							
Restricted	1,971	-	-	-	110	-	2,081
Sub-totals	**1,971**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**110**	**-**	**2,081**
Rock							
Restricted	50,541	10,405	-	1,902	-	-	62,848
Sub-totals	**50,541**	**10,405**	**-**	**1,902**	**-**	**-**	**62,848**
Wilding Legacy							
Designated	36,784	-	135	-	-	-	36,648
Sub-totals	**36,784**	**-**	**135**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36,648**
General							
Unrestricted	15,826	86,141	112,322	(1,134)	-	-	(11,489)
Sub-totals	**15,826**	**86,141**	**112,322**	**(1,134)**	**-**	**-**	**(11,489)**
Totals	**200,753**	**135,557**	**114,158**	**-**	**110**	**-**	**222,262**

Analysis of income and expenditure - 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	60,214	-	-	-	60,214	40,642
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,746	-	-	-	1,746	1,924
0201 - Other planned giving	-	-	9,275	-	9,275	19,816
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,748	-	-	-	3,748	2,308
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	700	-	2,270	-	2,970	3,755
0550 - Donations appeals etc	657	-	275	-	932	1,563
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	3,498	-	3,498	4,061
0701 - Legacies	643	-	-	-	643	39,011
0901 - Other funds generated	2,214	-	1,529	-	3,743	3,191
Donations and legacies Totals	**69,922**	**-**	**16,847**	**-**	**86,769**	**116,270**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,827	-	-	-	3,827	1,234
1210 - Bookstall sales	645	-	-	-	645	560
1230 - Church hall lettings	16,455	-	-	-	16,455	14,966
Income from charitable activities Totals	**20,928**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20,928**	**16,761**
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales & events	125	-	1,242	-	1,367	1,196
1250 - Magazine income from advertising	846	-	-	-	846	749
1260 - Parish magazine sales	393	-	-	-	393	454
Other trading activities Totals	**1,363**	**-**	**1,242**	**-**	**2,606**	**2,398**
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	1,000	-	15	-	1,015	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	45	-	75	-	120	129
Investments Totals	**1,045**	**-**	**90**	**-**	**1,136**	**129**
Receipts Grand totals	**93,258**	**-**	**18,180**	**-**	**111,438**	**135,557**
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,189	-	-	-	1,189	1,671
Raising funds Totals	**1,189**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,189**	**1,671**

Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Charitable giving	2,584	-	-	-	2,584	7,134
1910 - Parish share	42,466	-	-	-	42,466	41,458
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	16,922	-	16,922	15,892
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	7,505	-	-	-	7,505	9,906
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,882	-	-	-	1,882	2,066
2170 - Education	305	-	-	-	305	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	255	-	-	-	255	400
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,726	-	-	-	3,726	3,563
2310 - Church office - telephone	149	-	-	-	149	58
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	55	-	-	-	55	-
2330 - Church maintenance	100	-	-	-	100	209
2331 - Cleaning	2,032	-	-	-	2,032	2,117
2340 - Upkeep of services	4,595	-	-	-	4,595	4,530
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	8,744	-	-	-	8,744	671
2360 - Administration	9,425	-	76	-	9,501	8,452
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	47
2401 - Church running - electric	623	-	-	-	623	598
2410 - Church running - gas	7,696	-	-	-	7,696	10,111
2420 - Church running - water	71	-	-	-	71	70
2510 - Bookstall costs	632	-	-	-	632	1,063
2530 - Hall running - electricity	2,027	-	-	-	2,027	2,435
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	352	-	-	-	352	467
2570 - Hall running - telephone	508	-	-	-	508	457
2580 - Hall running - water	348	-	-	-	348	329
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	495	-	-	-	495	453
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**96,575**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**113,573**	**112,487**
Payments Grand totals	**97,764**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**114,762**	**114,158**

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£ 23,529	£ 24,847
Employers Pension	£227	£240
Employers National Insurance	£671	£711
Average number of employees	3	3

During the year the PCC employed two Administrators (both part-time) and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses
1 trustee is employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children's and Families Worker and was paid £16,122 (2023: £14,349). The PCC paid £227 and ££671 in pension contributions and National Insurance respectively in connection with this employment. were made by the PCC in connection with this employment. P Cuthbert does not take part in PCC discussions in connection with their salary.

1 Trustee has been reimbursed £1,882 (2023: £2,066 for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year

Related Parties
No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £13,944 (2023: £11,265) .

Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in market value £	At 31st Dec £
Restricted Funds						
Gertrude Pickering	2,081				63	2,144
Total	**2,081**				**63**	**2,144**

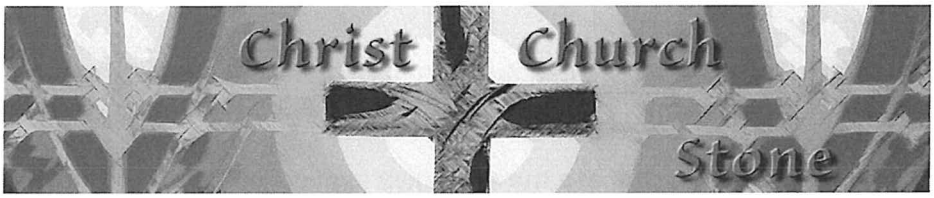
The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 1,438 shares held with the CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

Prior Year Comparative
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	66,853	39,011	10,405	-	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities	16,761	-	-	-	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities	2,398	-	-	-	2,398	2,246
Investments	129	-	-	-	129	72
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**86,141**	**39,011**	**10,405**	**-**	**135,557**	**106,674**

Payments

Raising funds	903	768	-	-	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,419	1,068	-	-	112,487	101,009
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**112,322**	**1,836**	**-**	**-**	**114,158**	**102,777**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(26,181)**	**37,175**	**10,405**	**-**	**21,399**	**3,897**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,317	-	8,451	-	15,768	130,709
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,451)	(768)	(6,549)	-	(15,768)	(130,709)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	110	-	110	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	(306)
Net movement in funds	**(27,314)**	**36,406**	**12,417**	**-**	**21,509**	**3,591**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**-**	**200,753**	**197,162**
Total funds carried forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Stone

Charity registration number: 1156528

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and provides overall governance of the church activities, buildings and facilities.

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 Christ Church. 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 the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and the sacraments. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality, fellowship schools and other chaplaincy work we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

The Mission Action Plan which has been developed over recent years to guide the Church's activities and focus the investment of both money and resources, continues to be the template for day to day actions.
Nurture, Evangelism and Worship are the three key aspects of the Charity's work.
To carry out these aims the following activities are funded, staffed and managed by the Charity;

Weekday Services:
Sunday mornings are the main gathering for worship in the church.
Other services are held;
Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House, St Mary's Home and Oulton Abbey Nursing home; termly school services.

During Covid the church continued with regular services by Zoom, and this was a major factor in maintaining numbers of worshippers once the Covid restrictions were lifted.
We still maintain Zoom links for Sunday morning services and this option is taken up by those unable to attend in person – elderly, sick or isolating
The equipment was purchased during Covid and set up with assistance for end users. Running costs are now minimal as there is just an annual Zoom licence to maintain this much appreciated facility.

Youth Work:

The Charity funds a part time worker to run "in school" Christian activities, clubs at church and after school and he provides activities for Sunday morning services.
The results of this investment, which has been a long term commitment by the church, are seen in the families attending Sunday morning but more so in the very regular attendance at the school based clubs.
In addition, a team of volunteers run an Easter Holiday Club which always attracts good numbers – as many as can be accommodated within the available buildings.
We are fortunate in having good relationships with the associated schools, giving good access for Open the Book activities, the clubs and other interactions – all facilitated by the Foundation Governors from the church.
Tuesday lunchtime 'Pursuit' (Christchurch Academy, Years 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons; after school clubs for Christ Church First School (Wednesdays) and Oulton First School (Thursdays).
Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Staffing
The office administration is covered by two part time, paid, office based administrators

Volunteers
Church members volunteer for many activities;
Youth and children's groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; parent & toddlers group; development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA); hospital chaplaincy for RSUH and County Hospitals, pastoral care support, cleaning of the building, flower arranging, maintenance, provision of music for services, gardening, sides person,

welcomer, visiting, sound and video engineering, marshalling, catering, First Aiders and other related roles.

Pastoral Care
This is a vital part of the church's Mission Action Plan – to provide support to those in need. As well as this support being available in an informal way through the week, there is weekly provision of an opportunity to receive pastoral care after the Sunday morning Service.

House, Study and Prayer Groups:

Bible study discipleship groups, *Hope Explored*, annual Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Areas of co-operation;
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Other activities;

We have organised '*Advent Windows*' since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving many community groups).

We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA.

The Vicar is Rural Dean and serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee.

The Benefice is a partner church for the '*Midlands Gospel Partnership*' (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands.

We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

The Charity engaged with Lead Academy pre Covid, and has subsequently renewed the relationship, as this organisation provides training, resources and encouragement to help churches identify what they do well and what needs improving.
Lead Academy activities, videos and training have become a feature of PCC meetings and some church activities to provide guidance and direction.

Training for the Future

The Charity is supporting, with funding, a member of the PCC in their training and development for future Lay ministry within the C of E.

Financial Review

The accounts are attached to this Trustees' Annual Report detailing the charity's financial position.

Reserves Holding Policy Statement

It is the Charity's Policy to maintain a reserve of £30,000 in readily accessible, unrestricted accounts, for unforeseen circumstances.

Amount of Reserves Held

At the end of this reporting year, the reserves total was £171,549
This figure is substantiated in the attached full financial reports.

This figure is made up of revenue, giving and legacies as per the Income statement below. None of the legacies received are Restricted, although the Charity does allocate some legacy money for specific activities – all agreed and minuted at PCC meetings.

Charity's Sources of Income Funding

The Charity derives income from;

Free will giving
Donations
Legacies
Hire of facilities
Fees
Gift Aid Repayments
Fund raising activities

Donations from Related Parties – Trustees free will giving.

Donations from related parties during the year totalled £13,944 (2023 - £11,265)
All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than statutory fees in the role of organist.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Only trustee to receive remuneration was the incumbent – see account for details.

Investment Policy

The Charity does not Invest Funds

Principal Risks

The Charity sustained its activities through Covid and is in a strong position both in terms of funds available and staff and volunteers to carry out its activities.
There are therefore no significant risks to the charity and its future is seen as fully sustainable.

Reference, Trustees and Administrative details

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Stone

Christ Church Parish Office
Christchurch Way
Stone
Staffs ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number 1156528

TRUSTEES

Served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved;

Revd Paul Kingman	(from Sept 2003)	Incumbent and PCC Chair
Peter Cuthbert	(from Sept 2019)	Children and Families worker
Peter Mason		Warden
David Beauchamp		Warden
Andrew Stone		Deputy Warden
David Rowlands		Reader
Helen Bowes		Reader
Christine Pentland		Reader
Mr A Stone		Elected PCC member
Mrs E Mason		Elected PCC member
Mrs E Woodhead		Elected PCC member
Mrs M Hillman		Elected PCC member
Mrs S. Hallam		Elected PCC member
Mrs M Garrington-Miller		Elected PCC member
Mrs J. Abrahams		Elected PCC member
Mrs L. Bakker-Collier		Elected PCC member
Mr G Williams		Elected PCC member
Mrs S Sanders		Elected PCC member
Mr P Kelly		Elected PCC member
Mr G Holden		Elected PCC member

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Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity no. 1156528 registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).
All PCC members are Trustees.
PCC members are elected by enrolled church members on a rolling 3-year basis.
The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll.
For PCC members, subject to DBS clearance and safeguarding training as specified by the Diocese of Lichfield, a service is held including an induction prayer for those newly elected. Training is acquired through attending the PCC meetings, no individual responsibilities are given to those newly elected. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.
The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year.

Management of the church and its organisation is assisted by the use of a software package "ChurchSuite". This provides a GDPR approved database for communication, a means of identifying and fulfilling rotas and a central registry for Safeguarding.
Financial Accounting software is MFAOL – My Financial Accounting Online – supported by Lichfield Diocese Finance Board.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and in compliance with the Diocese of Lichfield policies.
We maintain accurate records of DBS documentation and the ChurchSuite software prompts for renewal and training requirements.

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.
The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Fabric and Insurances

In order to protect the buildings, grounds and fixtures and fixings under the charge and management of the Trustees, a comprehensive Insurance policy is maintained with Ecclesiastical Insurance and Guarantee (EIG). This policy and its implications to church activities are managed by the Wardens.
Working with EIG has proved of benefit not only in providing cover for accidental damage, but also in providing a framework and templates to ensure activities and management within the church comply with the relevant sections of the insurance policy.
Prompted by the policy, a full review and subsequent modifications have been made to the agreements for those renting rooms in the church centre.
A comprehensive review has also been made of the Fire Safety provisions and this has also produced modifications and improvements to the way the buildings are managed, especially when larger numbers are being accommodated.

This all comes as part of the Trustee's desire to provide a safe environment for visitors to the church, as well as be good stewards of the facilities in their care.

The Charity's Vision and Priorities for the Future.

Involvement with Lead Academy has focussed the Trustees on their achievable aims, what we do well and what we need to improve on.

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture
We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
Actions:
To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings, and funerals and at other times as they arise.

We will hold events that promote our meeting together, to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism

In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Actions:

We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.

We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.

We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.

We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.

We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.

We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship

We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:

We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.

We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.

We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.

We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.

We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home, Oulton Abbey and St Mary's as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

Declaration

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – Submitted to LDBF and pending completion of the Independent Examination for 2024.

Approved by the PCC on 15th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

P.H.C. Kingman

Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Registered charity number: 1156528

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 15/05/2025.

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance. St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement
The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern
There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors
No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds
Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.
Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient

reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

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

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors
Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals
Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	69,922	-	16,847	-	86,769	116,270
Income from charitable activities	20,928	-	-	-	20,928	16,761
Other trading activities	1,363	-	1,242	-	2,606	2,398
Investments	1,045	-	90	-	1,136	129
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**93,258**	**-**	**18,180**	**-**	**111,438**	**135,557**
Payments						
Raising funds	1,189	-	-	-	1,189	1,671
Expenditure on charitable activities	96,575	-	16,998	-	113,573	112,487
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**97,764**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**114,762**	**114,158**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(4,506)**	**-**	**1,182**	**-**	**(3,324)**	**21,399**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	19,029	-	-	-	19,029	15,768
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(19,029)	-	-	(19,029)	(15,768)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	110
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**14,524**	**(19,029)**	**1,182**	**-**	**(3,324)**	**21,509**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**
Total funds carried forward	**3,035**	**138,069**	**77,834**	**-**	**218,938**	**222,262**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	3,035	-	-	-	3,035	(11,489)
Designated						
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	-	36,648	-	-	36,648	36,648
Christine Burslem Fund	-	17,982	-	-	17,982	37,011
Diane Schemilt Fund	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	-	81,439	-	-	81,439	81,439
Restricted						
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Fund	-	-	11,722	-	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	-	-	2,097	-	2,097	2,081
Rock Youth Ministry	-	-	64,015	-	64,015	62,848

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Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,081	2,081
	2,081	**2,081**
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	220,574	222,762
	220,574	**222,762**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,717	2,582
	3,717	**2,582**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**216,856**	**220,180**
Total assets less current liabilities	**218,938**	**222,262**
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	**218,938**	**222,262**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	3,035	(11,489)
Designated		
Designated - Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	36,648	36,648
Designated - Christine Burslem Fund	17,982	37,011
Designated - Diane Schemilt Fund	2,000	2,000
Designated - Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	81,439	81,439
Restricted		
Restricted - Development Fund	11,722	11,722
Restricted - Gertrude Pickering Fund	2,097	2,081
Restricted - Rock Youth Ministry	64,015	62,848
Fund Totals	**218,938**	**222,262**

Approved by the PCC on 16/7/..... 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

P H C Kingston (Vicar)

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The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities – 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6430: CCLA investment fund - Pickering	-	-	2,081	-	2,081	2,081
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,081**	**-**	**2,081**	**2,081**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account	(56)	138,069	33,536	-	171,549	174,911
6505: Rock Youth 6549	7	-	4,245	-	4,252	4,170
6506: Rock Youth 0617	3,877	-	40,157	-	44,034	42,942
6510: CBF deposit account	719	-	-	-	719	719
6590: Petty Cash	20	-	-	-	20	20
Total	**4,566**	**138,069**	**77,938**	**-**	**220,574**	**222,762**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,186	-	2,186	1,050
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,186**	**-**	**2,186**	**1,050**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	1,531
Total	**1,531**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,531**	**1,531**
Net total assets	**3,035**	**138,069**	**77,834**	**-**	**218,938**	**222,262**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities – 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6430: CCLA investment fund - Pickering	-	-	2,081	-	2,081	1,971
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,081**	**-**	**2,081**	**1,971**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account	(14,573)	157,099	32,385	-	174,911	155,833
6505: Rock Youth 6549	-	-	4,170	-	4,170	4,109
6506: Rock Youth 0617	3,877	-	39,065	-	42,942	39,086
6510: CBF deposit account	719	-	-	-	719	697
6590: Petty Cash	20	-	-	-	20	20
Total	**(9,957)**	**157,099**	**75,620**	**-**	**222,762**	**199,745**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,050	-	1,050	964
Total	**-**	**-**	**1,050**	**-**	**1,050**	**964**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	1,531	-	-	-	1,531	-
Total	**1,531**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,531**	**-**
Net total assets	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**

