



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022**  
**Period end date**

**Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Charity name:** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints'  
Stock Harvard

**Charity registration number:** 1158160

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including the sick and bereaved. Teaching Christianity through sermons and small groups.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	As above.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	There has been no special notice taken of this guidance.

## Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity has just continued with regular Sunday worship.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had an Income of £300,367 in the year ; £210,00 was received from the Diocese who purchased the Rectory Hall from the charity. Expenses were £74,186.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 were £260,091. £198,664 is being held to pay for Church roof repairs and electrical work.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£260,091
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Parochial Church Council of All SAaints' Parish Church Stock Harvard
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Act of Parliament
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Church of England
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by those on the electoral role

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Stock Harvard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1158160
Charity's principal address	All SAINTS' Church Stock Road Essex CM49BN

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Barker			
2	Pauline Collier			
3	David Sainsbury	Treasurer		
4	Corrine Duty			
5	Judith Sabine	Church Warden		
6	Margaret King			
7	Martin King			
8	Gerald Scott	Secretary		
9	Alma Clements			
10	Peter Stas			
11	Reverend Maranda Seaman			
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional Information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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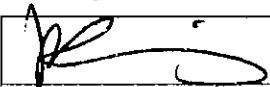
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Sainsbury	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
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# **All Saints' Church, Stock Harvard**



**Annual Parish Meeting  
and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**To be held in Church  
On Wednesday 26 April 2023  
at 7:30pm**



# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

Agenda for the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 26 April 2023 @ 7:30pm

Approval of the minutes of 25 April 2022

Election of Churchwardens

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Agenda for the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Wednesday 26 April 2023 @ 7:45pm

Approval of the minutes of 25 April 2022

## Main Reports

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1) Electoral Roll Report                    | Sylvia Finch             |
| 2) PCC Proceedings Report                   | Gerry Scott              |
| 3) Financial Statement 2022                 | Richard Sainsbury        |
| 4) Fabric Report                            | Martin King / Peter Stas |
| 5) Servers                                  | Chris Finch              |
| 6) Organist & Choir                         | Gerry Scott              |
| 7) Associate Priests' Report                | Rev Miranda Seaman       |
| 8) Priest-in-charge Report (since Jan 2023) | Rev Jacqui Pearson       |

## Miscellaneous Reports

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|---|------------------------------|
| A) Deanery Synod Representative Report    | Pauline Collier              |
| B) Unity Committee                        | Pauline Collier / Jane Steel |
| C) Compass Churches Representative Report | Judith Sabine                |
| D) Overseas Mission                       | Julia Seaman                 |
| E) Church / School Links                  | Judith Sabine                |
| F) Safeguarding                           | Judith Sabine                |
| G) Sidespeople                            | Pauline Collier              |
| H) Readers                                | Pauline Collier              |

Election of 3 members to the Parochial Church Council

Election of 1 representative for the Deanery Synod

Election of 1 Representative for Compass Group

Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer

Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer

Any other business, discussion or questions.

**NB After the meeting the members of the new PCC should meet to elect the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Sidespersons (or Assistants to the Churchwardens), Secretary and officers for the coming year and to fix the date of the first meeting.**

## **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

*(The suggested maximum number of members is 15 (incl Priest-in-charge & C/W's). This is in accordance with the CofE guidelines and evaluated upon the number of those on the ER)*

Chair (Priest in charge)	Not in post
Vice Chair	Pauline Collier
Assistant Priest	Rev Miranda Seaman
Churchwardens	Pauline Collier Judith Sabine
Deanery Synod	Pauline Collier [until 2023]
Elected	Sylvia Finch [until 2023] Chris Finch [until 2023] Margaret King [until 2023]  Anthony Barker [until 2024] Martin King [until 2024] Michael McGeachie [until 2024] Alma Clements-Scott [until 2024] Gerry Scott (Secretary) [until 2024]  Corrinne Duty [until 2025] Adrian Rilstone [until 2025] Richard Sainsbury (Treasurer) [until 2025] Peter Stas [until 2025]
Compass Churches Rep	Judith Sabine [until 2023]
Electoral Roll Officer	Sylvia Finch [until 2023]

# **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

## **1) Electoral Roll**

With thanks to Mrs Sylvia Finch this continues to be maintained and currently stands at 119 people on the Electoral Roll, of which 64 were resident and 55 not resident within the Parish.

## **2) Review of the Year 2022 (Jan-Dec)**

The PCC met on 9 occasions last Church year (viz. 04.01.22; 20.03.22; 25.04.22; 25.05.22; 22.06.22; 05.09.22; 05.10.22; 13.12.22; 19.12.22) when the following main topics were discussed:

### **Rectory Hall**

This again has been ongoing and the major point of discussion throughout the year. At the latter part of the negotiations Nigel Mason stepped in to take control of the administration, bringing with him his considerable experience in legal matters. The PCC are extremely grateful to him and whilst this report should only cover up to the end of December 2022, it should be noted that at the time of writing this report, it can be confirmed that the Rectory Hall has now been sold to the Diocese with funds now available for Church projects.

### **Finance**

For full details please refer to financial reports later in this document. It is fair to say that there continue to be many and significant calls on resources and without funds from Flower and Fete events, we would not be able to meet in full our Parish Share contributions. The Sale of the Rectory Hall will enable us to meet urgent reparation of the Church Roof and Electrics which have been highlighted in the Quinquennial Inspections. Details of these will be included under the heading of Fabric Report.

### **Organist & Wedding Fees**

These were reviewed and implemented w.e.f January 2023.

