



**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

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The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church fabric and provides overall governance of the church activities, buildings and facilities.

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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.

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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.

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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 vergers.

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 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
Peter Mason		Warden
David Beauchamp		Warden
Andrew Stone		Deputy Warden
David Rowlands		Reader
Helen Bowes		Reader
Christine Pentland		Reader
David Bell (until August 2023)		Reader
Mr P Tunstall		Elected PCC member
Mr A Stone		Elected PCC member
Mrs D Aspey		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 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

Bank

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41 Greengate Street
Stafford
Staffs ST16 2JA

Independent Examiner:

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House
The Close
Lichfield
WS13 7LD
Telephone: 01543 306055

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.

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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

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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 vergers 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
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Independent Examiner:

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
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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:



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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 a Sa 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:

- 4. Nurture** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
- 5. Evangelism:** to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 6. 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
<i>Discipleship</i> <i>-growing up</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<i>Vocation</i> <i>- growing more</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 '<i>front line</i>' 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).
<i>Evangelism</i> <i>- growing out</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 '<i>Hope Explored</i>' and '<i>Christianity Explored</i>' enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run '<i>Advent windows</i>' 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: 

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Date: 25/09/2024

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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
	<u>2,081</u>	<u>1,971</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	222,762	199,745
	<u>222,762</u>	<u>199,745</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,582	964
	<u>2,582</u>	<u>964</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>220,180</u>	<u>198,781</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>
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	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>

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

Signature: P.H.C. King

Name: Rev. Paul Kinahan (Vicar)

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

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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.

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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

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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

		Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	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 vergers 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

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.

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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


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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:



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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 a Sa 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:

- 4. Nurture** of believers: so that we become more like Christ.
- 5. Evangelism:** to gather God's elect into the joy of worship through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 6. 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
<i>Discipleship</i> <i>-growing up</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<i>Vocation</i> <i>- growing more</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 '<i>front line</i>' 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).
<i>Evangelism</i> <i>- growing out</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 '<i>Hope Explored</i>' and '<i>Christianity Explored</i>' enquirer's courses and outreach events, in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 4. To run '<i>Advent windows</i>' 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

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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
	<u>2,081</u>	<u>1,971</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	222,762	199,745
	<u>222,762</u>	<u>199,745</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,582	964
	<u>2,582</u>	<u>964</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>220,180</u>	<u>198,781</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>
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	<u>222,262</u>	<u>200,753</u>

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

Signature: P.H.C. King

Name: Rev. Paul Kinahan (Vicar)

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

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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.

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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

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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

		Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	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 vergers 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