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Fund movement summary – 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
CBFund							
Designated	37,011	-	-	(19,029)	-	-	17,982
Sub-totals	**37,011**	**-**	**-**	**(19,029)**	**-**	**-**	**17,982**

DEVELOP							
Restricted	11,722	-	-	-	-	-	11,722
Sub-totals	**11,722**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11,722**
DSFund							
Designated	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sub-totals	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**
Gassor Legacy							
Designated	81,439	-	-	-	-	-	81,439
Sub-totals	**81,439**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**81,439**
Gertrude							
Restricted	2,081	15	-	-	-	-	2,097
Sub-totals	**2,081**	**15**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,097**
Rock							
Restricted	62,848	18,165	16,998	-	-	-	64,015
Sub-totals	**62,848**	**18,165**	**16,998**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**64,015**
Wilding Legacy							
Designated	36,648	-	-	-	-	-	36,648
Sub-totals	**36,648**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36,648**
General							
Unrestricted	(11,489)	93,258	97,764	19,029	-	-	3,035
Sub-totals	**(11,489)**	**93,258**	**97,764**	**19,029**	**-**	**-**	**3,035**
Totals	**222,262**	**111,438**	**114,762**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**218,938**

Fund description

Designated funds:

- Irene Gassor Legacy- funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Cecelia Wilding Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Christine Burslem Legacy - funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC
- Diane Schemilt Legacy - funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, and agreed by the PCC

Restricted funds:

- Development Fund – for the development and upkeep of the Church Centre
- Gertrude Pickering Fund – to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish
- Rock Youth Ministry – Rock Youth Ministry funds are donated (and gift aided) by church members to cover the salary of the Children and Families Worker

Fund movement summary – 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
CBFund							
Designated	-	37,011	-	-	-	-	37,011
Sub-totals	**-**	**37,011**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**37,011**
DEVELOP							
Restricted	11,722	-	-	-	-	-	11,722
Sub-totals	**11,722**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11,722**
DSFund							
Designated	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sub-totals	**-**	**2,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**

Gassor Legacy							
Designated	83,909	-	1,701	(768)	-	-	81,439
Sub-totals	**83,909**	**-**	**1,701**	**(768)**	**-**	**-**	**81,439**
Gertrude							
Restricted	1,971	-	-	-	110	-	2,081
Sub-totals	**1,971**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**110**	**-**	**2,081**
Rock							
Restricted	50,541	10,405	-	1,902	-	-	62,848
Sub-totals	**50,541**	**10,405**	**-**	**1,902**	**-**	**-**	**62,848**
Wilding Legacy							
Designated	36,784	-	135	-	-	-	36,648
Sub-totals	**36,784**	**-**	**135**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36,648**
General							
Unrestricted	15,826	86,141	112,322	(1,134)	-	-	(11,489)
Sub-totals	**15,826**	**86,141**	**112,322**	**(1,134)**	**-**	**-**	**(11,489)**
Totals	**200,753**	**135,557**	**114,158**	**-**	**110**	**-**	**222,262**

Analysis of income and expenditure - 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	60,214	-	-	-	60,214	40,642
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,746	-	-	-	1,746	1,924
0201 - Other planned giving	-	-	9,275	-	9,275	19,816
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,748	-	-	-	3,748	2,308
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	700	-	2,270	-	2,970	3,755
0550 - Donations appeals etc	657	-	275	-	932	1,563
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	3,498	-	3,498	4,061
0701 - Legacies	643	-	-	-	643	39,011
0901 - Other funds generated	2,214	-	1,529	-	3,743	3,191
Donations and legacies Totals	**69,922**	**-**	**16,847**	**-**	**86,769**	**116,270**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,827	-	-	-	3,827	1,234
1210 - Bookstall sales	645	-	-	-	645	560
1230 - Church hall lettings	16,455	-	-	-	16,455	14,966
Income from charitable activities Totals	**20,928**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20,928**	**16,761**
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales & events	125	-	1,242	-	1,367	1,196
1250 - Magazine income from advertising	846	-	-	-	846	749
1260 - Parish magazine sales	393	-	-	-	393	454
Other trading activities Totals	**1,363**	**-**	**1,242**	**-**	**2,606**	**2,398**
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	1,000	-	15	-	1,015	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	45	-	75	-	120	129
Investments Totals	**1,045**	**-**	**90**	**-**	**1,136**	**129**
Receipts Grand totals	**93,258**	**-**	**18,180**	**-**	**111,438**	**135,557**
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,189	-	-	-	1,189	1,671
Raising funds Totals	**1,189**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,189**	**1,671**

Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Charitable giving	2,584	-	-	-	2,584	7,134
1910 - Parish share	42,466	-	-	-	42,466	41,458
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	16,922	-	16,922	15,892
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	7,505	-	-	-	7,505	9,906
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,882	-	-	-	1,882	2,066
2170 - Education	305	-	-	-	305	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	255	-	-	-	255	400
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,726	-	-	-	3,726	3,563
2310 - Church office - telephone	149	-	-	-	149	58
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	55	-	-	-	55	-
2330 - Church maintenance	100	-	-	-	100	209
2331 - Cleaning	2,032	-	-	-	2,032	2,117
2340 - Upkeep of services	4,595	-	-	-	4,595	4,530
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	8,744	-	-	-	8,744	671
2360 - Administration	9,425	-	76	-	9,501	8,452
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	47
2401 - Church running - electric	623	-	-	-	623	598
2410 - Church running - gas	7,696	-	-	-	7,696	10,111
2420 - Church running - water	71	-	-	-	71	70
2510 - Bookstall costs	632	-	-	-	632	1,063
2530 - Hall running - electricity	2,027	-	-	-	2,027	2,435
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	352	-	-	-	352	467
2570 - Hall running - telephone	508	-	-	-	508	457
2580 - Hall running - water	348	-	-	-	348	329
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	495	-	-	-	495	453
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**96,575**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**113,573**	**112,487**
Payments Grand totals	**97,764**	**-**	**16,998**	**-**	**114,762**	**114,158**

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£ 23,529	£ 24,847
Employers Pension	£227	£240
Employers National Insurance	£671	£711
Average number of employees	3	3

During the year the PCC employed two Administrators (both part-time) and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses
1 trustee is employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children's and Families Worker and was paid £16,122 (2023: £14,349). The PCC paid £227 and ££671 in pension contributions and National Insurance respectively in connection with this employment. were made by the PCC in connection with this employment. P Cuthbert does not take part in PCC discussions in connection with their salary.

1 Trustee has been reimbursed £1,882 (2023: £2,066 for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year

Related Parties
No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £13,944 (2023: £11,265) .

Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in market value £	At 31st Dec £
Restricted Funds						
Gertrude Pickering	2,081				63	2,144
Total	**2,081**				**63**	**2,144**

The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 1,438 shares held with the CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

Prior Year Comparative
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	66,853	39,011	10,405	-	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities	16,761	-	-	-	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities	2,398	-	-	-	2,398	2,246
Investments	129	-	-	-	129	72
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	**86,141**	**39,011**	**10,405**	**-**	**135,557**	**106,674**

Payments

Raising funds	903	768	-	-	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,419	1,068	-	-	112,487	101,009
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**112,322**	**1,836**	**-**	**-**	**114,158**	**102,777**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(26,181)**	**37,175**	**10,405**	**-**	**21,399**	**3,897**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,317	-	8,451	-	15,768	130,709
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,451)	(768)	(6,549)	-	(15,768)	(130,709)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	110	-	110	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	(306)
Net movement in funds	**(27,314)**	**36,406**	**12,417**	**-**	**21,509**	**3,591**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**-**	**200,753**	**197,162**
Total funds carried forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**-**	**222,262**	**200,753**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156528

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Stone

Charity registration number: 1156528

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and provides overall governance of the church activities, buildings and facilities.

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 Christ Church. 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 the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and the sacraments. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality, fellowship schools and other chaplaincy work we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

A Mission Action Plan has been developed over recent years to guide the Church's activities and focus the investment of both money and resources.
Nurture, Evangelism and Worship are the three key aspects of the Charity's work.
To carry out these aims the following activities are funded, staffed and managed by the Charity.

Weekday Services:

Sunday mornings are the main gathering for worship in the church.
Other services are held;
Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House, St Mary's Home and Oulton Abbey Nursing home; termly school services.
Throughout Covid the church maintained Online services which enabled it to fulfil its Objective of providing regular worship. A number of new members joined the congregation during covid, and have subsequently joined the in-person services, and have gone on to play significant roles in the activities of the church. Since that time, the numbers of those worshipping has remained stable, mainly we believe because that provision was maintained and the continuity is now seen in steady, regular attendance at services.
We still maintain Zoom links for Sunday morning services and this option is taken up by those unable to attend in person – elderly, sick or isolating.

Youth Work:

The Charity funds a part time worker to run "in school" Christian activities, clubs at church and after school and he provides activities for Sunday morning services.
The results of this investment, which has been a long term commitment by the church, are seen in the families attending Sunday morning but more so in the very regular attendance at the school based clubs.
In addition, a team of volunteers run an Easter Holiday Club which always attracts good numbers – as many as can be accommodated within the available buildings.
We are fortunate in having good relationships with the associated schools, giving good access for Open the Book activities, the clubs and other interactions – all facilitated by the Foundation Governors from the church.
Tuesday lunchtime 'Pursuit' (Christchurch Academy, Years 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons; after school clubs for Christ Church First School (Wednesdays) and Oulton First School (Thursdays).
Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Staffing

Administration is by two part time paid office based administrators

Volunteers

Church members volunteer for many activities;
Youth and children's groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; parent & toddlers group; development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA); hospital chaplaincy for RSUH and County Hospitals, pastoral care support, cleaning of the building, flower arranging, maintenance, provision of music for services, gardening, sides person, welcomer, visiting, sound and video engineering, marshalling, catering and other related roles.

Pastoral Care

This is a vital part of the church's Mission Action Plan – to provide support to those in need. The opportunity arose in early 2023 for the development and improvement of this area of activity in the church. The vicar and two trained counsellors who are church members, were able to provide a training course for around 20 members of the congregation over a number of training and workshop sessions.
As well as this support being available in an informal way through the week, there is weekly provision of an opportunity to receive pastoral care after the Sunday morning Service.

House, Study and Prayer Groups:

Bible study discipleship groups, *Hope Explored*, annual Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Areas of co-operation;

Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Other activities;

We have regular times of outreach to the community. We held a special service of commemoration in February to mark the 80th anniversary of the death of Flt Lt Dick Stubbs DFC DFM in conjunction with the local town RAFA.
We have organised '*Advent Windows'* since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving many community groups).
We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA.
The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee.
The Benefice is a partner church for the '*Midlands Gospel Partnership'* (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands.
We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

The Charity engaged with Lead Academy pre Covid, and has subsequently renewed the relationship, as this organisation provides training, resources and encouragement to help churches identify what they do well and what needs improving.
Lead Academy activities, videos and training have become a feature of PCC meetings and some church activities to provide guidance and direction.

Training for the Future

The Charity is supporting, with funding, a member of the PCC in their training and development for future full time service within the C of E.

Financial Review

The accounts are attached to this Trustees' Annual Report detailing the charity's financial position.

Reserves Holding Policy Statement

It is the Charity's Policy to maintain a reserve of £30,000 in readily accessible, unrestricted accounts, for unforeseen circumstances.

Amount of Reserves Held

At the end of this reporting year, the reserves total was £174,912
This figure is substantiated in the attached full financial reports.

This figure is made up of revenue, giving and legacies as per the Income statement below. None of the legacies received are Restricted, although the Charity does allocate some legacy money for specific activities – all agreed and minuted at PCC meetings.

Charity's Sources of Income Funding

The Charity derives income from;

Free will giving
Donations
Legacies
Hire of facilities
Fees
Gift Aid Repayments
Fund raising activities

Donations from Related Parties – Trustees free will giving.

Donations from related parties during the year totalled £11,265 (2022 - £9,968). All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than statutory fees in the roles of organist and verger.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Only trustee to receive remuneration was the incumbent – see account for details.

Investment Policy

The Charity does not Invest Funds

Principal Risks

The Charity sustained its activities through Covid and is in a strong position both in terms of funds available and staff and volunteers to carry out its activities.
There are therefore no significant risks to the charity and its future is seen as fully sustainable.

Reference, Trustees and Administrative details

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Stone

Christ Church Parish Office
Christchurch Way
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Staffs ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number 1156528

TRUSTEES

Served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved;

Revd Paul Kingman	(from Sept 2003)	Incumbent and PCC Chair
Peter Cuthbert	(from Sept 2019)	Children and Families worker
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Mr P Tunstall		Elected PCC member
Mr A Stone		Elected PCC member
Mrs D Aspey		Elected PCC member
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Declaration

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – End of March 2024

Approved by the PCC on 24th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity Commission no. 1156528

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity registration number: 1156528

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

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 Christ Church. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

A Mission Action Plan has been developed over recent years to guide the Church's activities and focus the investment of both money and resources.
Nurture, Evangelism and Worship are the three key aspects of the Charity's work.
To carry out these aims the following activities are funded, staffed and managed by the Charity.

Weekday Services:

Sunday mornings are the main gathering for worship in the church.

Other services are held;
Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House, St Mary's Home and Oulton Abbey Nursing home; termly school services.
Throughout Covid the church maintained Online services which enabled it to fulfil its Objective of providing regular worship. A number of new members joined the congregation during covid, and have subsequently joined the in-person services, and have gone on to play significant roles in the activities of the church. Since that time, the numbers of those worshipping has remained stable, mainly we believe because that provision was maintained and the continuity is now seen in steady, regular attendance at services.
We still maintain Zoom links for Sunday morning services and this option is taken up by those unable to attend in person – elderly, sick or isolating.

Youth Work:
The Charity funds a part time worker to run "in school" Christian activities, clubs at church and after school and he provides activities for Sunday morning services.
The results of this investment, which has been a long term commitment by the church, are seen in the families attending Sunday morning but more so in the very regular attendance at the school based clubs.
In addition, a team of volunteers run an Easter Holiday Club which always attracts good numbers – as many as can be accommodated within the available buildings.
We are fortunate in having good relationships with the associated schools, giving good access for Open the Book activities, the clubs and other interactions – all facilitated by the Foundation Governors from the church.
Tuesday lunchtime 'Pursuit' (Christchurch Academy, Years 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons; after school clubs for Christ Church First School (Wednesdays) and Oulton First School (Thursdays).
Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Staffing
Administration is by two part time paid office-based administrators

Volunteers
Church members volunteer for many activities;
Youth and children's groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; parent & toddlers group; development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA); hospital chaplaincy for RSUH and County Hospitals, pastoral care support, cleaning of the building, flower arranging, maintenance, provision of music for services, gardening, sides person, welcomer, visiting, sound and video engineering, marshalling, catering and other related roles.

Pastoral Care
This is a vital part of the church's Mission Action Plan – to provide support to those in need.
The opportunity arose in early 2023 for the development and improvement of this area of activity in the church. The vicar and two trained counsellors who are church members, were able to provide a training course for around 20 members of the congregation over a number of training and workshop sessions.
As well as this support being available in an informal way through the week, there is weekly provision of an opportunity to receive pastoral care after the Sunday morning Service.

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Training for the Future
The Charity is supporting, with funding, a member of the PCC in their training and development for future full-time service within the C of E.

Financial Review

The accounts are attached to this Trustees' Annual Report detailing the charity's financial position.

Reserves Holding Policy Statement
It is the Charity's Policy to maintain a reserve of £30,000 in readily accessible, unrestricted accounts, for unforeseen circumstances.

Amount of Reserves Held
At the end of this reporting year, the unrestricted (general and designated) reserves total was £145,610 (2022: £136,518) which far exceeds this target. The PCC plan to invest some of this surplus money as there are no immediate plans to spend it.
This figure is substantiated in the attached full financial reports.
This figure is made up of revenue, giving and legacies as per the Income statement below.
None of the legacies received are Restricted, although the Charity does allocate some legacy money for specific activities – all agreed and minuted at PCC meetings.