### **Clergy**

We have welcomed our Associate Priest Miranda Seaman who is taking many of our Sunday morning Masses together with other celebrants (both Male and Female).

Fr Barry continues to celebrate Mass on Wednesday mornings from the North Chapel for which we express our thanks and gratitude.

Secretary  
**Gerald Scott**

### **3) Finance Report 2022**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 we completed the sale of the Rectory Hall to the Diocese at a price of £210,000. It has temporarily improved our financial circumstances however the funds are required to finish the Church re-wiring and to mend the roof. At the end of the year the Unrestricted Fund had a balance of £243,462 but the re-wiring will cost £56,000 and the 2020 estimate for the roof repairs was £80,000. There are also various smaller amounts required to meet the recommendations in the 2022 Quinquennial Report.

In the balance sheet unrestricted funds have been split between a general fund (£44,798) and a special fund (£198,664) to illustrate which funds relate to the Rectory Hall sale and are now earmarked for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the Church fabric.

If you strip out the profit on the sale of the Rectory Hall and the related costs (£8,165 legal fees) then the Unrestricted Fund made a surplus of £20,986. We only paid £20,000 Parish Share in the year and we made a profit £8,612 on the very successful Autumn Flower Festival. The latter figure includes £1,049 profit from the pre-Covid 2020 Pancake Supper which was included in that year's accounts.

There is good news on the 2023 Parish Share as a reassessment of the amount we should be paying has come out at £37,016. Previously we have been asked for around £65,000. I think we will be able to meet the £37,016 figure this coming year.

The Overseas Mission Committee started a new fund-raising initiative in 2022, the Shopping Evening, which raised £1,105. As a result of this success plus other donations the OMC was able to give £2,325 to charities of their choice. The PCC and UCL Church Choir also raised £1,058 for Ukraine with a performance of Faure's Requiem.

The Friends had a quiet year after several years of contributing generously to tree surgery, tower repairs, electrical work and the refurbishment of the Garden of Remembrance. They raised just over £3,000 in the year and they now have funds of £11,576.

Treasurer  
Richard Sainsbury

## **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC 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 give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with s. 130 of the Charities 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

**Peter John Bentley**  
**10 Myln Meadow Stock**  
May 2023

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<u>Total Funds</u>	
	Note				2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	52,035	4,661	-	56,696	67,606
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	-	-	-	-	6,200
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>						
- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	7,816		-	7,816	9,730
- to generate funds	2(d)	233,567	1,106	-	234,673	310
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	24	8	-	32	14
<i>Income from insurance claims</i>	2(f)	1,150	-	-	1,150	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>294,592</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300,367</b>	<b>83,860</b>
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(d)	15,671	-	-	15,671	164
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	1,250	1,325	-	2,575	1,750
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	54,850	1,063	-	55,913	74,170
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	-	27	-	27	232
<b>Total resources Used</b>		<b>71,771</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,186</b>	<b>76,316</b>
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>222,821</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>226,181</b>	<b>7,544</b>
Balances Brought Forward at 1st January		20,641	13,269	-	33,910	26,366
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st December</b>		<b>243,462</b>	<b>16,629</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,091</b>	<b>33,910</b>

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0	0
		<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	10,793	10,556
Short term deposits		5,501	5,499
Cash at bank and in hand		287,240	40,331
		<hr/> 303,534	<hr/> 56,386
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Creditors (£40,000 Parish Share)		43,443	22,476
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted – general fund		44,798	20,641
Restricted		16,629	13,269
Unrestricted – special fund		198,664	0
		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**Pauline Collier** (*Churchwarden*)

**Judith Sabine** (*Churchwarden*)

**Gerald Scott** (*Secretary*)

Pauline Collier

Judith Sabine

Gerald Scott

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

# **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold land and buildings, which are shown at the 2001 valuation.

Since Total Incoming Resources have exceeded £100,000 the PCC are obliged to prepare "Accrual Accounts". This means that the Accounts include a full Balance Sheet and that the income and expenses of the various funds for which the PCC is responsible are consolidated into one Statement of Financial Activities. (SOFA).

#### **Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all the 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.

#### **Incoming Resources**

##### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its undisputed legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by the Flower Festival and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

##### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

##### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable, if any, on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

##### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

#### **Resources used**

##### *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that Award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan quota or Parish Share is accounted for when payable.

#### **Fixed assets**

*Rectory Hall.* Until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the PCC insured the Rectory Hall at a replacement value of £320,000 as they were acting as custodian for the Diocese. On 1st December 2022 the Diocesan Board of Finance paid the PCC £210,000 to purchase the asset.

##### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment historically used by the PCC is held at a residual value of £0. It and other purchases will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

##### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

#### **Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees and other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

2	<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	<b>Total Funds</b>	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
	Planned giving					
	- Gift Aid Donations	30,541	2,065	-	32,606	38,069
	- Income tax recoverable	10,074	719	-	10,793	10,550
	- Other Planned Giving	**2,500	-	-	2,500	-
	Collections (open plate) at all services	6,085	-	-	6,085	4,338
	Gift Day	2,290	-	-	2,290	3,430
	Sundry donations	545	1,877	-	2,422	11,219
		<b>52,035</b>	<b>4,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,696</b>	<b>67,606</b>
2(b)	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
	Grant:	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant: Listed Places of Worship reclaimed VAT	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacy	-	-	-	-	6,200
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,200</b>
2(c)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to further the Council's objects</i>					
		-	-	-	-	-
	Bookstall and sundry sales	212	-	-	212	160
	Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
	Fees (weddings and funerals)	7,604	-	-	7,604	9,570
		<b>7,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,816</b>	<b>9,730</b>
2(d)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to generate funds</i>					
	Proceeds from the sale of The Rectory Hall	210,000	-	-	210,000	-
	Flower Festival	23,072	-	-	23,072	-
	Fund raising events	495	-	-	495	310
	Shopping evening	-	1,106	-	1,106	-
		<b>233,567</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>234,673</b>	<b>310</b>
2(e)	<i>Income from investments</i>					
	Interest received	24	8	-	32	14
2(f)	<i>Income from insurance claims</i>					
	Insurance receipts	1,150	-	-	1,150	-
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>294,592</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300,367</b>	<b>82,949</b>

\*\*The Essex Community Fund donated £2,500 in the year.

# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

### 3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 2021 £ £	
3(a) Grants - Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas:					
- Missionary societies	-	700	-	700	650
- Relief and development agencies	1,250	625	-	1,875	1,100
Home missions and other Church Societies	-	-	-	-	-
	1,250	1,325	-	2,575	1,750

The Overseas Mission Committee donated £700 to USPG, £300 to The Convent of the Sacred Passion (Kwa Mkono Polio Hostel), £300 to Let the Children Live, £325 to Snehasadan, £500 to Ukraine Relief and £200 to the Holy Child Program.

\*Faure's Requiem was sung in Church in April to raise money for the war in Ukraine and raised £1,058.

### 3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Ministry: - Parish Share	20,000	-	-	20,000	40,000
- Ministry expenses	-	-	-	-	317
- Cost of services	5,002	-	-	5,002	803
Church - running expenses	4,863	-	-	4,863	3,752
Church maintenance	2,870	-	-	2,870	311
Church roof inspections	-	-	-	-	6,314
Garden of Remembrance refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Parish expenses	501	*1,058	-	1,559	10,569
Salary of the organist(s)	5,286	-	-	5,286	2,496
Fees paid to the Diocese	767	-	-	767	1,922
Costs of Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of churchyard and glebe	4,977	5	-	4,982	4,412
Rectory Hall costs	***10,584	-	-	10,584	3,274
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Outgoings from Special Objects Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	54,850	1,063	-	55,913	74,170

### 3(c) Church management and administration

Church office & administration	-	27	-	27	232
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	27	-	27	232

\*\*\*Rectory Hall costs include £8,165 paid to Winkworth Sherwood for legal fees relating to the sale of the Hall and £2,171 insurance on the building up to the sale date of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

### *Cost of generating funds*

3(d)	Costs of Flower Festival	15,509	-	-	15,509	-
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Pancake Supper	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Spring Lunch	-	-	-	-	-
	Other costs including envelope schemes.	162	-	-	162	164
		15,671	-	-	15,671	164
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>		<b>71,771</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,186</b>	<b>76,316</b>

4.	<i>STAFF COSTS</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Wages and salaries	<b>4,886</b>	<b>2,496</b>

Gerry Scott received an organist salary of £4,886 in the year; Gerry Scott is a member of the PCC. No individual earned £40,000 p.a. or more. Members of the PCC were reimbursed expenses totalling £1,117.80 during the year.

# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC - <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>		Freehold land & buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
GROSS BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2022	164,800	2,356	167,156
	Disposal	164,800	-	-
	At 31 December 2022	-	2,356	167,156
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022	164,800	2,356	167,156
	Depreciation written back	164,000	-	-
	At 31 December 2022	-	2,356	2,356
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2021	-	-	-

The freehold land and buildings comprising the Rectory Hall were sold to the Diocese on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## 6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

6(a) <i>by asset class</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	2022 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	286,905	16,629	-	303,534	56,386
Current Liabilities	(43,443)	-	-	(43,443)	(22,476)
Fund balance	243,462	16,629	-	260,091	33,910
6(b) <i>by fund</i>					
General fund	239,462	3,266*	-	242,728	21,030
Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Friends of All Saints'	-	12,177	-	12,177	9,008
Upkeep of the Churchyard (Legacy)	-	-	-	-	-
Overseas Mission	-	1,186	-	1,186	872
Organ Fund (Designated)	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,000
Fund balance	243,462	16,629	-	260,091	33,910

\* This represents the Special Objects Fund under the direction of the Rector.

7. DEBTORS	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	10,792	10,556
Other debtors	-	-
	10,556	12,587

**4) Fabric report for the year 2022**

Note that Peter Stas is taking on the lead PCC role in fabric work from Martin King.

**a) Architect's quinquennial inspection**

The church architect, Rod Shelton, conducted the statutory 2022 quinquennial inspection of the church on 7 September 2022. The primary fault was already known, which is the need to repair the roofs of the chancel and nave. Associated works such as replacing mortar on the coping stones will be incorporated into the roofing project to save on extra scaffolding requirements. Other roof work includes repairs to the gutters and some tile work on the porch, tower and shed.

Mr Shelton was asked to prepare a draft specification and schedule of work for the roof repairs. He also advised that we made an early start with the required bat inspections. It is likely that the possibility of bats roosting under the tiles means work cannot start till the end of their active season, the second-half of September 2023..

Peter Stas has drawn up a summarised list of work from the survey, noting items that can be handled by volunteers and some that require professional input.