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Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties – Trustees free will giving.
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Remuneration paid to Trustees
2 trustees are employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children & Families Worker and was paid £14,349. The PCC paid £711 and £240 in National Insurance and Employer Pension Contributions respectively in connection with this employment.
J Abraham, was employed from May 23 as a part-time administrator. She was paid £2,906.

Neither member of staff take part in any PCC discussions in connection with their employment.

None of the other trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than fees in the roles of wedding and funeral organist and verger paid for by the families concerned.

Expenses paid to Trustees
One trustee has been reimbursed £2,066 (2022 £1,343) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	Stone Christ Church
Address	Christ Church Parish Office
	Christchurch Way
	Stone ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number	1156528

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex officio

Incumbent	Revd Paul Kingman (PCC Chair)
Wardens	Peter Mason
	David Beauchamp (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod members	Mrs H Bowes (and Reader)
	Mr D Rowlands (and Reader)

Elected members:

Deputy Warden	Mr A Stone
Treasurer	Mr P Kelly
Joint Administrator (from May 23)	Mrs J. Abrahams
	Mrs S Sanders
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PARISH PROFILE & MISSION ACTION PLAN (*updated for April 2019*)

The United Benefice of Christ Church Stone & Oulton with Moddershall, Staffordshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

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Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019).
Wardens: David Beauchamp and Pete Mason (CC, Stone); Simon Hodgkinson and Ruth Wilson (O with M).
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall and Andy Stone (CC, Stone); John Beamond (OwM); Andrew Plant (OwM).
Readers: David Bell, Helen Bowes, David Rowlands, Christine Pentland.

THE PARISH SETTING:

The United Benefice covers the northern part of the town of Stone plus two villages to the northeast. The population of Stone is 17,278 (Census 2021) and rising due to house developments. It was formerly a market town, but now known as a Canal Town and has two industrial parks for businesses. The parish has a total population ca. 5,203 [Stone 4,223 Oulton 800; Moddershall 180] and *aSa* of 76, 19 and 6 respectively.? Have kept this the same as they did not do a statistics calculator for 2020! More recently the town has seen the building of new retail outlets, a new leisure centre, the current development of the canal wharf with the addition of a theatre. A train service provides a link to Stafford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent and Crewe.

THE CHURCHES

Ecclesiastical Tradition: the benefice of two parishes is in the gift of The Simeon's Trust and so has had an Anglican evangelical ministry since its establishment – with an emphasis on shaping the church's life and ministry according to the Holy Bible and worshipping the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two village churches are more traditional in style but share the same Patron. In 1989 a joint Benefice was formed and continues to be one today.

"Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy servant, Charles Simeon, didst mould the lives of many that they might go forth and teach others also; mercifully grant that as through evil report and good report he ceased not to preach thy saving Word, so we may never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen".

[A prayer used in King's College, Cambridge for 13th Nov – the date of Charles Simeon's death].

Pattern of Sunday Worship:
Christ Church, Stone: 9.15 a.m. (all CW: 1st HC, 2nd MP, 3rd HC, 4th Family 5th MP).
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Weekday Services: Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House and also St Mary's Home; termly school services.

Lay involvement: administration (p/t paid); youth and children groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; mums & toddlers; luncheon club for elderly (O); development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

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Any other activities or comments:
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We will hold events that promote our meeting together, so as to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism
In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Actions:
We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.
We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.
We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.
We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.
We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.
We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.
We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship
We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:
We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.
We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.
We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.
We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.

We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

A SUMMARY OF OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN from 2019.

Although we have set out the vision in our own terms, we believe that there is a good correspondence with the current Diocesan priorities. For this reason, we have set out below our goals for the next phase utilising the terms of reference: Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism or the forthcoming period.

Table: MAP Summary (using Diocese of Lichfield's framework):

Primary purpose	Actions for 2019 onwards
Discipleship *-growing up*	1. To hold regular Sunday services for corporate the worship of God. 2. Provide resources for personal Bible reading & prayer. 3. To hold an annual Lent course in order to deepen our discipleship. 4. To encourage adults and young people to attend Christian conventions and summer ventures as times of celebration, refreshment and growth. 5. To partner with the Midlands Gospel Partnership as a means of resourcing and reaching the Midlands with gospel workers. 6. Promote prayer gatherings: weekly and monthly. 7. To provide age-appropriate home groups and life-long Christian learning and prayer in small groups.
Vocation *- growing more*	1. Encourage the congregations to live as the family of God and to demonstrate this in everyday life at home, work and in the community. 2. Provide nursing home services so as to affirm the vocation of the elderly and infirm in their own sphere of mission. 3. To support our schools by providing foundation Governors and regular acts of worship, in order to serve God through expressing the gospel in action and bless others. 4. To provide lay pastoral care for those who grieve, together with an annual memorial service as a support for the bereaved. 5. To develop an understanding that the workplace is our *'front line'* i.e. that it is key area to work out our discipleship and service of God. 6. To care for people's wellbeing through hospital volunteer chaplaincy to and also locally to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
Evangelism *- growing out*	1. To preach the gospel in season and out of season, bringing the call and the challenge of discipleship to the world, through the spoken word, written materials and our social media. 2. To make the main festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter regular opportunities for outreach. 3. To provide regular *'Hope Explored'* and *'Christianity Explored'* enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run *'Advent windows'* in partnership with town & community groups, so as to engage people with Christmas. 5. To practise generosity and extend God's mission by aspiring to give 10% of our gross income to Christian mission (5% min). 6. To hold an annual children's holiday club to bring the good news to the next generation.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Registered charity number: 1156528

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 25/09/2024

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	66,853	39,011	10,405	—	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities	16,761	—	—	—	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities	2,398	—	—	—	2,398	2,246
Investments	129	—	—	—	129	72
Total income	**86,141**	**39,011**	**10,405**	**—**	**135,557**	**106,674**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,419	1,068	—	—	112,487	101,009
Total expenditure	**112,322**	**1,836**	**—**	**—**	**114,158**	**102,777**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(26,181)**	**37,175**	**10,405**	**—**	**21,399**	**3,897**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,317	—	8,451	—	15,768	130,709
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,451)	(768)	(6,549)	—	(15,768)	(130,709)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	110	—	110	(306)
Net movement in funds	**(27,314)**	**36,406**	**12,417**	**—**	**21,509**	**3,591**
Total funds brought forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**
Total funds carried forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**—**	**222,262**	**200,753**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	(11,489)	—	—	—	(11,489)	15,826
Designated						
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	—	36,648	—	—	36,648	36,784
Christine Burslem Fund	—	37,011	—	—	37,011	—
Diane Schemilt Fund	—	2,000	—	—	2,000	—
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	—	81,439	—	—	81,439	83,909
Restricted						
Development Fund	—	—	11,722	—	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	—	—	2,081	—	2,081	1,971
Rock Youth Ministry	—	—	62,848	—	62,848	50,541

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,081	1,971
	2,081	**1,971**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	222,762	199,745
	222,762	**199,745**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,582	964
	2,582	**964**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**220,180**	**198,781**
Total assets less current liabilities	**222,262**	**200,753**
Total net assets less liabilities	**222,262**	**200,753**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	(11,489)	15,826
Designated		
Christine Burslem Fund	37,011	—
Diane Schemilt Fund	2,000	—
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	81,439	83,909
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	36,648	36,784
Restricted		
Development Fund	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	2,081	1,971
Rock Youth Ministry	62,848	50,541
Funds of the church	**222,262**	**200,753**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th Sept 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: P.H.C Kingman

Name: Rev. Paul Kingman (Vicar).

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Accounting Policies continued

Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors
Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals
Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund movement by type - 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
CBFund - Christine Burslem Fu						
Designated	—	37,011	—	—	—	37,011
Sub-total for CBFund	**—**	**37,011**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**37,011**
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
DSFund - Diane Schemilt Fund						
Designated	—	2,000	—	—	—	2,000
Sub-total for DSFund	**—**	**2,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2,000**
Gassor Leg - Irene Gassor Legacy						
Designated	83,909	—	1,701	(768)	—	81,439
Sub-total for Gassor Leg	**83,909**	**—**	**1,701**	**(768)**	**—**	**81,439**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	1,971	—	—	—	110	2,081
Sub-total for Gertrude	**1,971**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**110**	**2,081**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	50,541	10,405	—	1,902	—	62,848
Sub-total for Rock	**50,541**	**10,405**	**—**	**1,902**	**—**	**62,848**
Wilding Le - Cecilia Wilding Lega						
Designated	36,784	—	135	—	—	36,648
Sub-total for Wilding Le	**36,784**	**—**	**135**	**—**	**—**	**36,648**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	15,826	86,141	112,322	(1,134)	—	(11,489)
Sub-total for General	**15,826**	**86,141**	**112,322**	**(1,134)**	**—**	**(11,489)**
Grand total	**200,753**	**135,557**	**114,158**	**—**	**110**	**222,262**

Fund movement by type - 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gassor Leg - Irene Gassor Legacy						
Designated	—	—	1,569	85,478	—	83,909
Sub-total for Gassor Leg	**—**	**—**	**1,569**	**85,478**	**—**	**83,909**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,277	—	—	—	(306)	1,971
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,277**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(306)**	**1,971**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	41,514	14,374	5,345	(1)	—	50,541
Sub-total for Rock	**41,514**	**14,374**	**5,345**	**(1)**	**—**	**50,541**
Wilding Le - Cecilia Wilding Lega						
Designated	—	—	8,447	45,231	—	36,784
Sub-total for Wilding Le	**—**	**—**	**8,447**	**45,231**	**—**	**36,784**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	141,649	92,300	87,416	(130,708)	—	15,826
Sub-total for General	**141,649**	**92,300**	**87,416**	**(130,708)**	**—**	**15,826**
Grand total	**197,162**	**106,674**	**102,777**	**—**	**(306)**	**200,753**

Fund Description

Designated funds

- Irene Gassor Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Cecilia Wilding Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Christine Burslem Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Diane Schemilt Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC

Restricted Funds

- Development Fund – for the development and upkeep of the Church Centre
- Gertrude Pickering Fund – to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish
- Rock Youth Ministry - Rock Youth Ministry funds are donated (and Gift Aided) by church members to cover the salary of the Children and Families Worker.

Fund transfers – 2023

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Payment for Picture	-	768	Trnsfr from Gassor to Gen - 6501	Gassor Legacy	Des
Payment for Picture	768	-	Trnsfr from Gassor to Gen - 6501	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	-	6	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	6	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	-	61	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	General	Unr
2023 fund mis-posting	61	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	Rock	Res
Historic fund mis-posting	-	8,384	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6506	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	8,384	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6506	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	-	6,549	Trnsfr from Rock Youth to Gen - 6506	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	6,549	-	Trnsfr from Rock Youth to Gen - 6506	General	Unr
Total	15,768	15,768			

Fund Transfers – 2022

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Fund Transfer	-	45,231	Trnsfr from General to Cecilia Wilding Legacy	General	Unr
Fund Transfer	45,231	-	Trnsfr from General to Cecilia Wilding Legacy	Wilding Legacy	Des
Fund Transfer	-	85,478	Trnsfr from General to Irene Gassor Legacy F	General	Unr
Fund Transfer	85,478	-	Trnsfr from General to Irene Gassor Legacy F	Gassor Legacy	Des
Fund Re-Org	-	1	Trnsfr from Rock Yth Min to Gen - 6505	Rock	Res
Fund Re-Org	1	-	Trnsfr from Rock Yth Min to Gen - 6505	General	Unr
Total	130,709	130,709			

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	40,642	—	—	—	40,642	44,555
Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,924	—	—	—	1,924	2,246
Other planned giving	9,411	—	10,405	—	19,816	16,954
Loose plate collections	2,308	—	—	—	2,308	2,169
One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,755	—	—	—	3,755	3,200
Donations appeals etc	1,563	—	—	—	1,563	370
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4,061	—	—	—	4,061	2,551
Legacies	—	39,011	—	—	39,011	11,799
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	3,200
Other funds generated	3,191	—	—	—	3,191	4,709
Total	66,853	39,011	10,405	—	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,234	—	—	—	1,234	2,101
Bookstall sales	560	—	—	—	560	777
Church hall lettings	14,966	—	—	—	14,966	9,724
Total	16,761	—	—	—	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities						
Rummage sales & events	1,196	—	—	—	1,196	992
Magazine income from advertising	749	—	—	—	749	420
Parish magazine sales	454	—	—	—	454	835
Total	2,398	—	—	—	2,398	2,246
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	129	—	—	—	129	72
Total	129	—	—	—	129	72
INCOME TOTAL	86,141	39,011	10,405	—	135,557	106,674
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Costs of fetes & other events	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Total	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Charitable giving	7,134	—	—	—	7,134	5,967
Parish share	41,458	—	—	—	41,458	39,484
Assistant staff costs	15,892	—	—	—	15,892	13,288
Salary of parish administrator	9,906	—	—	—	9,906	5,539
Working expenses of incumbent	2,066	—	—	—	2,066	1,343
Vicarage costs	—	—	—	—	—	250
Parish training and mission	400	—	—	—	400	—
Church running - insurance	3,563	—	—	—	3,563	3,317
Church office - telephone	58	—	—	—	58	229
Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	55
Church maintenance	209	—	—	—	209	4,790
Cleaning	2,117	—	—	—	2,117	1,544
Upkeep of services	3,462	1,068	—	—	4,530	5,773

Upkeep of churchyard	671	—	—	—	671	510
Administration	8,452	—	—	—	8,452	11,822
Visiting speakers / locums	47	—	—	—	47	—
Church running - electric	598	—	—	—	598	478
Church running - gas	10,111	—	—	—	10,111	4,313
Church running - water	70	—	—	—	70	—
Bookstall costs	1,063	—	—	—	1,063	528
Hall running - electricity	2,435	—	—	—	2,435	1,005
Hall running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	174
Hall running - maintenance	467	—	—	—	467	—
Hall running - telephone	457	—	—	—	457	366
Hall running - water	329	—	—	—	329	233
Governance costs examination/audit fee	453	—	—	—	453	—
Total	111,419	1,068	—	—	112,487	101,009
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	112,322	1,836	—	—	114,158	102,777
GRAND TOTAL	(26,181)	37,175	10,405	—	21,399	3,897

Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	£24,847	£18,827
Employers Pension	£240	£176
Employers National Insurance	£711	£447
Average number of Employees	3	2

During the year the PCC employed two Administrators (both part-time) and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

2 trustees are employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children & Families Worker and was paid £14,349. The PCC paid £711 and £240 in National Insurance and Employer Pension Contributions respectively in connection with this employment.
J Abraham, was employed from May 23 as a part-time administrator. She was paid £2,906.

Neither member of staff take part in any PCC discussions in connection with their employment.

None of the other trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than fees in the roles of wedding and funeral organist and verger paid for by the families concerned.

Expenses paid to Trustees

One trustee has been reimbursed £2,066 (2022 £1,343) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £11,265 (2022 £9,968).

Fixed Asset Investment

	At 1 Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Restricted Fund						
Gertrude Pickering	1,971	---	---	---	110	2,081
Total	**1,971**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**110**	**2,081**

The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church, Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 1,438 shares held with CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

Analysis of Assets - 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	2,081	—	2,081	1,971
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,081**	**—**	**2,081**	**1,971**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(14,573)	157,099	32,385	—	174,911	155,833
Rock Youth 6549 -	—	—	4,170	—	4,170	4,109
Rock Youth 0617 -	3,877	—	39,065	—	42,942	39,086
CBF deposit account -	719	—	—	—	719	697
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**(9,957)**	**157,099**	**75,620**	**—**	**222,762**	**199,745**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,050	—	1,050	964
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,050**	**—**	**1,050**	**964**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	1,531	—	—	—	1,531	—
Totals	**1,531**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,531**	**—**
Grand total	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**—**	**222,262**	**200,753**

Christ Church, Stone PCC
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Analysis of Assets - 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	1,971	—	1,971	2,277
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,971**	**—**	**1,971**	**2,277**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	2,842	120,692	32,299	—	155,833	157,125
Rock Youth 6549 -	6	—	4,104	—	4,109	4,103
Rock Youth 0617 -	12,261	—	26,825	—	39,086	33,849
CBF deposit account -	697	—	—	—	697	687
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**15,826**	**120,692**	**63,227**	**—**	**199,745**	**195,784**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	964	—	964	900
Totals	**—**	**—**	**964**	**—**	**964**	**900**
Grand total	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	77,379	—	14,373	—	91,753	170,484
Income from charitable activities	12,602	—	—	—	12,602	6,130
Other trading activities	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	1,161
Investments	72	—	1	—	72	64
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	170
Total income	**92,300**	**—**	**14,374**	**—**	**106,674**	**178,009**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,767	—	—	—	1,767	1,005
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,648	10,016	5,345	—	101,009	85,661
Total expenditure	**87,416**	**10,016**	**5,345**	**—**	**102,777**	**86,665**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**4,884**	**(10,016)**	**9,028**	**—**	**3,897**	**91,343**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1	130,708	—	—	130,709	45,230
Gross transfers between funds - out	(130,708)	—	(1)	—	(130,709)	(45,230)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	(162)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	(306)	—	(306)	—
Net movement in funds	**(125,823)**	**120,692**	**8,722**	**—**	**3,591**	**91,181**
Total funds brought forward	**141,649**	**—**	**55,512**	**—**	**197,162**	**105,980**
Total funds carried forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity Commission no. 1156528

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity registration number: 1156528

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

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 Christ Church. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

A Mission Action Plan has been developed over recent years to guide the Church's activities and focus the investment of both money and resources.
Nurture, Evangelism and Worship are the three key aspects of the Charity's work.
To carry out these aims the following activities are funded, staffed and managed by the Charity.