*[2023 update: Rod Shelton is finishing the specification and schedule of work for the roof and associated repairs. This will be available shortly. He will also oversee the tendering process. Peter Stas will apply for the Faculty as soon as possible. The preliminary bat inspection took place on 19 January and the next is due around May when the bats are active. A licence may well be required with conditions for best practice to preserve any bats that might be disturbed. A major fund-raising appeal will be launched shortly to reduce the impact on parish funds. The cost is expected to be at least £90k (plus VAT that will be recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship scheme).]*

**b) Electrical work on the main body of the church and the tower**

The statutory 2017 electrical quinquennial survey (separate from the architect's survey) was conducted by Paul Peacock of Peacock Industrial Services. This highlighted many and varied faults throughout the electrical system. Major work was completed in 2018 to replace the cables, lighting fittings and switchboards in the Chancel and Side Chapel - the first phase of the refit.

The electrical work came to a halt when lockdowns stopped any hopes of fund-raising. The PCC agreed that we needed to complete the project as soon as possible but there would be no use in carrying out the 2022 electrical survey before the work was finished.

Mr Peacock has drawn up a major document in conjunction with specialist lighting and switchboard suppliers (at no cost to us) to bring the church into line with modern safety requirements while reducing running costs with energy-efficient LED lighting throughout. The main cables will be replaced and improved switching and reliability will avoid drop-outs in the heating.

*[2023 update: The PCC agreed on 30 January 2023 that the remaining electrical work can proceed at a cost of £56,533 (plus £11,310 VAT that is recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship scheme). Peter*

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*Stas has submitted the Faculty application to the Diocese and it is hoped that Mr Peacock can commence the four-month project before the end of April. A large chunk of the cost is for materials, for which prices have been rising steeply so we are trying our hardest to avoid delays.]*

### **c) Trees survey**

[Background: April 2019 saw the first survey (by Adrian Clarke of the Tracy Clarke consultancy) of our trees for many years. Work was recommended on 15 trees in the churchyard, 3 on the glebe, and 10 at the rectory and hall. One churchyard chestnut needed felling but most had crown reductions or were pollarded. A re-inspection was recommended for 2022. Glebe and rectory costs were covered by the diocese.]

The November 2022 survey, again conducted by Adrian Clarke, no longer included trees at the rectory and hall because of the pending sale of the properties. This survey found work necessary for only 3 trees, all in the churchyard. A flowering cherry near the garden of remembrance needs removal because of major deadwood in its lower crown. And two crab apple trees, at the top of the graves beside the footpath, need extensive deadwood removed.

There were 2 churchyard tree plantings in 2022: 1, a birch was planted in spring near the western fence as a memorial for Dick Finch; 2, an oak was planted 16m from the east window on 31 December 2022 - as a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II.

A further tree survey is recommended for 2025.

*[2023 update: Diocesan and City Council permissions are required for the tree removal and are being sought. No permission is required for removing deadwood.]*

### **5) Servers (Report by Chris Finch)**

The past year has been difficult because there are so few of us. Jane, Mike, Rachel & Sylvia have managed very well indeed for which I thank them. We really do need more Servers to make life easier.

### **6) Organist & Choirmaster Report**

Regular Sunday Masses and Weddings have been well attended by our robed Choir and simple anthems are performed on most Sundays.

More members are required and always welcomed.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December 2022 was well supported at which we were fortunate to have some additional help from a few members of the Writtle Singers.

The Organ has upheld its major rebuild a few years ago and with regular tuning should be future proof for a good few years.

Vestry and Church piano's receive regular tuning albeit that the one in the Church is subject to huge fluctuations in temperature and humidity.

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### **7) Report from the Associate Priest (Rev Miranda Seaman)**

I imagine that 2022 was a challenging year for many churches, as we emerged from the global pandemic. For All Saints' it was perhaps a particularly challenging year, emerging from that pandemic, and the disruption it had caused to the worshipping life of the church, in a vacancy!

The year began with momentous change and in early January I had the privilege of becoming first female priest to celebrate the Eucharist at All Saints'. I appreciate that this was a difficult moment for some in our community and I have been anxious to avoid further change by maintaining our unique, distinctive and beautiful liturgy. I hope that 2022 has been characterised and experienced as our shared vocation to grow—as individuals and as a parish—in response to God's call in Christ; and that we have enjoyed the venture. There have certainly been some memorable moments and national and international events have inspired several occasional services- of all my friends from theological college, I won the jackpot for occasional offices in that I covered in a vacancy during which a war in Europe began, a Platinum Jubilee was celebrated and the world mourned the death of a much loved Monarch, and the Church of England mourned it's Supreme Governor, Queen Elizabeth II.

In addition to these occasional offices, it was wonderful to see the return of our usual regular events that had been put on hold during 2021 and 2022- and particular thanks goes to all those who were involved in planning for and overseeing the Harvest and Flower Festival in September.

When it comes to ministry, the people of All Saints' are most willing to give of themselves, sometimes volunteering and committing to more than one project at a time, and doing so time and again. Such is the strength of this parish—a living endowment of people invested and commissioned for the work of God in Christ: Baptismal Ministry. For my part, I am extremely grateful to the Churchwardens, to Gerry and the choir, to Chris, Sylvia and the serving team, to those who arrange the flowers, to those who clean the church and all who give of their time in any way to support the church and us clergy. I am also grateful to Fr Barry and all out visiting clergy who have given of their time over the past year.

By the grace of God, our venture together as All Saints' Church, is a work in progress. We have made much progress; there is yet much work to do, particularly in attracting new members of the congregation. Much thought and prayer is certainly needed in discerning ways we can grow in number. It is always a delight to welcome so many families to our Crib Service on Christmas Eve and 2022 was no exception- our mission now is to encourage some of those families to attend more regularly and become part of our regular worshipping congregation. Growth is vital not just for our mission but also to survive financially- we have been lucky this year in having the proceeds of the sale of the Rectory Hall to finance repairs to the roof and essential electrical upgrades. Sadly, monies on that scale won't be forthcoming every year!

Growth is also vital for the smooth functioning of the church. All Saints' catholic tradition is much admired but, as I have said on many occasions, such liturgy is very labour intensive!

As we consider the various shapes our ministry can take given the resources with which we have been blessed, let us remember:

***Everything we are and each thing we do is a presentation of Christ.***

Every service, project and event should be bringing us and each other closer to God. What can we afford? We can afford, by God's grace, to proclaim the Gospel. We do a lot at All Saints' Church and we are generally careful about 'balance'. While stretching is a creative challenge, being stretched thin

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is dangerous. Especially given financial constraints, we have to be careful not to turn raising money into our mission. It is important that not everything we do has fundraising as its main purpose.

***Everything we are and each thing we do is for someone who is not yet a member of All Saints'.***

Our doors opening wide, our hearts opening wide to all people is crucial. Such openness implies our willingness to change and grow; trying things and taking risks to proclaim the Gospel to more people. Yes, our faith community, our parish family, needs nurture and the experience of quality life together. Yet, such a life in Christ is not about settling in but going out.

***The heart of our existence is outreach—service in imitation of Christ.***

A BCP Morning Prayer collect says : “Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your Name. Amen”

***We are part of a larger mission, members of a wider Church.***

When a new person comes to All Saints' Church, she or he may do so because they know of our style of worship but more likely that do so because of a stirring of faith. No parish is an island entire to itself. By the Holy Spirit, as The Body of Christ, we have our life in our mutual relatedness. We need to support the larger mission of the church; we need to support the larger church of which we are a part.

***All Saints' is treasured; We have a distinctive calling.***

Think of all the people who would miss us if All Saints' Church were not here; members of this Parish, everyone with whom we come in contact, all those who venture into our various services of worship, Flower Festivals, concerts and school assemblies. We offer God's embrace not judgmental warning. To all visitors we extend Christ's hospitality while they are here and spiritually they can take when they have to go.

Our ministry as the people of All Saints' is our being the body of Christ in our words and deeds with others.

And so, as Revd Jacqui begins her ministry here, let us pray for her and all in our Parish, that we continue the progress we have made this past year and for the continued growth of your church.

### **8) Report from the Priest-in-charge (since January 2023) - Rev Jacqui Pearson**

As APCM Reports solely cover the previous year, there will not be a Priest-in-charge Report, as I was not in post until January 2023. However, I did just want to add a small addition, primarily to say how pleased and excited am I to be here, and to say thank you for the support and welcome I have received. I would also like to add my thanks to everyone who increased their duties during that interregnum, especially to Rev. Miranda, the Church Wardens, and the PCC.

As we look back on 2022, let's also look forward to 2023 (or the rest of it at least!) and beyond. At the APCM (and in church afterwards) there will be copies of 'Travelling Well Together' - A resource for discussion, reflection, and prayer. It looks at how we might do just that - travel well together. As a church, as a group of parishes, and as a Diocese.



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It has a prayer that I will finish with:

God of the Journey,  
you invite us to travel well together  
in the body of Jesus Christ  
in the Diocese of Chelmsford  
enlarge our hearts with  
an awareness of your grace,  
the knowledge of your presence,  
and an openness to your calling,  
that, with gratitude for the past,  
may we step out with confidence into your future;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Amen

May that be our prayer for the Reservoir Group of Parishes as we look ahead to the years to come.

With love and prayers

Rev. Jacqui

### **A) Deanery Report (Report by Pauline Collier)**

Since the 2022 APCM the Chelmsford Deanery Synod has met four times. The meetings take place in various churches throughout the Deanery and cover:-  
a welcome to new members; appointments/departures of clergy and always closes with delegates meeting in groups to pray for:-  
items discussed, for our parishes and each other.

At every meeting there is a main speaker and the topics covered this year have been:-

- \* Rev. Dan Pierce on the work of the St. Francis BMO.
- \* Jill Reading – Lay Chair on the Parish Share Scheme
- \* St. John's Moulsham on what they are doing to assist with Ukrainian resettling scheme.
- \* Jenny Clayton on the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Charity.
- \* Bishop Gulli on her work in the Diocese.

#### Deanery Plan

No decision has been made, as yet, regarding the Deanery Plan.

### **B) Unity Committee (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The Three Churches in Stock Unity met on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the village Hall for the Unity Service. This was again well attended and greatly appreciated by the members of our three churches and the wider community.

Once again, due to the lack of people, we were not able to deliver the Unity Easter and Christmas cards door-to-door but several were placed at the back of each church for the members to collect and deliver to their friends and neighbours,

The Remembrance Day Service, led by Bishop Thomas McMahon was held at the War Memorial in

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the centre of the village.

Our joyful Carols at the Hoop was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and a collection was taken for the Chelmsford and Billericay Food Banks.

### **C) Compass Group (Report by Judith Sabine)**

The Compass group met in person several times throughout the year. To begin with there was much discussion about how the different churches coped during and after the relaxing of rules of the pandemic. We ended 2022 with the change in how the parish shares were calculated. We saw a reduction in the amount we pay which we welcomed and for us was more affordable.

There continues to be a good working relationship with the other churches, there is a monthly calendar where each church can advertise events being held giving others the chance to support each other.

A churchwardens 'get together' day was held where we met to bring ideas of how we can move the church forward.

A meeting has been suggested that PCC secretaries have a 'get together' lunch so that they too can support each other.