Weekday Services:

Sunday mornings are the main gathering for worship in the church.

Other services are held;
Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House, St Mary's Home and Oulton Abbey Nursing home; termly school services.
Throughout Covid the church maintained Online services which enabled it to fulfil its Objective of providing regular worship. A number of new members joined the congregation during covid, and have subsequently joined the in-person services, and have gone on to play significant roles in the activities of the church. Since that time, the numbers of those worshipping has remained stable, mainly we believe because that provision was maintained and the continuity is now seen in steady, regular attendance at services.
We still maintain Zoom links for Sunday morning services and this option is taken up by those unable to attend in person – elderly, sick or isolating.

Youth Work:
The Charity funds a part time worker to run "in school" Christian activities, clubs at church and after school and he provides activities for Sunday morning services.
The results of this investment, which has been a long term commitment by the church, are seen in the families attending Sunday morning but more so in the very regular attendance at the school based clubs.
In addition, a team of volunteers run an Easter Holiday Club which always attracts good numbers – as many as can be accommodated within the available buildings.
We are fortunate in having good relationships with the associated schools, giving good access for Open the Book activities, the clubs and other interactions – all facilitated by the Foundation Governors from the church.
Tuesday lunchtime 'Pursuit' (Christchurch Academy, Years 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons; after school clubs for Christ Church First School (Wednesdays) and Oulton First School (Thursdays).
Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Staffing
Administration is by two part time paid office-based administrators

Volunteers
Church members volunteer for many activities;
Youth and children's groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; parent & toddlers group; development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA); hospital chaplaincy for RSUH and County Hospitals, pastoral care support, cleaning of the building, flower arranging, maintenance, provision of music for services, gardening, sides person, welcomer, visiting, sound and video engineering, marshalling, catering and other related roles.

Pastoral Care
This is a vital part of the church's Mission Action Plan – to provide support to those in need.
The opportunity arose in early 2023 for the development and improvement of this area of activity in the church. The vicar and two trained counsellors who are church members, were able to provide a training course for around 20 members of the congregation over a number of training and workshop sessions.
As well as this support being available in an informal way through the week, there is weekly provision of an opportunity to receive pastoral care after the Sunday morning Service.

House, Study and Prayer Groups:

Bible study discipleship groups, *Hope Explored*, annual Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Areas of co-operation;
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Other activities;
We have regular times of outreach to the community. We held a special service of commemoration in February to mark the 80th anniversary of the death of Flt Lt Dick Stubbs DFC DFM in conjunction with the local town RAFA.
We have organised '*Advent Windows*' since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving many community groups).
We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA.
The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee.
The Benefice is a partner church for the '*Midlands Gospel Partnership*' (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands.
We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

The Charity engaged with Lead Academy pre Covid, and has subsequently renewed the relationship, as this organisation provides training, resources and encouragement to help churches identify what they do well and what needs improving.
Lead Academy activities, videos and training have become a feature of PCC meetings and some church activities to provide guidance and direction.

Training for the Future
The Charity is supporting, with funding, a member of the PCC in their training and development for future full-time service within the C of E.

Financial Review

The accounts are attached to this Trustees' Annual Report detailing the charity's financial position.

Reserves Holding Policy Statement
It is the Charity's Policy to maintain a reserve of £30,000 in readily accessible, unrestricted accounts, for unforeseen circumstances.

Amount of Reserves Held
At the end of this reporting year, the unrestricted (general and designated) reserves total was £145,610 (2022: £136,518) which far exceeds this target. The PCC plan to invest some of this surplus money as there are no immediate plans to spend it.
This figure is substantiated in the attached full financial reports.
This figure is made up of revenue, giving and legacies as per the Income statement below.
None of the legacies received are Restricted, although the Charity does allocate some legacy money for specific activities – all agreed and minuted at PCC meetings.

Charity's Sources of Income Funding

The Charity derives income from:
Free will giving
Donations
Legacies
Hire of facilities
Fees
Gift Aid Repayments
Fund raising activities

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and in compliance with the Diocese of Lichfield policies.

We maintain accurate records of DBS documentation and the ChurchSuite software prompts for renewal and training requirements.

The Charity's Vision and Priorities for the Future.

Involvement with Lead Academy has focussed the Trustees on their achievable aims, what we do well and what we need to improve on.

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture
We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
Actions:
To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.

We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings, and funerals and at other times as they arise.
We will hold events that promote our meeting together, to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism
In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Actions:
We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.
We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.
We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.
We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.
We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.
We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community - by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.
We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship
We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.
Actions:
We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.
We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.
We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.
We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.
We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home, Oulton Abbey and St Mary's as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (registration no. 1156528). The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

PCC members are the trustees.

PCC members are elected by existing members on a rolling 3-year basis. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. For PCC members, a service is held including an induction prayer for those newly elected. Training is acquired through attending the PCC meetings, no individual responsibilities are given to those newly elected. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year.

Management of the church and its organisation is assisted by the use of a software package "ChurchSuite". This provides a GDPR approved database for communication, a means of identifying and fulfilling rotas and a central registry for Safeguarding.
Financial Accounting software is MFAOL – My Financial Accounting OnLine – supported by Lichfield Diocese Finance Board

Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties – Trustees free will giving.
Donations from related parties during the year totalled £11,265 (2022: £9,968). All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees
2 trustees are employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children & Families Worker and was paid £14,349. The PCC paid £711 and £240 in National Insurance and Employer Pension Contributions respectively in connection with this employment.
J Abraham, was employed from May 23 as a part-time administrator. She was paid £2,906.

Neither member of staff take part in any PCC discussions in connection with their employment.

None of the other trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than fees in the roles of wedding and funeral organist and verger paid for by the families concerned.

Expenses paid to Trustees
One trustee has been reimbursed £2,066 (2022 £1,343) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	Stone Christ Church
Address	Christ Church Parish Office
	Christchurch Way
	Stone ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number	1156528

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex officio

Incumbent	Revd Paul Kingman (PCC Chair)
Wardens	Peter Mason
	David Beauchamp (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod members	Mrs H Bowes (and Reader)
	Mr D Rowlands (and Reader)

Elected members:

Deputy Warden	Mr A Stone
Treasurer	Mr P Kelly
Joint Administrator (from May 23)	Mrs J. Abrahams
	Mrs S Sanders
	Mr P Tunstall
	Mrs D Aspey
	Mrs E Mason
	Mrs E Woodhead
	Mrs M Hillman
	Mrs S. Hallam
	Mrs L. Bakker-Collier
	Mr G Williams
Children and Families Worker	Peter Cuthbert

Bank	NatWest Bank. 41 Greengate Street Stafford ST16 2JA
Independent Examiner:	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD Telephone: 01543 306054

Financial details available in the examined accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – February 2023.

Approved by the PCC on 24th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P.H C Kingman

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Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

PARISH PROFILE & MISSION ACTION PLAN (*updated for April 2019*)

The United Benefice of Christ Church Stone & Oulton with Moddershall, Staffordshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (from Sept 2003).
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019).
Wardens: David Beauchamp and Pete Mason (CC, Stone); Simon Hodgkinson and Ruth Wilson (O with M).
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall and Andy Stone (CC, Stone); John Beamond (OwM); Andrew Plant (OwM).
Readers: David Bell, Helen Bowes, David Rowlands, Christine Pentland.

THE PARISH SETTING:

The United Benefice covers the northern part of the town of Stone plus two villages to the northeast. The population of Stone is 17,278 (Census 2021) and rising due to house developments. It was formerly a market town, but now known as a Canal Town and has two industrial parks for businesses. The parish has a total population ca. 5,203 [Stone 4,223 Oulton 800; Moddershall 180] and *aSa* of 76, 19 and 6 respectively.? Have kept this the same as they did not do a statistics calculator for 2020! More recently the town has seen the building of new retail outlets, a new leisure centre, the current development of the canal wharf with the addition of a theatre. A train service provides a link to Stafford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent and Crewe.

THE CHURCHES

Ecclesiastical Tradition: the benefice of two parishes is in the gift of The Simeon's Trust and so has had an Anglican evangelical ministry since its establishment – with an emphasis on shaping the church's life and ministry according to the Holy Bible and worshipping the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two village churches are more traditional in style but share the same Patron. In 1989 a joint Benefice was formed and continues to be one today.

"Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy servant, Charles Simeon, didst mould the lives of many that they might go forth and teach others also; mercifully grant that as through evil report and good report he ceased not to preach thy saving Word, so we may never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen".

[A prayer used in King's College, Cambridge for 13th Nov – the date of Charles Simeon's death].

Pattern of Sunday Worship:
Christ Church, Stone: 9.15 a.m. (all CW: 1st HC, 2nd MP, 3rd HC, 4th Family 5th MP).
Oulton: 11.00 a.m. (1st HC BCP; 2nd MP; 3rd HC; 4th Family; 5th MP).
Moddershall: 11.00 a.m. (BCP: 1st MP; 2nd HC; 3rd MP; 4th MP)
Evenings 6.00 p.m. which ranges from a standard service to a course, or a meeting.

Weekday Services: Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House and also St Mary's Home; termly school services.

Lay involvement: administration (p/t paid); youth and children groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; mums & toddlers; luncheon club for elderly (O); development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

House, Study or Prayer Groups: Bible study discipleship groups, *Hope Explored*, Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Youth Work: Tues lunchtime 'Pursuit' (CCA Yr 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons.

Children's work: Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Areas of co-operation (*e.g.* with other Anglicans or Ecumenical partners):
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Any other activities or comments:
We have regular times of outreach to the community. The Vicar was part of the organising the nationwide mission called *A Passion For Life* (March 2010, 2014, 2018) and the parishes ran events under this banner including a collaborative event with other north Staffs churches at Stoke City FC conference room (2010 with Ken Howells & Rico Tice; 2014 with Robin Oake & Roger Carswell). Other outreach events include ladies outreach events; men's meals with speakers; a mini-mission with flower festival in 2018.

We have organised *'Advent Windows'* since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving community groups). We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA. The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee. The Benefice is a partner church for the *'Midlands Gospel Partnership'* (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands. We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

THE INCUMBENT'S AND PCC'S VISION & PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE:

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

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This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture

We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Actions:

To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.

To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet together for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings and funerals and at other times as they arise.
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In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
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We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.

We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

A SUMMARY OF OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN from 2019.

Although we have set out the vision in our own terms, we believe that there is a good correspondence with the current Diocesan priorities. For this reason, we have set out below our goals for the next phase utilising the terms of reference: Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism or the forthcoming period.

Table: MAP Summary (using Diocese of Lichfield's framework):

Primary purpose	Actions for 2019 onwards
Discipleship *-growing up*	1. To hold regular Sunday services for corporate the worship of God. 2. Provide resources for personal Bible reading & prayer. 3. To hold an annual Lent course in order to deepen our discipleship. 4. To encourage adults and young people to attend Christian conventions and summer ventures as times of celebration, refreshment and growth. 5. To partner with the Midlands Gospel Partnership as a means of resourcing and reaching the Midlands with gospel workers. 6. Promote prayer gatherings: weekly and monthly. 7. To provide age-appropriate home groups and life-long Christian learning and prayer in small groups.
Vocation *- growing more*	1. Encourage the congregations to live as the family of God and to demonstrate this in everyday life at home, work and in the community. 2. Provide nursing home services so as to affirm the vocation of the elderly and infirm in their own sphere of mission. 3. To support our schools by providing foundation Governors and regular acts of worship, in order to serve God through expressing the gospel in action and bless others. 4. To provide lay pastoral care for those who grieve, together with an annual memorial service as a support for the bereaved. 5. To develop an understanding that the workplace is our *'front line'* i.e. that it is key area to work out our discipleship and service of God. 6. To care for people's wellbeing through hospital volunteer chaplaincy to and also locally to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
Evangelism *- growing out*	1. To preach the gospel in season and out of season, bringing the call and the challenge of discipleship to the world, through the spoken word, written materials and our social media. 2. To make the main festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter regular opportunities for outreach. 3. To provide regular *'Hope Explored'* and *'Christianity Explored'* enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run *'Advent windows'* in partnership with town & community groups, so as to engage people with Christmas. 5. To practise generosity and extend God's mission by aspiring to give 10% of our gross income to Christian mission (5% min). 6. To hold an annual children's holiday club to bring the good news to the next generation.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Registered charity number: 1156528

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 25/09/2024

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	66,853	39,011	10,405	—	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities	16,761	—	—	—	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities	2,398	—	—	—	2,398	2,246
Investments	129	—	—	—	129	72
Total income	**86,141**	**39,011**	**10,405**	**—**	**135,557**	**106,674**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,419	1,068	—	—	112,487	101,009
Total expenditure	**112,322**	**1,836**	**—**	**—**	**114,158**	**102,777**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(26,181)**	**37,175**	**10,405**	**—**	**21,399**	**3,897**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,317	—	8,451	—	15,768	130,709
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,451)	(768)	(6,549)	—	(15,768)	(130,709)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	110	—	110	(306)
Net movement in funds	**(27,314)**	**36,406**	**12,417**	**—**	**21,509**	**3,591**
Total funds brought forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**
Total funds carried forward	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**—**	**222,262**	**200,753**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	(11,489)	—	—	—	(11,489)	15,826
Designated						
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	—	36,648	—	—	36,648	36,784
Christine Burslem Fund	—	37,011	—	—	37,011	—
Diane Schemilt Fund	—	2,000	—	—	2,000	—
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	—	81,439	—	—	81,439	83,909
Restricted						
Development Fund	—	—	11,722	—	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	—	—	2,081	—	2,081	1,971
Rock Youth Ministry	—	—	62,848	—	62,848	50,541

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,081	1,971
	2,081	**1,971**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	222,762	199,745
	222,762	**199,745**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,582	964
	2,582	**964**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**220,180**	**198,781**
Total assets less current liabilities	**222,262**	**200,753**
Total net assets less liabilities	**222,262**	**200,753**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	(11,489)	15,826
Designated		
Christine Burslem Fund	37,011	—
Diane Schemilt Fund	2,000	—
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	81,439	83,909
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	36,648	36,784
Restricted		
Development Fund	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	2,081	1,971
Rock Youth Ministry	62,848	50,541
Funds of the church	**222,262**	**200,753**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th Sept 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: P.H.C Kingman

Name: Rev. Paul Kingman (Vicar).

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Accounting Policies continued

Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors
Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals
Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund movement by type - 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
CBFund - Christine Burslem Fu						
Designated	—	37,011	—	—	—	37,011
Sub-total for CBFund	**—**	**37,011**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**37,011**
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
DSFund - Diane Schemilt Fund						
Designated	—	2,000	—	—	—	2,000
Sub-total for DSFund	**—**	**2,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2,000**
Gassor Leg - Irene Gassor Legacy						
Designated	83,909	—	1,701	(768)	—	81,439
Sub-total for Gassor Leg	**83,909**	**—**	**1,701**	**(768)**	**—**	**81,439**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	1,971	—	—	—	110	2,081
Sub-total for Gertrude	**1,971**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**110**	**2,081**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	50,541	10,405	—	1,902	—	62,848
Sub-total for Rock	**50,541**	**10,405**	**—**	**1,902**	**—**	**62,848**
Wilding Le - Cecilia Wilding Lega						
Designated	36,784	—	135	—	—	36,648
Sub-total for Wilding Le	**36,784**	**—**	**135**	**—**	**—**	**36,648**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	15,826	86,141	112,322	(1,134)	—	(11,489)
Sub-total for General	**15,826**	**86,141**	**112,322**	**(1,134)**	**—**	**(11,489)**
Grand total	**200,753**	**135,557**	**114,158**	**—**	**110**	**222,262**

Fund movement by type - 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gassor Leg - Irene Gassor Legacy						
Designated	—	—	1,569	85,478	—	83,909
Sub-total for Gassor Leg	**—**	**—**	**1,569**	**85,478**	**—**	**83,909**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,277	—	—	—	(306)	1,971
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,277**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(306)**	**1,971**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	41,514	14,374	5,345	(1)	—	50,541
Sub-total for Rock	**41,514**	**14,374**	**5,345**	**(1)**	**—**	**50,541**
Wilding Le - Cecilia Wilding Lega						
Designated	—	—	8,447	45,231	—	36,784
Sub-total for Wilding Le	**—**	**—**	**8,447**	**45,231**	**—**	**36,784**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	141,649	92,300	87,416	(130,708)	—	15,826
Sub-total for General	**141,649**	**92,300**	**87,416**	**(130,708)**	**—**	**15,826**
Grand total	**197,162**	**106,674**	**102,777**	**—**	**(306)**	**200,753**

Fund Description

Designated funds

- Irene Gassor Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Cecilia Wilding Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Christine Burslem Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC
- Diane Schemilt Legacy – funds used for projects relevant to the donor, where possible, & agreed by the PCC

Restricted Funds

- Development Fund – for the development and upkeep of the Church Centre
- Gertrude Pickering Fund – to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish
- Rock Youth Ministry - Rock Youth Ministry funds are donated (and Gift Aided) by church members to cover the salary of the Children and Families Worker.