The whole point of the Compass group is to help and support each other which is good to know.

### **D) Overseas Mission (Julia Seaman)**

After the difficulties of fund-raising during the pandemic, 2022 brought further worries for everybody with the war in Ukraine and a cost-of-living crisis; coupled with the decline in the use of cash, this has affected our Box collections and all spontaneous giving.

However, we had a boost from our June Shopping Evening at the Village Hall which raised over £1000 and enabled us to send money for Ukraine Relief as well as our smaller charities. This year the Syria/Turkey earthquake has added to the areas which need financial support.

It seems likely that the international situation will continue to be precarious and DEC and UNHCR will be called upon again. We are hopeful that our Charity Shopping Evening on May 11th. will again be successful and we shall support our usual friends, including Fr. Stephen's Holy Child Program, and DEC and/or UNHCR.

I thank you all for your continued support in tricky times, especially Leigh Mayhook, Neville Bull for dealing with the Gift Aid and the PCC for their generous donation to our cause.

### **E) Stock Church of England School (Report by Pauline Collier)**

Our church-school links returned to normal during 2022. The pupils visited the church for an Ascension Day Service and the Yr 6 End of Term Service where they receive, as a leaving gift from the church, a lapel badge in the shape of a Cross. When the pupils start school in the Reception Class, they come to the church for a special welcome service and are presented with a bible. Due to the Covid outbreak, this has not taken place since 2019, so the pupils, who are now in Yr 1 & 2 received their bibles on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and the Reception Class the following day. It was a delight to have several members of our church present on both occasions, telling the pupils about the various areas of the church. Yr 3 have also visited the church to learn more about the building and how the various areas are used during a service. The school have also visited the church for the presentation of KS2 Christmas Play and their

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Christingle Service. They also opened our Harvest Flower Festival with country dancing.

The pupils submitted pictures for the Unity Christmas Card and also sang at the 'Carols at The Hoop' event.

### **F) Safeguarding (Report by Judith Sabine)**

Safeguarding in the church has gone through a bit of a change in the last year. The diocese Safeguarding team have been proactive in making safeguarding more visible within the church. I have attended a zoom safeguarding meeting; the outcome of this meeting was that everyone has a responsibility to be vigilant and to talk to someone if they have any concerns. I have another meeting booked for May 2023

The issue of safeguarding is now a generic item on the agenda for PCC meetings.

Father Barry has also updated his Safeguarding certificate.

There have been no reports of Safeguarding issues within All Saints' Stock Harvard.

### **G) Sidespeople - 2022/23 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The following people are willing to serve again as sidespeople for the year 2022/23. We thank them for all they do and commend them for being willing to serve again.

Joyce Bull: Pauline Collier: Leigh Mayhook: Ann Tully: Maisie Tully: Christine Walls: Peter Walls.

### **H) Readers – 2022-23 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The following people have been readers at our Sunday Morning Service for the last year. Although it is not part of the procedure to register them at the Annual Meeting, I thought that we should say a big 'Thank you' to them all for their faithfulness and service.

Diana Bandy, Nigel Mason, Annie Pile, Richard Sainsbury,  
Jane Steel, Adrian Rilstone.

# **All Saints' Church, Stock Harvard**



**Annual Parish Meeting  
and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**To be held in Church  
On Wednesday 26 April 2023  
at 7:30pm**

# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

Agenda for the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 26 April 2023 @ 7:30pm

Approval of the minutes of 25 April 2022

Election of Churchwardens

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Agenda for the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Wednesday 26 April 2023 @ 7:45pm

Approval of the minutes of 25 April 2022

## Main Reports

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1) Electoral Roll Report                    | Sylvia Finch             |
| 2) PCC Proceedings Report                   | Gerry Scott              |
| 3) Financial Statement 2022                 | Richard Sainsbury        |
| 4) Fabric Report                            | Martin King / Peter Stas |
| 5) Servers                                  | Chris Finch              |
| 6) Organist & Choir                         | Gerry Scott              |
| 7) Associate Priests' Report                | Rev Miranda Seaman       |
| 8) Priest-in-charge Report (since Jan 2023) | Rev Jacqui Pearson       |

## Miscellaneous Reports

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| A) Deanery Synod Representative Report    | Pauline Collier              |
| B) Unity Committee                        | Pauline Collier / Jane Steel |
| C) Compass Churches Representative Report | Judith Sabine                |
| D) Overseas Mission                       | Julia Seaman                 |
| E) Church / School Links                  | Judith Sabine                |
| F) Safeguarding                           | Judith Sabine                |
| G) Sidespeople                            | Pauline Collier              |
| H) Readers                                | Pauline Collier              |

Election of 3 members to the Parochial Church Council

Election of 1 representative for the Deanery Synod

Election of 1 Representative for Compass Group

Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer

Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Appointment of Safeguarding Officer

Any other business, discussion or questions.

**NB After the meeting the members of the new PCC should meet to elect the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Sidespersons (or Assistants to the Churchwardens), Secretary and officers for the coming year and to fix the date of the first meeting.**

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*(The suggested maximum number of members is 15 (incl Priest-in-charge & C/W's). This is in accordance with the CofE guidelines and evaluated upon the number of those on the ER)*

Chair (Priest in charge)	Not in post
Vice Chair	Pauline Collier
Assistant Priest	Rev Miranda Seaman
Churchwardens	Pauline Collier Judith Sabine
Deanery Synod	Pauline Collier [until 2023]
Elected	Sylvia Finch [until 2023] Chris Finch [until 2023] Margaret King [until 2023]  Anthony Barker [until 2024] Martin King [until 2024] Michael McGeachie [until 2024] Alma Clements-Scott [until 2024] Gerry Scott (Secretary) [until 2024]  Corrinne Duty [until 2025] Adrian Rilstone [until 2025] Richard Sainsbury (Treasurer) [until 2025] Peter Stas [until 2025]
Compass Churches Rep	Judith Sabine [until 2023]
Electoral Roll Officer	Sylvia Finch [until 2023]

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## **1) Electoral Roll**

With thanks to Mrs Sylvia Finch this continues to be maintained and currently stands at 119 people on the Electoral Roll, of which 64 were resident and 55 not resident within the Parish.

## **2) Review of the Year 2022 (Jan-Dec)**

The PCC met on 9 occasions last Church year (viz. 04.01.22; 20.03.22; 25.04.22; 25.05.22; 22.06.22; 05.09.22; 05.10.22; 13.12.22; 19.12.22) when the following main topics were discussed:

### **Rectory Hall**

This again has been ongoing and the major point of discussion throughout the year. At the latter part of the negotiations Nigel Mason stepped in to take control of the administration, bringing with him his considerable experience in legal matters. The PCC are extremely grateful to him and whilst this report should only cover up to the end of December 2022, it should be noted that at the time of writing this report, it can be confirmed that the Rectory Hall has now been sold to the Diocese with funds now available for Church projects.

### **Finance**

For full details please refer to financial reports later in this document. It is fair to say that there continue to be many and significant calls on resources and without funds from Flower and Fete events, we would not be able to meet in full our Parish Share contributions. The Sale of the Rectory Hall will enable us to meet urgent reparation of the Church Roof and Electrics which have been highlighted in the Quinquennial Inspections. Details of these will be included under the heading of Fabric Report.

### **Organist & Wedding Fees**

These were reviewed and implemented w.e.f January 2023.

### **Clergy**

We have welcomed our Associate Priest Miranda Seaman who is taking many of our Sunday morning Masses together with other celebrants (both Male and Female).

Fr Barry continues to celebrate Mass on Wednesday mornings from the North Chapel for which we express our thanks and gratitude.

Secretary  
**Gerald Scott**

### **3) Finance Report 2022**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 we completed the sale of the Rectory Hall to the Diocese at a price of £210,000. It has temporarily improved our financial circumstances however the funds are required to finish the Church re-wiring and to mend the roof. At the end of the year the Unrestricted Fund had a balance of £243,462 but the re-wiring will cost £56,000 and the 2020 estimate for the roof repairs was £80,000. There are also various smaller amounts required to meet the recommendations in the 2022 Quinquennial Report.

In the balance sheet unrestricted funds have been split between a general fund (£44,798) and a special fund (£198,664) to illustrate which funds relate to the Rectory Hall sale and are now earmarked for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the Church fabric.

If you strip out the profit on the sale of the Rectory Hall and the related costs (£8,165 legal fees) then the Unrestricted Fund made a surplus of £20,986. We only paid £20,000 Parish Share in the year and we made a profit £8,612 on the very successful Autumn Flower Festival. The latter figure includes £1,049 profit from the pre-Covid 2020 Pancake Supper which was included in that year's accounts.

There is good news on the 2023 Parish Share as a reassessment of the amount we should be paying has come out at £37,016. Previously we have been asked for around £65,000. I think we will be able to meet the £37,016 figure this coming year.

The Overseas Mission Committee started a new fund-raising initiative in 2022, the Shopping Evening, which raised £1,105. As a result of this success plus other donations the OMC was able to give £2,325 to charities of their choice. The PCC and UCL Church Choir also raised £1,058 for Ukraine with a performance of Faure's Requiem.

The Friends had a quiet year after several years of contributing generously to tree surgery, tower repairs, electrical work and the refurbishment of the Garden of Remembrance. They raised just over £3,000 in the year and they now have funds of £11,576.

Treasurer  
Richard Sainsbury



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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners 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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC 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 give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with s. 130 of the Charities 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

**Peter John Bentley**  
**10 Myln Meadow Stock**  
May 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b><u>Total Funds</u></b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	<b>52,035</b>	<b>4,661</b>	-	<b>56,696</b>	67,606
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	-	-	-	-	6,200
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>						
- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	<b>7,816</b>		-	<b>7,816</b>	9,730
- to generate funds	2(d)	<b>233,567</b>	<b>1,106</b>	-	<b>234,673</b>	310
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	-	<b>32</b>	14
<i>Income from insurance claims</i>	2(f)	<b>1,150</b>	-	-	<b>1,150</b>	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>294,592</b>	<b>5,775</b>	-	<b>300,367</b>	83,860
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(d)	<b>15,671</b>	-	-	<b>15,671</b>	164
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,325</b>	-	<b>2,575</b>	1,750
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	<b>54,850</b>	<b>1,063</b>	-	<b>55,913</b>	74,170
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	-	<b>27</b>	-	<b>27</b>	232
<b>Total resources Used</b>		<b>71,771</b>	<b>2,415</b>	-	<b>74,186</b>	76,316
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>222,821</b>	<b>3,360</b>	-	<b>226,181</b>	<b>7,544</b>
Balances Brought Forward at 1st January		20,641	13,269	-	33,910	26,366
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st December</b>		<b>243,462</b>	<b>16,629</b>	-	<b>260,091</b>	33,910

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0	0
		<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	10,793	10,556
Short term deposits		5,501	5,499
Cash at bank and in hand		287,240	40,331
		<hr/> 303,534	<hr/> 56,386
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Creditors (£40,000 Parish Share)		43,443	22,476
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted – general fund		44,798	20,641
Restricted		16,629	13,269
Unrestricted – special fund		198,664	0
		<hr/> 260,091	<hr/> 33,910

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**Pauline Collier** (*Churchwarden*)

**Judith Sabine** (*Churchwarden*)

**Gerald Scott** (*Secretary*)

Pauline Collier

Judith Sabine

Gerald Scott

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold land and buildings, which are shown at the 2001 valuation.