Fund transfers – 2023

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Payment for Picture	-	768	Trnsfr from Gassor to Gen - 6501	Gassor Legacy	Des
Payment for Picture	768	-	Trnsfr from Gassor to Gen - 6501	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	-	6	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	6	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	-	61	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	General	Unr
2023 fund mis-posting	61	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6505	Rock	Res
Historic fund mis-posting	-	8,384	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6506	General	Unr
Historic fund mis-posting	8,384	-	Trnsfr from Gen to Rock Youth - 6506	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	-	6,549	Trnsfr from Rock Youth to Gen - 6506	Rock	Res
2023 fund mis-posting	6,549	-	Trnsfr from Rock Youth to Gen - 6506	General	Unr
Total	15,768	15,768			

Fund Transfers – 2022

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Fund Transfer	-	45,231	Trnsfr from General to Cecilia Wilding Legacy	General	Unr
Fund Transfer	45,231	-	Trnsfr from General to Cecilia Wilding Legacy	Wilding Legacy	Des
Fund Transfer	-	85,478	Trnsfr from General to Irene Gassor Legacy F	General	Unr
Fund Transfer	85,478	-	Trnsfr from General to Irene Gassor Legacy F	Gassor Legacy	Des
Fund Re-Org	-	1	Trnsfr from Rock Yth Min to Gen - 6505	Rock	Res
Fund Re-Org	1	-	Trnsfr from Rock Yth Min to Gen - 6505	General	Unr
Total	130,709	130,709			

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	40,642	—	—	—	40,642	44,555
Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,924	—	—	—	1,924	2,246
Other planned giving	9,411	—	10,405	—	19,816	16,954
Loose plate collections	2,308	—	—	—	2,308	2,169
One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,755	—	—	—	3,755	3,200
Donations appeals etc	1,563	—	—	—	1,563	370
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4,061	—	—	—	4,061	2,551
Legacies	—	39,011	—	—	39,011	11,799
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	3,200
Other funds generated	3,191	—	—	—	3,191	4,709
Total	66,853	39,011	10,405	—	116,270	91,753
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,234	—	—	—	1,234	2,101
Bookstall sales	560	—	—	—	560	777
Church hall lettings	14,966	—	—	—	14,966	9,724
Total	16,761	—	—	—	16,761	12,602
Other trading activities						
Rummage sales & events	1,196	—	—	—	1,196	992
Magazine income from advertising	749	—	—	—	749	420
Parish magazine sales	454	—	—	—	454	835
Total	2,398	—	—	—	2,398	2,246
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	129	—	—	—	129	72
Total	129	—	—	—	129	72
INCOME TOTAL	86,141	39,011	10,405	—	135,557	106,674
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Costs of fetes & other events	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Total	903	768	—	—	1,671	1,767
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Charitable giving	7,134	—	—	—	7,134	5,967
Parish share	41,458	—	—	—	41,458	39,484
Assistant staff costs	15,892	—	—	—	15,892	13,288
Salary of parish administrator	9,906	—	—	—	9,906	5,539
Working expenses of incumbent	2,066	—	—	—	2,066	1,343
Vicarage costs	—	—	—	—	—	250
Parish training and mission	400	—	—	—	400	—
Church running - insurance	3,563	—	—	—	3,563	3,317
Church office - telephone	58	—	—	—	58	229
Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	55
Church maintenance	209	—	—	—	209	4,790
Cleaning	2,117	—	—	—	2,117	1,544
Upkeep of services	3,462	1,068	—	—	4,530	5,773

Upkeep of churchyard	671	—	—	—	671	510
Administration	8,452	—	—	—	8,452	11,822
Visiting speakers / locums	47	—	—	—	47	—
Church running - electric	598	—	—	—	598	478
Church running - gas	10,111	—	—	—	10,111	4,313
Church running - water	70	—	—	—	70	—
Bookstall costs	1,063	—	—	—	1,063	528
Hall running - electricity	2,435	—	—	—	2,435	1,005
Hall running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	174
Hall running - maintenance	467	—	—	—	467	—
Hall running - telephone	457	—	—	—	457	366
Hall running - water	329	—	—	—	329	233
Governance costs examination/audit fee	453	—	—	—	453	—
Total	111,419	1,068	—	—	112,487	101,009
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	112,322	1,836	—	—	114,158	102,777
GRAND TOTAL	(26,181)	37,175	10,405	—	21,399	3,897

Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	£24,847	£18,827
Employers Pension	£240	£176
Employers National Insurance	£711	£447
Average number of Employees	3	2

During the year the PCC employed two Administrators (both part-time) and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

2 trustees are employed by the PCC.
P Cuthbert is the Children & Families Worker and was paid £14,349. The PCC paid £711 and £240 in National Insurance and Employer Pension Contributions respectively in connection with this employment.
J Abraham, was employed from May 23 as a part-time administrator. She was paid £2,906.

Neither member of staff take part in any PCC discussions in connection with their employment.

None of the other trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC other than fees in the roles of wedding and funeral organist and verger paid for by the families concerned.

Expenses paid to Trustees

One trustee has been reimbursed £2,066 (2022 £1,343) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £11,265 (2022 £9,968).

Fixed Asset Investment

	At 1 Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Restricted Fund						
Gertrude Pickering	1,971	---	---	---	110	2,081
Total	**1,971**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**110**	**2,081**

The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church, Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 1,438 shares held with CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

Analysis of Assets - 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	2,081	—	2,081	1,971
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,081**	**—**	**2,081**	**1,971**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	(14,573)	157,099	32,385	—	174,911	155,833
Rock Youth 6549 -	—	—	4,170	—	4,170	4,109
Rock Youth 0617 -	3,877	—	39,065	—	42,942	39,086
CBF deposit account -	719	—	—	—	719	697
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**(9,957)**	**157,099**	**75,620**	**—**	**222,762**	**199,745**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,050	—	1,050	964
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,050**	**—**	**1,050**	**964**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	1,531	—	—	—	1,531	—
Totals	**1,531**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,531**	**—**
Grand total	**(11,489)**	**157,099**	**76,652**	**—**	**222,262**	**200,753**

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Analysis of Assets - 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	1,971	—	1,971	2,277
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,971**	**—**	**1,971**	**2,277**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	2,842	120,692	32,299	—	155,833	157,125
Rock Youth 6549 -	6	—	4,104	—	4,109	4,103
Rock Youth 0617 -	12,261	—	26,825	—	39,086	33,849
CBF deposit account -	697	—	—	—	697	687
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**15,826**	**120,692**	**63,227**	**—**	**199,745**	**195,784**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	964	—	964	900
Totals	**—**	**—**	**964**	**—**	**964**	**900**
Grand total	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	77,379	—	14,373	—	91,753	170,484
Income from charitable activities	12,602	—	—	—	12,602	6,130
Other trading activities	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	1,161
Investments	72	—	1	—	72	64
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	170
Total income	**92,300**	**—**	**14,374**	**—**	**106,674**	**178,009**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,767	—	—	—	1,767	1,005
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,648	10,016	5,345	—	101,009	85,661
Total expenditure	**87,416**	**10,016**	**5,345**	**—**	**102,777**	**86,665**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**4,884**	**(10,016)**	**9,028**	**—**	**3,897**	**91,343**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1	130,708	—	—	130,709	45,230
Gross transfers between funds - out	(130,708)	—	(1)	—	(130,709)	(45,230)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	(162)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	(306)	—	(306)	—
Net movement in funds	**(125,823)**	**120,692**	**8,722**	**—**	**3,591**	**91,181**
Total funds brought forward	**141,649**	**—**	**55,512**	**—**	**197,162**	**105,980**
Total funds carried forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**197,162**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156528

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charity Commission no. 1156528

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The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022
Charity registration number: 1156528

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

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 Christ Church. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name:
Christ Church.
Christ Church Parish Office
Christchurch Way
Stone
Staffs ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number 1156528

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved were**:**

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (as from Sept 2003) PCC Chair
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019)
Wardens: Peter Mason, David Beauchamp
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall; Andrew Stone
Readers: David Bell, David Rowlands, Michael Thompson, Helen Bowes; Christine Pentland.
Gift Aid Secretary Steven Taylor

Elected members:
Mrs S Sanders, Mr P Kelly (serving one more year)
Mr P Tunstall, Mr A Stone, Mrs D Aspey, Mrs E Mason (serving for two more years)
Mrs E Woodhead, Mrs M Hillman, Mrs S. Hallam, Mrs J. Abrahams Mrs L. Bakker-Collier, Mr G Williams, (elected to serve 3 more years).

Deanery Synod members Mrs H Bowes, Mr D Rowlands

Retired Clergy in active ministry 2022/2023
Rev Preb Gerald Gardiner
Rev Preb Roger Vaughan
Rev Alan Betts
Ven Ray Pentland

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Incumbent:
Revd Paul Kingman

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity no. 1156528 registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

PCC members are elected by existing members on a rolling 3-year basis. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. For PCC members, a service is held including an induction prayer for those newly elected. Training is acquired through attending the PCC meetings, no individual responsibilities are given to those newly elected. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet 4 times a year. [Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Worship, Mission and Outreach, Buildings and Finance and Youth Work. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.]

Sub-Committees:
Mission Task Group – Shelagh Hawley
Pastoral Care Task Group – Rev Paul Kingman
House Group – Dr D. Bell
House Group – Mr P. Mason
House Group – Dr S. Kingman
House Group – Gill Latos
House Group – Chris Nix
House Group – Estella Woodhead

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £21,755 (2021 £19,368). It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £15,826 (2021 £141,254) which is lower than this target. The PCC have designated the legacies received during 2022, and this has led to the reduction of free reserves, as this figure doesn’t include designated funds.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties
Donations from related parties during the year totalled £9.968. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees
None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC.

Expenses paid to Trustees
Only trustee to receive remuneration was the incumbent – see accounts for details.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

PARISH PROFILE & MISSION ACTION PLAN (*updated for April 2019*)

The United Benefice of Christ Church Stone & Oulton with Moddershall, Staffordshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (from Sept 2003).
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019).
Wardens: David Beauchamp and Pete Mason (CC, Stone); Simon Hodgkinson and Ruth Wilson (O with M).

Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall and Andy Stone (CC, Stone); John Beamond (OwM); Andrew Plant (OwM).
Readers: David Bell, Helen Bowes, David Rowlands, Christine Pentland.

THE PARISH SETTING:

The United Benefice covers the northern part of the town of Stone plus two villages to the northeast. The population of Stone is 17,278 (Census 2021) and rising due to house developments. It was formerly a market town, but now known as a Canal Town and has two industrial parks for businesses. The parish has a total population ca. 5,203 [Stone 4,223 Oulton 800; Moddershall 180] and *aSa* of 76, 19 and 6 respectively.? Have kept this the same as they did not do a statistics calculator for 2020! More recently the town has seen the building of new retail outlets, a new leisure centre, the current development of the canal wharf with the addition of a theatre. A train service provides a link to Stafford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent and Crewe.

THE CHURCHES

Ecclesiastical Tradition: the benefice of two parishes is in the gift of The Simeon's Trust and so has had an Anglican evangelical ministry since its establishment – with an emphasis on shaping the church's life and ministry according to the Holy Bible and worshipping the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two village churches are more traditional in style but share the same Patron. In 1989 a joint Benefice was formed and continues to be one today.

"Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy servant, Charles Simeon, didst mould the lives of many that they might go forth and teach others also; mercifully grant that as through evil report and good report he ceased not to preach thy saving Word, so we may never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen".

[A prayer used in King's College, Cambridge for 13th Nov – the date of Charles Simeon's death].

Pattern of Sunday Worship:
Christ Church, Stone: 9.15 a.m. (all CW: 1st HC, 2nd MP, 3rd HC, 4th Family 5th MP).
Oulton: 11.00 a.m. (1st HC BCP; 2nd MP; 3rd HC; 4th Family; 5th MP).
Moddershall: 11.00 a.m. (BCP: 1st MP; 2nd HC; 3rd MP; 4th MP)
Evenings 6.00 p.m. which ranges from a standard service to a course, or a meeting.

Weekday Services: Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services at Autumn House and also St Mary's Home; termly school services.

Lay involvement: administration (p/t paid); youth and children groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; mums & toddlers; luncheon club for elderly (O); development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

House, Study or Prayer Groups: Bible study discipleship groups, *Hope Explored*, Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Youth Work: Tues lunchtime 'Pursuit' (CCA Yr 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons.

Children's work: Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Areas of co-operation (*e.g*. with other Anglicans or Ecumenical partners):
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Any other activities or comments:
We have regular times of outreach to the community. The Vicar was part of the organising the nationwide mission called *A Passion For Life* (March 2010, 2014, 2018) and the parishes ran events under this banner including a collaborative event with other north Staffs churches at Stoke City FC conference room (2010 with Ken Howells & Rico Tice; 2014 with Robin Oake & Roger Carswell). Other outreach events include ladies outreach events; men's meals with speakers; a mini-mission with flower festival in 2018.

We have organised '*Advent Windows*' since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving community groups). We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA. The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee. The Benefice is a partner church for the '*Midlands Gospel Partnership*' (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands. We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

THE INCUMBENT'S AND PCC'S VISION & PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE:

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture

We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Actions:
To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet together for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings and funerals and at other times as they arise.
We will hold events that promote our meeting together, so as to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism
In obedience to Jesus' command to '*go and make disciples of all nations*' (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Actions:
We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.
We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.
We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.
We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.
We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.
We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.
We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship
We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:
We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.
We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.
We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.
We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.
We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

A SUMMARY OF OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN from 2019.

Although we have set out the vision in our own terms, we believe that there is a good correspondence with the current Diocesan priorities. For this reason, we have set out below our goals for the next phase utilising the terms of reference: Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism or the forthcoming period.

Table: MAP Summary (using Diocese of Lichfield's framework):

Primary purpose	Actions for 2019 onwards
Discipleship *-growing up*	1. To hold regular Sunday services for corporate the worship of God. 2. Provide resources for personal Bible reading & prayer. 3. To hold an annual Lent course in order to deepen our discipleship. 4. To encourage adults and young people to attend Christian conventions and summer ventures as times of celebration, refreshment and growth. 5. To partner with the Midlands Gospel Partnership as a means of resourcing and reaching the Midlands with gospel workers. 6. Promote prayer gatherings: weekly and monthly. 7. To provide age-appropriate home groups and life-long Christian learning and prayer in small groups.
Vocation *- growing more*	1. Encourage the congregations to live as the family of God and to demonstrate this in everyday life at home, work and in the community. 2. Provide nursing home services so as to affirm the vocation of the elderly and infirm in their own sphere of mission. 3. To support our schools by providing foundation Governors and regular acts of worship, in order to serve God through expressing the gospel in action and bless others. 4. To provide lay pastoral care for those who grieve, together with an annual memorial service as a support for the bereaved. 5. To develop an understanding that the workplace is our '*front line*' i.e. that it is key area to work out our discipleship and service of God. 6. To care for people's wellbeing through hospital volunteer chaplaincy to and also locally to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
Evangelism *- growing out*	1. To preach the gospel in season and out of season, bringing the call and the challenge of discipleship to the world, through the spoken word, written materials and our social media. 2. To make the main festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter regular opportunities for outreach. 3. To provide regular '*Hope Explored*' and '*Christianity Explored*' enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus

	Christ. 4. To run *'Advent windows'* in partnership with town & community groups, so as to engage people with Christmas. 5. To practise generosity and extend God's mission by aspiring to give 10% of our gross income to Christian mission (5% min). 6. To hold an annual children's holiday club to bring the good news to the next generation.

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – February 2023.

Approved by the PCC in March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

P.H.C Kingman

Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Independent Examiner’s report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone Registered charity number: 1156528

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair” view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 05/10/2023.

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Christ Church, Stone PCC
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	77,379	—	14,373	—	91,753	170,484
Income from charitable activities	12,602	—	—	—	12,602	6,130
Other trading activities	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	1,161
Investments	72	—	1	—	72	64
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	170
Total income	**92,300**	**—**	**14,374**	**—**	**106,674**	**178,009**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,767	—	—	—	1,767	1,005
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,253	10,016	5,345	—	100,614	86,056
Total expenditure	**87,020**	**10,016**	**5,345**	**—**	**102,381**	**87,061**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**5,280**	**(10,016)**	**9,028**	**—**	**4,293**	**90,948**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1	130,708	—	—	130,709	45,230
Gross transfers between funds - out	(130,708)	—	(1)	—	(130,709)	(45,230)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	(162)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	(306)	—	(306)	—
Net movement in funds	**(125,427)**	**120,692**	**8,722**	**—**	**3,3987**	**90,787**
Total funds brought forward	**141,254**	**—**	**55,513**	**—**	**196,767**	**105,980**
Total funds carried forward	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**196,767**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	15,826	—	—	—	15,826	141,254
Designated						
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	—	36,784	—	—	36,784	—
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	—	83,909	—	—	83,909	—
Restricted						
Development Fund	—	—	11,722	—	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	—	—	1,971	—	1,971	2,277
Rock Youth Ministry	—	—	50,541	—	50,541	41,514

Christ Church, Stone PCC
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1,971	2,277
	1,971	**2,277**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	199,745	195,785
	199,745	**195,785**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	964	1,295
	964	**1,295**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**198,781**	**194,490**
Total assets less current liabilities	**200,753**	**196,767**
Total net assets less liabilities	**200,753**	**196,767**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	15,826	141,254
Designated		
Irene Gassor Legacy Designated Fund	83,909	—
Cecilia Wilding Legacy Designated Fund	36,784	—
Restricted		
Development Fund	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	1,971	2,277
Rock Youth Ministry	50,541	41,514
Funds of the church	**200,753**	**196,767**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: P.H.C. Kingman

Name: Paul Henry Charles Kingman

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Accounting Policies continued

Income
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts
received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs
Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.
No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments
Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals
Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund movement by type - 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gassor Leg - Irene Gassor Legacy						
Designated	—	—	1,569	85,478	—	83,909
Sub-total for Gassor Leg	**—**	**—**	**1,569**	**85,478**	**—**	**83,909**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,277	—	—	—	(306)	1,971
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,277**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(306)**	**1,971**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	41,514	14,374	5,345	(1)	—	50,541
Sub-total for Rock	**41,514**	**14,374**	**5,345**	**(1)**	**—**	**50,541**
Wilding Le - Cecilia Wilding Lega						
Designated	—	—	8,447	45,231	—	36,784
Sub-total for Wilding Le	**—**	**—**	**8,447**	**45,231**	**—**	**36,784**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	141,254	92,300	87,020	(130,708)	—	15,826
Sub-total for General	**141,254**	**92,300**	**87,020**	**(130,708)**	**—**	**15,826**
Grand total	**196,767**	**106,674**	**102,381**	**—**	**(306)**	**200,753**

Fund movement by type - 2021

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,439	—	—	—	(162)	2,277
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,439**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(162)**	**2,277**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	33,402	17,699	9,588	—	—	41,514
Sub-total for Rock	**33,402**	**17,699**	**9,588**	**—**	**—**	**41,514**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	58,417	160,310	77,473	---	—	141,254
Sub-total for General	**58,417**	**160,310**	**77,473**	**--**	**--**	**141,254**
Grand total	**105,980**	**178,009**	**87,061**	**—**	**(162)**	**196,767**

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	44,555	—	—	—	44,555	38,471
Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	1,657
Other planned giving	5,976	—	10,978	—	16,954	19,757
Loose plate collections	2,169	—	—	—	2,169	899
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,600	—	1,600	—	3,200	5,130
Donations appeals etc	370	—	—	—	370	4,180
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,189	—	1,361	—	2,551	—
Legacies	11,799	—	—	—	11,799	76,527
Non-recurring one-off grants	3,200	—	—	—	3,200	17,669
Other funds generated	4,275	—	434	—	4,709	2,793
Total	77,379	—	14,373	—	91,753	170,484
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,101	—	—	—	2,101	2,114
Bookstall sales	777	—	—	—	777	551
Church hall lettings	9,724	—	—	—	9,724	3,465
Total	12,602	—	—	—	12,602	6,130
Other trading activities						
Rummage sales & events	992	—	—	—	992	950
Magazine income from advertising	420	—	—	—	420	197
Parish magazine sales	835	—	—	—	835	14
Total	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	1,161
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	72	—	1	—	72	64
Total	72	—	1	—	72	64
Other income						
Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	170
Total	—	—	—	—	—	170
INCOME TOTAL	92,300	—	14,374	—	106,674	178,009

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EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	17
Costs of fetes & other events	1,767	—	—	—	1,767	988
Total	1,767	—	—	—	1,767	1,005

Expenditure on charitable activities

Charitable giving	4,072	1,500	—	—	5,572	7,809
Home mission	—	—	—	—	—	311
Parish share	41,633	—	—	—	41,633	39,484
Parish share support	(2,149)	---	---	---	(2,149)	(3,290)
Assistant staff costs	7,971	—	5,317	—	13,288	12,463
Salary of parish administrator	5,539	—	—	—	5,539	4,016
Working expenses of incumbent	1,343	—	—	—	1,343	1,543
Vicarage costs	250	—	—	—	250	—
Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	150
Church running - insurance	3,317	—	—	—	3,317	3,047
Church office - telephone	229	—	—	—	229	38
Organ / piano tuning	55	—	—	—	55	—
Church maintenance	1,290	3,500	—	—	4,790	516
Cleaning	1,544	—	—	—	1,544	926
Upkeep of services	757	5,016	—	—	5,773	322
Upkeep of churchyard	510	—	—	—	510	75
Administration	11,794	—	29	—	11,822	6,160
Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	127
Church running - electric	478	—	—	—	478	210
Church running - gas	4,313	—	—	—	4,313	1,407
Church running - water	—	—	—	—	—	80
Bookstall costs	528	—	—	—	528	1,517
Hall running - electricity	1,005	—	—	—	1,005	813
Hall running - gas	174	—	—	—	174	1,337
Hall running - telephone	366	—	—	—	366	416
Hall running - water	233	—	—	—	233	—
Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	175
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	3,006
Total	85,253	10,016	5,345	—	100,614	86,056
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	87,020	10,016	5,345	—	102,381	87,061
GRAND TOTAL	5,280	(10,016)	9,028	—	4,293	90,948

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Notes to the Accounts

Staff Costs

	2022	2021
Wages & Salaries	£18,827	£16,479
Average number of Employees	2	2

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator, and a Youth Worker.
There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.
The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

There has been no Trustees remuneration during the year.
One Trustee has been reimbursed £ 1,343 (2021 £1,543) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.
Donations from related parties [PCC members] totalled £9,968 (2021 £6,596).

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets - None

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £

Restricted Funds						
Gertrude Pickering	2,277	---	---	---	(306)	1,971
Total	**2,277**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**(306)**	**1,971**

The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ church, Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 992 investment units held with CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

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Statement of assets and liabilities - 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	1,971	—	1,971	2,277
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,971**	**—**	**1,971**	**2,277**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	2,842	120,692	32,299	—	155,833	157,125
Rock Youth 6549 -	6	—	4,104	—	4,109	4,103
Rock Youth 0617 -	12,261	—	26,825	—	39,086	33,849
CBF deposit account -	697	—	—	—	697	687
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**15,826**	**120,692**	**63,227**	**—**	**199,745**	**195,784**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	964	—	964	1,295
Totals	**—**	**—**	**964**	**—**	**964**	**1,295**
Grand total	**15,826**	**120,692**	**64,235**	**—**	**200,753**	**196,767**

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	2,277	—	2,277	2,439
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,277**	**—**	**2,277**	**2,439**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	124,495	—	32,630	—	157,125	71,412
Rock Youth 6549 -	0	—	4,104	—	4,103	4,103
Rock Youth 0617 -	16,052	—	17,797	—	33,849	28,264
CBF deposit account -	687	—	—	—	687	687
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**141,254**	**—**	**54,531**	**—**	**195,784**	**104,486**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,295	—	1,295	945
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,295**	**—**	**1,295**	**945**
Grand total	**141,254**	**—**	**55,513**	**—**	**196,767**	**105,980**

Christ Church, Stone PCC
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	153,335	---	17,129	—	170,484	70,191
Income from charitable activities	6,130	—	—	—	6,130	6,700
Other trading activities	591	—	570	—	1,161	1,209
Investments	64	—	0	—	64	66
Other income	170	—	—	—	170	—
Total income	**160,310**	**---**	**17,699**	**—**	**178,009**	**78,167**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,005	—	—	—	1,005	1,799
Expenditure on charitable activities	76,468	—	9,588	—	86,056	79,485
Total expenditure	**77,473**	**—**	**9,588**	**—**	**87,061**	**81,284**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**82,837**	**---**	**8,112**	**—**	**90,948**	**(3,118)**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	---	—	—	45,230	8
Gross transfers between funds - out	---	—	—	—	(45,230)	(8)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	(162)	—	(162)	83
Net movement in funds	**82,837**	**---**	**7,950**	**—**	**90,787**	**(3,034)**
Total funds brought forward	**58,417**	**—**	**47,563**	**—**	**105,980**	**109,015**
Total funds carried forward	**141,254**	**---**	**55,513**	**—**	**196,767**	**105,980**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	141,254	—	—	—	19,497	58,417
Restricted						
Development Fund	—	—	11,722	—	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	—	—	2,277	—	2,277	2,439
Rock Youth Ministry	—	—	41,514	—	41,514	33,402

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156528

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Charity Commission no. 1156528

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Charity registration number: 1156528

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

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 Christ Church. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name:
Christ Church.
Christ Church Parish Office
Christchurch Way
Stone
Staffs ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number 1156528

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved were**:**

INCUMBENT:	Revd Paul Kingman (as from Sept 2003)	PCC Chair
Asst. Curate:	In vacancy.:	
Children and Families Worker:	Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019)	
Wardens:	Peter Mason, David Beauchamp	
Deputy Wardens:	Philip Tunstall; Andrew Stone	
Readers:	David Bell, David Rowlands, Michael Thompson, Helen Bowes	
Gift Aid Secretary	Richard Latos	

Elected members:
Mrs E Woodhead, Mrs M Hillman (serving one more year)
Mrs S Sanders, Mr P Kelly (serving two more years)
Mrs A Smith, Mr P Tunstall, Mr A Stone, Mrs D Morris, Mrs E Mason (elected to serve 3 more years)
Mrs A Burton (stood down April 2021)

Deanery Synod members Mrs H Bowes, Mr D Rowlands

Retired Clergy in active ministry 2020/2021
Rev. Preb. Gerald Gardiner
Rev. Preb. Roger Vaughan
Dss. Ann Butler
Ven. Raymond Pentland
Rev. Alan Betts.

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Incumbent:
Revd Paul Kingman

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity no. 1156528 registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers

Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

PCC members are elected by existing members on a rolling 3-year basis. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. For PCC members, a service is held including an induction prayer for those newly elected. Training is acquired through attending the PCC meetings, no individual responsibilities are given to those newly elected. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet 4 times a year. [Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Worship, Mission and Outreach, Buildings and Finance and Youth Work. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.]

Sub-Committees:
Mission Task Group
Pastoral Care Task Group
House Group – Dr D. Bell
House Group – Mr P. Mason
House Group – Dr S. Kingman
House Group – Mr D. Rowlands
House Group – Mr Chris Nix
House Group – Mrs Estella Woodhead

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £19,368. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £19,497 (excluding designated funds) which is marginally higher than this target.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into

contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties
Donations from related parties during the year totalled £6,596. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees
None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC.

Expenses paid to Trustees
Only trustee to receive remuneration was the incumbent – see account for details

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

PARISH PROFILE & MISSION ACTION PLAN (*updated for April 2019*)

The United Benefice of Christ Church Stone & Oulton with Moddershall, Staffordshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (from Sept 2003).
Asst Curate: Vacant (as of Sept '14).
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019).
Wardens: David Beauchamp and Pete Mason (CC, Stone); Simon Hodgkinson and Ruth Wilson (O with M).
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall and Andy Stone (CC, Stone); John Beamond (OwM); Andrew Plant (OwM).
Readers: David Bell, Helen Bowes, David Rowlands, Michael Thompson.

THE PARISH SETTING:
The United Benefice covers the northern part of the town of Stone plus two villages to the northeast. The population of Stone is 16,385 and rising due to house developments. It was formerly a market town, but now known as a Canal Town and has two industrial parks for businesses. The parish has a total population ca. 4,480 [Stone 3,500; Oulton 800; Moddershall 180] and *aSa* of 81, 28 and 10 respectively.? Have kept this the same as they did not do a statistics calculator for 2020! More recently the town has

seen the building of new retail outlets, a new leisure centre, the current development of the canal wharf with the addition of a theatre. A train service provides a link to Stafford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent and Crewe.

THE CHURCHES

Ecclesiastical Tradition: the benefice of two parishes is in the gift of The Simeon's Trust and so has had an Anglican evangelical ministry since its establishment – with an emphasis on shaping the church's life and ministry according to the Holy Bible and worshipping the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two village churches are more traditional in style but share the same Patron. In 1989 a joint Benefice was formed and continues to be one today.

"Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy servant, Charles Simeon, didst mould the lives of many that they might go forth and teach others also; mercifully grant that as through evil report and good report he ceased not to preach thy saving Word, so we may never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen".

[A prayer used in King's College, Cambridge for 13th Nov – the date of Charles Simeon's death].

Pattern of Sunday Worship:
Christ Church, Stone: 9.15 a.m. (all CW: 1st HC, 2nd MP, 3rd HC, 4th Family 5th MP).
Oulton: 11.00 a.m. (1st HC BCP; 2nd MP; 3rd HC; 4th Family; 5th MP).
Moddershall: 11.00 a.m. (BCP: 1st MP; 2nd HC; 3rd MP; 4th MP)
Evenings 6.00 p.m. which ranges from a standard service to a course, or a meeting.

Weekday Services: Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services; termly school services.

Lay involvement: administration (p/t paid); youth and children groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; mums & toddlers; luncheon club for elderly (O); development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

House, Study or Prayer Groups: Bible study discipleship groups, Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Youth Work: Tues lunchtime 'Seekers' (CCA Yr 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons.

Children's work: Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Areas of co-operation (*e.g*. with other Anglicans or Ecumenical partners):
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Any other activities or comments:
We have regular times of outreach to the community. The Vicar was part of the organising the nationwide mission called *A Passion For Life* (March 2010, 2014) and the parishes ran events under this banner including a collaborative event with other north Staffs churches at Stoke City FC conference room (2010

with Ken Howells & Rico Tice; 2014 with Robin Oake & Roger Carswell). Other outreach events include ladies outreach events; men's meals with speakers; a mini-mission with flower festival in 2018
We have organised '*Advent Windows*' since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving community groups). We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA. The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee. The Benefice is a partner church for the '*Midlands Gospel Partnership'* (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands. We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

THE INCUMBENT'S AND PCC'S VISION & PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE:

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture

We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Actions:

To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.
To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.
We will aim to meet together for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.
We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings and funerals and at other times as they arise.
We will hold events that promote our meeting together, so as to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism

In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Actions:

We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.
We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.
We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.
We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.

We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.
We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.
We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship

We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:

We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.
We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.
We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.
We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.
We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

A SUMMARY OF OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN from 2019.

Although we have set out the vision in our own terms, we believe that there is a good correspondence with the current Diocesan priorities. For this reason, we have set out below our goals for the next phase utilising the terms of reference: Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism or the forthcoming period.

Table: MAP Summary (using Diocese of Lichfield's framework):

Primary purpose	Actions for 2019 onwards
Discipleship *-growing up*	1. To hold regular Sunday services for corporate the worship of God. 2. Provide resources for personal Bible reading & prayer. 3. To hold an annual Lent course in order to deepen our discipleship. 4. To encourage adults and young people to attend Christian conventions and summer ventures as times of celebration, refreshment and growth. 5. To partner with the Midlands Gospel Partnership as a means of resourcing and reaching the Midlands with gospel workers. 6. Promote prayer gatherings: weekly and monthly.

	7. To provide age-appropriate home groups and life-long Christian learning and prayer in small groups.
Vocation *- growing more*	1. Encourage the congregations to live as the family of God and to demonstrate this in everyday life at home, work and in the community. 2. Provide nursing home services so as to affirm the vocation of the elderly and infirm in their own sphere of mission. 3. To support our schools by providing foundation Governors and regular acts of worship, in order to serve God through expressing the gospel in action and bless others. 4. To provide lay pastoral care for those who grieve, together with an annual memorial service as a support for the bereaved. 5. To develop an understanding that the workplace is our *'front line'* i.e. that it is key area to work out our discipleship and service of God. 6. To care for people's wellbeing through hospital volunteer chaplaincy to and also locally to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
Evangelism *- growing out*	1. To preach the gospel in season and out of season, bringing the call and the challenge of discipleship to the world, through the spoken word, written materials and our social media. 2. To make the main festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter regular opportunities for outreach. 3. To provide regular *'Christianity Explored'* enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run *'Advent windows'* in partnership with town & community groups, so as to engage people with Christmas. 5. To practise generosity and extend God's mission by aspiring to give 10% of our gross income to Christian mission (5% min). 6. To hold an annual children's holiday club to bring the good news to the next generation.

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – February 2021.

Approved by the PCC on 16th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

P.H C Kingman

Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Christ Church, Stone Registered charity number : 1156528

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Signed: ..... Date: 29/09/2022

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Christ Church, Stone PCC
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	153,335	---	17,129	—	170,484	70,191
Income from charitable activities	6,130	—	—	—	6,130	6,700
Other trading activities	591	—	570	—	1,161	1,209
Investments	64	—	0	—	64	66
Other income	170	—	—	—	170	—
Total income	**160,310**	**---**	**17,699**	**—**	**178,009**	**78,167**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,005	—	—	—	1,005	1,799
Expenditure on charitable activities	76,468	—	9,588	—	86,056	79,485
Total expenditure	**77,473**	**—**	**9,588**	**—**	**87,061**	**81,284**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**82,837**	**---**	**8,112**	**—**	**90,948**	**(3,118)**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	---	—	—	45,230	8
Gross transfers between funds - out	---	—	—	—	(45,230)	(8)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	(162)	—	(162)	83
Net movement in funds	**82,837**	**---**	**7,950**	**—**	**90,787**	**(3,034)**
Total funds brought forward	**58,417**	**—**	**47,563**	**—**	**105,980**	**109,015**
Total funds carried forward	**141,254**	**---**	**55,513**	**—**	**196,767**	**105,980**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	141,254	—	—	—	19,497	58,417
Restricted						
Development Fund	—	—	11,722	—	11,722	11,722
Gertrude Pickering Fund	—	—	2,277	—	2,277	2,439
Rock Youth Ministry	—	—	41,514	—	41,514	33,402

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6430	CCLA investment fund - Pickering	2,277	2,439
	Total Fixed assets	**2,277**	**2,439**
Current assets			
6501	Bank current account	157,125	71,412
6505	Rock Youth 6549	4,104	4,103
6506	Rock Youth 0617	33,849	28,264
6510	CBF deposit account	687	687
6590	Petty Cash	20	20
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	**195,785**	**104,486**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	1,295	945
Z04	Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	**1,295**	**945**
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	**196,767**	**105,980**
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	90,787	(3,118)
Z01	Starting balances	105,980	109,015
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	—
Z03	Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	83
	Total Reserves	**196,767**	**105,980**
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	141,254	58,417
	Restricted	55,513	47,563
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	**196,767**	**105,980**

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -		—	—	2,277	—	2,277	2,439
	Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,277**	**—**	**2,277**	**2,439**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Bank current account -		124,495	---	32,630	—	157,125	71,412
Rock Youth 6549 -		0	—	4,104	—	4,104	4,103
Rock Youth 0617 -		16,052	—	17,797	—	33,849	28,264
CBF deposit account -		687	—	—	—	687	687
Petty Cash -		20	—	—	—	20	20
	Totals	**141,254**	**---**	**54,531**	**—**	**195,785**	**104,486**
Liabilities - Agency accounts							
Agency collections -		—	—	1,295	—	1,295	945
	Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,295**	**—**	**1,295**	**945**
	Grand total	**141,254**	**---**	**55,513**	**—**	**196,767**	**105,980**

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2020

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
CCLA investment fund - Pickering -	—	—	2,439	—	2,439	2,356
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,439**	**—**	**2,439**	**2,356**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	39,132	—	32,280	—	71,412	80,151
Rock Youth 6549 -	0	—	4,103	—	4,103	4,098
Rock Youth 0617 -	18,578	—	9,686	—	28,264	22,434
CBF deposit account -	687	—	—	—	687	684
Petty Cash -	20	—	—	—	20	20
Totals	**58,417**	**—**	**46,069**	**—**	**195,785**	**107,388**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	945	—	945	730
Totals	**—**	**—**	**945**	**—**	**945**	**730**
Grand total	**58,417**	**—**	**47,563**	**—**	**105,980**	**109,015**

Fund movement by type - 2021

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,439	—	—	—	(162)	2,277
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,439**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(162)**	**2,277**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	33,402	17,699	9,588	—	—	41,514
Sub-total for Rock	**33,402**	**17,699**	**9,588**	**—**	**—**	**41,514**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	58,417	160,310	77,473	---	—	141,254
Sub-total for General	**58,417**	**160,310**	**77,473**	**---**	**—**	**141,254**
Grand total	**105,980**	**178,009**	**87,061**	**—**	**(162)**	**196,727**

Fund movement by type - 2020

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
DEVELOP - Development Fund						
Restricted	11,722	—	—	—	—	11,722
Sub-total for DEVELOP	**11,722**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11,722**
Gertrude - Gertrude Pickering F						
Restricted	2,356	—	—	—	83	2,439
Sub-total for Gertrude	**2,356**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**83**	**2,439**
Rock - Rock Youth Ministry						
Restricted	27,807	17,403	11,816	8	—	33,402
Sub-total for Rock	**33,402**	**17,403**	**11,816**	**8**	**—**	**33,402**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	67,130	60,764	69,468	(8)	—	58,417
Sub-total for General	**67,130**	**60,764**	**69,468**	**(8)**	**—**	**58,417**
Grand total	**109,014**	**78,167**	**81,284**	**—**	**—**	**105,980**

Staff Costs

	2021	2020
Wages & Salaries	£16,479	£14,837
Average number of Employees	2	2

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator, and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments [2020 £292]

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

There has been no Trustees remuneration during the year.

One Trustee has been reimbursed £ 1,543 (2020 £1,517) for travel, subsistence and phone during the year

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from related parties [PCC members] totaled £6,596 (2020 6,393).

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets - None

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Restricted Funds						
Gertrude Pickering	2,439	---	---	---	(162)	2,277
Total	**2,439**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**(162)**	**2,277**

The Charity of Gertrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ church, Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 992 investment units held with CCLA were transferred to the PCC and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

Summary of Assets by Fund - 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	--	--	--	--	--
Investment Assets	--	--	2,277	--	2,277
Current Assets	141,254	--	54,531	-	195,785
Current Liabilities	--	--	(1,295)	--	(1,295)
	141,254	**--**	**55,513**	**--**	**196,767**

Summary of Assets by Fund - 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	--	--	--	--	--
Investment Assets	--	--	2,439	--	2,439
Current Assets	59,362	--	45,124	-	104,486
Current Liabilities	(945)	--	--		(945)
	58,417	**--**	**47,563**	**--**	**105,980**

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	36,735	—	1,736	—	38,471	42,390
Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,657	—	—	—	1,657	1,299
Other planned giving	11,711	—	11,446	—	23,157	10,851
Loose plate collections	899	—	—	—	899	1,386
One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,080	—	2,050	—	5,130	1,260
Donations appeals etc	3,458	—	722	—	4,180	283
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	—	694
Legacies	—	76,527	—	—	76,527	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	17,669	—	—	—	17,669	10,120
Other funds generated	1,619	—	1,174	—	2,793	1,908
Total	76,828	76,527	17,129	—	170,484	70,191
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,114	—	—	—	2,114	2,370
Bookstall sales	551	—	—	—	551	204
Church hall lettings	3,465	—	—	—	3,465	4,127
Total	6,130	—	—	—	6,130	6,700
Other trading activities						
Rummage sales & events	380	—	570	—	950	216
Other fund raising activities	—	—	—	—	—	438
Magazine income from advertising	197	—	—	—	197	—
Parish magazine sales	14	—	—	—	14	556
Total	591	—	570	—	1,161	1,209
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	64	—	0	—	64	66
Total	64	—	0	—	64	66
Other income						
Insurance claims	170	—	—	—	170	—
Total	170	—	—	—	170	—
INCOME TOTAL	83,783	76,527	17,699	—	178,009	78,167

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Fees paid to fund raisers	17	—	—	—	17	17
Costs of fetes & other events	988	—	—	—	988	1,782
Total	1,005	—	—	—	1,005	1,799

Expenditure on charitable activities

Charitable giving	7,809	—	—	—	7,809	5,278
Home mission	311	—	—	—	311	601
Parish share	39,594	—	—	—	39,594	31,334
Assistant staff costs	2,876	—	9,588	—	12,463	11,966
Salary of parish administrator	4,016	—	—	—	4,016	2,671
Working expenses of incumbent	1,543	—	—	—	1,543	1,517
Parish training and mission	150	—	—	—	150	43
Church running - insurance	3,047	—	—	—	3,047	2,863
Church office - telephone	38	—	—	—	38	106
Church maintenance	516	—	—	—	516	2,819
Cleaning	926	—	—	—	926	1,121
Upkeep of services	321	—	—	—	321	1,049
Upkeep of churchyard	75	—	—	—	75	1,768
Administration	6,160	—	—	—	6,160	7,032
Visiting speakers / locums	127	—	—	—	127	100
Church running - electric	210	—	—	—	210	271
Church running - gas	1,407	—	—	—	1,407	2,035
Church running - water	80	—	—	—	80	—
Bookstall costs	1,517	—	—	—	1,517	229
Hall running - electricity	813	—	—	—	813	626
Hall running - gas	1,337	—	—	—	1,337	692
Hall running - maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	344
Hall running - telephone	416	—	—	—	416	290
Hall running - water	—	—	—	—	—	151
Governance costs examination/audit fee	175	—	—	—	175	—
Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	4,578
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	3,006	—	—	—	3,006	—
Total	76,468	—	9,588	—	86,056	79,485
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	77,473	—	9,588	—	87,061	81,284
GRAND TOTAL	6,310	76,527	8,112	—	90,948	(3,118)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156528

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Charity registration number: 1156528

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Kingman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

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 Christ Church. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stone it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name:
Christ Church.
Christ Church Parish Office
Christchurch Way
Stone
Staffs ST15 8ZB
Registered charity number 1156528

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved were**:**

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (as from Sept 2003) PCC Chair
Asst. Curate: In vacancy.:
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019)
Wardens: Peter Mason, David Beauchamp
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall; Andrew Stone
Readers: David Bell, David Rowlands, Michael Thompson, Helen Bowes
Deaconess (Retired) Ann Butler
Gift Aid Secretary Richard Latos

Elected members:
Mrs E Woodhead, Mrs M Hillman (serving one more year)
Mrs S Sanders, Mr P Kelly (serving two more years)
Mrs A Smith, Mr P Tunstall, Mr A Stone, Mrs D Morris, Mrs E Mason (elected to serve 3 more years)
Mrs A Burton (stood down April 2021)

Deanery Synod members Mrs H Bowes, Mr D Rowlands

Retired Clergy in active ministry 2020/2021
Rev Preb Gerald Gardiner
Rev Preb Roger Vaughan
Dss Ann Butler

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Incumbent:
Revd Paul Kingman

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity no. 1156528 registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

PCC members are elected by existing members on a rolling 3-year basis. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. For PCC members, a service is held including an induction prayer for those newly elected. Training is acquired through attending the PCC meetings, no individual responsibilities are given to those newly elected. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet 4 times a year. [Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Worship, Mission and Outreach, Buildings and Finance and Youth Work. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.]

Sub-Committees:
Mission Task Group
Pastoral Care Task Group
House Group – Dr D. Bell
House Group – Mr P. Mason
House Group – Dr S. Kingman
House Group – Gill Latos
House Group – Chris Nix
House Group – Estella Woodhead

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £27,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £67,129 which is higher than this target.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Related Parties

Donations from Related Parties
Donations from related parties during the year totalled £6,596. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees
None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the

Expenses paid to Trustees
Only trustee to receive remuneration was the incumbent – see account for details

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

PARISH PROFILE & MISSION ACTION PLAN (*updated for April 2019*)

The United Benefice of Christ Church Stone & Oulton with Moddershall, Staffordshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

INCUMBENT: Revd Paul Kingman (from Sept 2003).
Asst Curate: Vacant (as of Sept '14).
Children and Families Worker: Peter Cuthbert (since September 2019).
Wardens: David Beauchamp and Pete Mason (CC, Stone); Simon Hodgkinson and Ruth Wilson (O with M).
Deputy Wardens: Philip Tunstall and Andy Stone (CC, Stone); John Beamond (OwM); Andrew Plant (OwM).
Readers: David Bell, Helen Bowes, David Rowlands, Michael Thompson.

THE PARISH SETTING:
The United Benefice covers the northern part of the town of Stone plus two villages to the northeast. The population of Stone is 16,385 and rising due to house developments. It was formerly a market town, but now known as a Canal Town and has two industrial parks for businesses. The parish has a total population ca. 4,480 [Stone 3,500; Oulton 800; Moddershall 180] and *aSa* of 81, 28 and 10 respectively.? Have kept this the same as they did not do a statistics calculator for 2020! More recently the town has seen the building of new retail outlets, a new leisure centre, the current development of the canal wharf with the addition of a theatre. A train service provides a link to Stafford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent and Crewe.

THE CHURCHES
Ecclesiastical Tradition: the benefice of two parishes is in the gift of The Simeon's Trust and so has had an Anglican evangelical ministry since its establishment – with an emphasis on shaping the church's life and ministry according to the Holy Bible and worshipping the Lord

and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two village churches are more traditional in style but share the same Patron. In 1989 a joint Benefice was formed and continues to be one today.

> *"Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy servant, Charles Simeon, didst mould the lives of many that they might go forth and teach others also; mercifully grant that as through evil report and good report he ceased not to preach thy saving Word, so we may never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen".*

[A prayer used in King's College, Cambridge for 13th Nov – the date of Charles Simeon's death].

Pattern of Sunday Worship:
Christ Church, Stone: 9.15 a.m. (all CW: 1st HC, 2nd MP, 3rd HC, 4th Family 5th MP).
Oulton: 11.00 a.m. (1st HC BCP; 2nd MP; 3rd HC; 4th Family; 5th MP).
Moddershall: 11.00 a.m. (BCP: 1st MP; 2nd HC; 3rd MP; 4th MP)
Evenings 6.00 p.m. which ranges from a standard service to a course, or a meeting.

Weekday Services: Tuesday midweek communion; monthly nursing home services; termly school services.

Lay involvement: administration (p/t paid); youth and children groups; children's Easter Holiday Club; Sunday School; house group leaders; mums & toddlers; luncheon club for elderly (O); development of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

House, Study or Prayer Groups: Bible study discipleship groups, Lent courses, *Christianity Explored* discipleship course; midweek prayer; monthly prayer breakfast.

Youth Work: Tues lunchtime 'Seekers' (CCA Yr 5-8); weekly school assemblies at First and Middle schools; High School assemblies; occasional school visits or extra lessons.

Children's work: Sunday school; annual Holiday Club; Light Party (alternative to Halloween); Pancake Party; Good Friday craft & service for children; Christingle; Parent and Toddler group.

Areas of co-operation (*e.g*. with other Anglicans or Ecumenical partners):
Churches Together in Stone (Anglican, Baptist, URC/M & St Dominic's RC) cooperate for the Good Friday procession and service; 'Advent Windows' and town carols at Christmas; the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; we support the 'Stone Community Hub' and CAP centre for the town.

Any other activities or comments:
We have regular times of outreach to the community. The Vicar was part of the organising the nationwide mission called *A Passion For Life* (March 2010, 2014) and the parishes ran events under this banner including a collaborative event with other north Staffs churches at Stoke City FC conference room (2010 with Ken Howells & Rico Tice; 2014 with Robin Oake & Roger Carswell). Other outreach events include ladies outreach events; men's meals with speakers; a mini-mission with flower festival in 2018
We have organised '*Advent Windows*' since 2010 (an Advent display in shop windows involving community groups). We have Governor responsibility for three Church of England Schools and the Vicar is Chair of Trustees for CCA. The Vicar serves on the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Pastoral Standing Committee. The Benefice is a partner church for the

'*Midlands Gospel Partnership'* (MGP) encouraging mission in the Midlands. We support several Christian mission partners overseas and at home including UCCF.

THE INCUMBENT'S AND PCC'S VISION & PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE:

In conjunction with the Diocesan vision for 'Growing for Growth' we have adopted a simple framework within which to develop a Bible based ministry. The two PCC's have agreed to make disciples by pursuing three general aims, to be developed over time:

1. ***Nurture*** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
2. ***Evangelism***: to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Worship*** of God: to increasingly delight in God's majesty while giving the whole of our lives God as described in Rom 12v1-2 (fed by nurture and evangelism).

This vision statement is the basis of the *Mission Action Plan*. Inevitably this will be age-specific in many of our activities, but we endeavour to fulfil our mission irrespective of someone's age as we share the good news to all, whatever their cultural or religious background. The MAP applies to the Benefice, although we recognise that each of the three churches has their own part to play in order to fulfil these aims.

1. Nurture

We aim to encourage the nurture of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Actions:

To faithfully expound the Holy Bible in Sunday services and also in the children's classes – this will require our prayerful preparation and application so as to make disciples.

To encourage a daily discipline of Bible reading, praise and prayer amongst all congregation members.

We will aim to meet together for study courses during Lent and at other times to grow in our understanding of Biblical truth and how to live as a community of Jesus' disciples.

We will continue to provide pastoral care for the community through our support and instruction for baptisms, weddings and funerals and at other times as they arise.

We will hold events that promote our meeting together, so as to build our identity as a community of faith.

2. Evangelism

In obedience to Jesus' command to *'go and make disciples of all nations'* (Mt 28v18-20) we will commit ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Actions:

We will provide services at the main Festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter as opportunities to bring guests to hear more about the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will provide a regular *Christianity Explored* discipleship course to help to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and lead to disciples who will also make disciples of others.

We will hold an annual children's holiday club to draw more children and their families into the life of the church and to encourage them to follow Jesus.

We will resource a children and families worker to oversee our ministry amongst young people as we pray that this will lead to lasting fruit.

We shall maintain our support of Christian mission partners both in the UK and overseas by giving up to 10% of our gross income to the work.

We will endeavour to demonstrate the gospel in action by being good news to the community – by providing Governors so as to promote good schools for the area that uphold the Christian foundation; to explore the development of further ways to support families in the area.

We will aim to encourage the community to partner with us in providing a giant Advent Calendar for Christmas.

3. Worship

We aim to grow in Christ-likeness both in our personal conduct and in our service in the world. This is achieved through being committed to the local church as the body of Christ, to accept pastoral oversight (of the incumbent and all who exercise a leadership role) as a means of encouraging our faith in the Lord Jesus and to promote godly living and service in order to bring honour and glory to His name. We meet on a Sunday to give praise and thanksgiving for the mercies and grace we have received from the Lord; to confess our sins with the intention of not simply showing remorse, but leading to our genuine repentance and change to become more Christ-like; to engage prayerfully with what the Holy Bible teaches us; to remember the death of Christ on the cross as the basis of our being put right with God to which the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper point.

Actions:

We will provide a regular service on a Sunday in each church, as resources will allow, drawing on the best hymns of the past and present that are inspired by the Scriptures.
We will provide the opportunity for small groups to meet for the purpose of Bible Study and prayer as a means of discipleship, both in homes and at church.
We aim to have an annual Covenant Service to as an opportunity to remember the sheer privilege of being the people of God and to renew our commitment to the Lord.
We will encourage more people to take part in the church prayer gatherings as a demonstration of our reliance on the Lord and desire to do His will.
We will endeavour to take regular services at Autumn House nursing home as our resources allow, providing spiritual care and encouragement in an appropriate way.

A SUMMARY OF OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN from 2019.

Although we have set out the vision in our own terms, we believe that there is a good correspondence with the current Diocesan priorities. For this reason, we have set out below our goals for the next phase utilising the terms of reference: Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism or the forthcoming period.

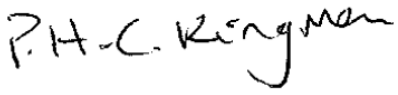
Table: MAP Summary (using Diocese of Lichfield's framework):

Primary purpose	Actions for 2019 onwards
Discipleship *-growing up*	1. To hold regular Sunday services for corporate the worship of God. 2. Provide resources for personal Bible reading & prayer. 3. To hold an annual Lent course in order to deepen our discipleship. 4. To encourage adults and young people to attend Christian conventions and summer ventures as times of celebration, refreshment and growth. 5. To partner with the Midlands Gospel Partnership as a means of resourcing and reaching the Midlands with gospel workers. 6. Promote prayer gatherings: weekly and monthly. 7. To provide age-appropriate home groups and life-long Christian learning and prayer in small groups.
Vocation *- growing more*	1. Encourage the congregations to live as the family of God and to demonstrate this in everyday life at home, work and in the community. 2. Provide nursing home services so as to affirm the vocation of the elderly and infirm in their own sphere of mission. 3. To support our schools by providing foundation Governors and regular acts of worship, in order to serve God through expressing the gospel in action and bless others. 4. To provide lay pastoral care for those who grieve, together with an annual memorial service as a support for the bereaved.

	5. To develop an understanding that the workplace is our *'front line'* i.e. that it is key area to work out our discipleship and service of God. 6. To care for people's wellbeing through hospital volunteer chaplaincy to and also locally to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
Evangelism *- growing out*	1. To preach the gospel in season and out of season, bringing the call and the challenge of discipleship to the world, through the spoken word, written materials and our social media. 2. To make the main festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter regular opportunities for outreach. 3. To provide regular *'Christianity Explored'* enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run *'Advent windows'* in partnership with town & community groups, so as to engage people with Christmas. 5. To practise generosity and extend God's mission by aspiring to give 10% of our gross income to Christian mission (5% min). 6. To hold an annual children's holiday club to bring the good news to the next generation.

Financial details available in the audited accounts as submitted to LDBF (appointed as Independent Examiners) – February 2021.

Approved by the PCC on ……28 April… 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Paul Kingman
For and on behalf of the PCC of Christ Church Stone

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Stone

Charity registration no. 1156528

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/members of the PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Charity registration no. 1156528

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me casue to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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



Signed: …… Date: 05-Jul-21

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
							*see note 12 for full comparatives
Incoming Resources							
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	**2a**	52,965	-	17,226	-	70,191	86,380
Activities for Generating Funds	**2b**	481	-	172	-	653	1,653
Income from Investments	**2c**	62	-	7	-	69	155
Church Activities	**2d**	7,256	-	-	-	7,256	18,935
Other	**2e**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		60,764	-	17,405	-	78,169	107,123
Resources Expended							
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds	**3a**	1,799	-	-	-	1,799	2,094
Church Activities	**3b**	67,668	-	11,816	-	79,484	111,455
Other	**3c**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		69,467	-	11,816	-	81,283	113,549
Net Income/(Expenditure) before investment		(8,703)	-	5,589	-	(3,114)	(6,426)
Net gain/(losses) on investments	**7(b) & 8(a)**			83		83	(94)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(8,703)	-	5,672	-	(3,031)	(6,520)
Transfer between Funds	**6**					-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(8,703)	-	5,672	-	(3,031)	(6,520)
Total Funds brought forward	**11**	67,129	-	41,885		109,014	60,635
Total Funds carried forward		58,426	-	47,557	-	105,983	54,115

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone
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Balance Sheet

		Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	7(a)	-	-
Investment Assets	7(b)	2,439	2,356
Total Fixed Assets		**2,439**	**2,356**
Current Assets			
Current Investments	8(a)	-	-
Debtors and prepayments	8(b)	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8(c)	104,488	107,388
Total Current Assets		**104,488**	**107,388**
Current Liabilities - due within 1 year			
Creditors and accruals	9(a)	945	730
Diocesan Parish Share			
Diocesan Loan			
Total Current Liabilities		**945**	**730**
Net Current Assets/(Liabilties)		**103,544**	**106,658**
Liabilities due after one year	9(b)		
Creditors			
Deferred Parish Share			
Diocesan Loan			
Total Liabilites due after one year		**-**	**-**
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		**105,983**	**109,014**

Funds of the PCC	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	58,426	67,129
Designated Funds	-	-
Restricted Funds	47,557	41,885
Endowment Funds	-	-
Total Funds	**105,983**	**109,014**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ….....2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: ……...……

Name: The Revd PH Kingman (PCC Chairman)

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

The PCC of Christ Church, Stone

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a Cash flow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern

Post-balance sheet events

The worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus represents a significant event since the end of the financial year. The Charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and considered the impact on going concern, concluding that the going concern basis remains an appropriate basis of preparation for these financial statements given the likely cash flow impact of operations for 12 months from the date of signing this report. COVID-19 is considered to be a non-adjusting post year end – for accruals) event and therefore has not been taken into account in preparing these Financial Statements as at 31 December 2020.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest

b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Accounting Policies continued

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support.
Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured at cash expected to be received.

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Finance Form Box Number	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Donations and Legacies							
	Voluntary Income							
1	Tax efficient planned giving	2a	39,545	-	4,144	-	43,689	47,370
2	Other planned giving		123	-	10,728	-	10,851	12,847
3	Collections at services		1,386	-	-	-	1,386	2,154
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals		1,791	-	1,660	-	3,451	17,628
6	Gift Aid Recoverable			-	694	-	694	2,938
7	Legacies			-	-	-	-	3,443
8	Grants (recurring and one-off)		10,120	-	-	-	10,120	-
			52,965	**-**	**17,226**	**-**	**70,191**	**86,380**
	Charitable Activities							
	Activities for Generating Funds	2b						
9	Summer Fete		-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Rummage Sale & Events		216	-	-	-	216	300
9	Other Fundraising Activities		266	-	172	-	438	1,352
			481	**-**	**172**	**-**	**653**	**1,653**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS *continued*

			Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
	Income from Investments	**2c**						
10	Dividends		56	-	-	-	56	48
10	Bank Interest		5	-	7	-	13	106
			62	**-**	**7**	**-**	**69**	**155**
	Income from Church Activities	**2d**						
11	Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)		2,370	-	-	-	2,370	2,156
12	Church Hall Hire		4,127	-	-	-	4,127	14,362
12	Sunday morning coffee		-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Bookstall		204	-	-	-	204	769
12	Parish Magazine		556	-	-	-	556	1,648
12	Other trading activites		-	-	-	-	-	-
			7,256	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,256**	**18,935**
	Other Income	**2e**						
13	Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
A	**Total Income**		**60,764**	**-**	**17,405**	**-**	**78,169**	**107,123**

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Finance Form Box Number			Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
	EXPENDITURE	**3**						
	Raising Funds	**3a**						
	Costs of Generating Funds							
17	Stewardship Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Costs of Fund Raising		1,799	-	-	-	1,799	2,094
17	Coffee Morning Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
			1,799	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,799**	**2,094**
	Charitable Activities	**3b**						
	Church Activites							
18	Mission Giving and Donations		5,879	-	-	-	5,879	12,691
19	Diocesan Parish Share		31,334	-	-	-	31,334	42,238
20	Salaries and Wages		2,821	-	11,816	-	14,637	14,665
21	Clergy and Staff Expenses		1,517	-	-	-	1,517	2,063
	Church Expenses							
22	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)		43	-	-	-	43	197
23	Church Running Expenses (incl Governance)		16,858	-	-	-	16,858	21,545
24	Church Utility Bills		2,306	-	-	-	2,306	4,826
25	Cost of Trading (Magazine, bookstall etc)		229	-	-	-	229	985
25	Church Hall Running Costs		2,103	-	-	-	2,103	7,315
	Major Capital Expenditure							
27	Major Repairs to the Church			-	-	-	-	4,930
28	Major Repairs to Church Hall		4,578	-	-	-	4,578	-
29	New Building Work		-	-	-	-	-	-
			67,668	**-**	**11,816**	**-**	**79,484**	**111,455**
99	**Other Expenditure**	**3c**						
	Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
C	**Total Expenditure**		**69,467**	**-**	**11,816**	**-**	**81,283**	**113,549**

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Finance Form Box Number

4 Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs comprise Trustee Training and Governance Costs etc. Due to the nature of the financial activities of the PCC, these would be allocated across Charitable Expenditure which comprises the majority of its expenditure and as such are automatically charged there.

5 (a) Staff Costs

	2020	2019
Wages & Salaries	£14,637	£14,665
Average number of employees		

During the year the PCC employed an adminiostrator and a Youth Worker.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC use the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments

5 (b) Related Parties

1 Trustee(s) has been reimbursed £1,517 for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year.

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £6,596 during 2020 (2019 £7,590).

5 (c) Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2020	2019
Independent Examiner's fees	£150	£150
Other fees (eg accountancy services)	£0	£0
paid to the Independent Examiner		

6 Analysis of Transfer between Funds

None

7 (a) Tangible Fixed Assets

None

7 (b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value £	At 31st Dec £
Restricted funds						
Gertrude Pickering Charity	2,356	-	-	-	83	2,439
32 **Total**	**2,356**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**83**	**2,439**

The Charity of Getrude Pickering, together with the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church Stone, merged with the Charity of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Stone. As such, 992 investment units held with CCLA were transferred to the PCC, and are held in a restricted fund. The income from this investment is to provide gifts, at or about Christmas, to the sick or poor of the parish.

8 Current Assets

8 (a) Current Asset Investments

None

8 (b) Debtors

None

8 (c) Cash at Bank and in hand

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	2020 Total £	2019 £
Current Account	58,664	12,748	-	71,412	80,151
Rock Youth Ministry	-	32,370	-	32,370	26,533
CBF Deposit Account	687	-	-	687	684
Cash in hand	20	-	-	20	20
31	**59,371**	**45,118**	**-**	**104,488**	**107,388**

9 Liabilities

All unrestricted	2020	2019
9 (a) ***Amounts falling due in one year***		
Other Creditors	945	730
35	**945**	**730**
9 (b) ***Amounts falling due after one year***		
Diocesan Loan	-	-
Deferred Parish Share	-	-
35	**-**	**-**

10 Summary of Assets by Fund - 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	2,439	-	2,439
Current Assets	59,371	-	45,118	-	104,488
Current Liabilities	(945)				(945)
F	**58,426**	**-**	**47,557**	**-**	**105,983**

Summary of Assets by Fund - 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	2,356	-	2,356
Current Assets	67,859	-	39,529	-	107,388
Current Liabilities	(730)				(730)
	67,129	**-**	**41,885**	**-**	**109,014**

11 Summary of Fund Movements - 2020

	Reserves at 1st Jan £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gains / Losses £	Transfers £	Reserves at 31st Dec £
Unrestricted Fund	**67,129**	**60,764**	**(69,467)**	**-**	**-**	**58,426**
Restricted Funds						
Development	11,722	-	-	-	-	11,722
Rock Youth Ministry	27,807	17,405	(11,816)	-	-	33,396
Gertrude Pickering	2,356	-	-	83		2,439
	41,885	**17,405**	**(11,816)**	**83**	**-**	**47,557**
Total Funds	**109,014**	**78,169**	**(81,283)**	**83**	**-**	**105,983**

Summary of Fund Movements - 2019

	Reserves at 1st Jan £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gains/Losses £	Transfers £	Reserves at 31st Dec £
Unrestricted Fund	**94,753**	**81,041**	**(108,665)**	**-**	**-**	**67,129**
Restricted Funds						
Development	11,722	-	-	-	-	11,722
Rock Youth Ministry	6,609	26,082	(4,884)	-	-	27,807
Gertrude Pickering	2,622	-	-	(266)		2,356
	20,954	**26,082**	**(4,884)**	**(266)**	**-**	**41,886**
Total Funds	**115,707**	**107,123**	**(113,549)**	**(266)**	**-**	**109,014**

Development fund - monies set aside for developing the church building.

Rock Youth Ministry fund - monies for employment of the Youth Worker.

Gertrude Pickering fund - an investment is held, from which the income is used to provide gifts to the sick and poor of the parish around Christmas T

12 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and Endowments					
Donations and Legacies	60,298	-	26,082	-	86,380
Activities for Generating Funds	1,653	-	-	-	1,653
Income from Investments	155	-	-	-	155
Church Activities	18,935	-	-	-	18,935
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	**81,041**	**-**	**26,082**	**-**	**107,123**
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	2,094	-	-	-	2,094
Church Activities	106,571	-	4,884	-	111,455
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	**108,665**	**-**	**4,884**	**-**	**113,549**
Net income/(expenditure)	**(27,624)**	**-**	**21,198**	**-**	**(6,426)**
Net gain/(losses) on investment			(94)		(94)
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(27,624)	-	21,104	-	(6,520)
Transfer between Funds	(1,987)	-	1,987	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	**(29,611)**	**-**	**23,091**	**-**	**(6,520)**