Since Total Incoming Resources have exceeded £100,000 the PCC are obliged to prepare "Accrual Accounts". This means that the Accounts include a full Balance Sheet and that the income and expenses of the various funds for which the PCC is responsible are consolidated into one Statement of Financial Activities. (SOFA).

#### **Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all the 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.

#### **Incoming Resources**

##### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its undisputed legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by the Flower Festival and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

##### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

##### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable, if any, on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

##### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

#### **Resources used**

##### *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that Award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan quota or Parish Share is accounted for when payable.

#### **Fixed assets**

*Rectory Hall.* Until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the PCC insured the Rectory Hall at a replacement value of £320,000 as they were acting as custodian for the Diocese. On 1st December 2022 the Diocesan Board of Finance paid the PCC £210,000 to purchase the asset.

##### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment historically used by the PCC is held at a residual value of £0. It and other purchases will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

##### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

#### **Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees and other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

2	<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	<b>Total Funds</b>	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
	Planned giving					
	- Gift Aid Donations	30,541	2,065	-	32,606	38,069
	- Income tax recoverable	10,074	719	-	10,793	10,550
	- Other Planned Giving	**2,500	-	-	2,500	-
	Collections (open plate) at all services	6,085	-	-	6,085	4,338
	Gift Day	2,290	-	-	2,290	3,430
	Sundry donations	545	1,877	-	2,422	11,219
		52,035	4,661	-	56,696	67,606
2(b)	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
	Grant:	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant: Listed Places of Worship reclaimed VAT	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacy	-	-	-	-	6,200
		-	-	-	-	6,200
2(c)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to further the Council's objects</i>					
		-	-	-	-	-
	Bookstall and sundry sales	212	-	-	212	160
	Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
	Fees (weddings and funerals)	7,604	-	-	7,604	9,570
		7,816	-	-	7,816	9,730
2(d)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to generate funds</i>					
	Proceeds from the sale of The Rectory Hall	210,000	-	-	210,000	-
	Flower Festival	23,072	-	-	23,072	-
	Fund raising events	495	-	-	495	310
	Shopping evening	-	1,106	-	1,106	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		233,567	1,106	-	234,673	310
2(e)	<i>Income from investments</i>					
	Interest received	24	8	-	32	14
2(f)	<i>Income from insurance claims</i>					
	Insurance receipts	1,150	-	-	1,150	-
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>294,592</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300,367</b>	<b>82,949</b>

\*\*The Essex Community Fund donated £2,500 in the year.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

### 3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds	
				2022 £	2021 £
3(a) Grants - Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas:					
- Missionary societies	-	700	-	700	650
- Relief and development agencies	1,250	625	-	1,875	1,100
Home missions and other Church Societies	-	-	-	-	-
	1,250	1,325	-	2,575	1,750

The Overseas Mission Committee donated £700 to USPG, £300 to The Convent of the Sacred Passion (Kwa Mkono Polio Hostel), £300 to Let the Children Live, £325 to Snehasadan, £500 to Ukraine Relief and £200 to the Holy Child Program.

\*Faure's Requiem was sung in Church in April to raise money for the war in Ukraine and raised £1,058.

### 3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

Ministry: - Parish Share	20,000	-	-	20,000	40,000
- Ministry expenses	-	-	-	-	317
- Cost of services	5,002	-	-	5,002	803
Church - running expenses	4,863	-	-	4,863	3,752
Church maintenance	2,870	-	-	2,870	311
Church roof inspections	-	-	-	-	6,314
Garden of Remembrance refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Parish expenses	501	*1,058	-	1,559	10,569
Salary of the organist(s)	5,286	-	-	5,286	2,496
Fees paid to the Diocese	767	-	-	767	1,922
Costs of Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of churchyard and glebe	4,977	5	-	4,982	4,412
Rectory Hall costs	***10,584	-	-	10,584	3,274
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Outgoings from Special Objects Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	54,850	1,063	-	55,913	74,170

### 3(c) Church management and administration

Church office & administration	-	27	-	27	232
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	27	-	27	232

\*\*\*Rectory Hall costs include £8,165 paid to Winkworth Sherwood for legal fees relating to the sale of the Hall and £2,171 insurance on the building up to the sale date of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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### ***Cost of generating funds***

3(d)	Costs of Flower Festival	15,509	-	-	15,509	-
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Pancake Supper	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Spring Lunch	-	-	-	-	-
	Other costs including envelope schemes.	162	-	-	162	164
		15,671	-	-	15,671	164
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<b>71,771</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,186</b>	<b>76,316</b>

4.	<i><b>STAFF COSTS</b></i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Wages and salaries	<b>4,886</b>	<b>2,496</b>

Gerry Scott received an organist salary of £4,886 in the year; Gerry Scott is a member of the PCC. No individual earned £40,000 p.a. or more. Members of the PCC were reimbursed expenses totalling £1,117.80 during the year.

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5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC - <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>		Freehold land & buildings	Church Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
GROSS BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2022	164,800	2,356	167,156
	Disposal	164,800	-	-
	At 31 December 2022	-	2,356	167,156
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022	164,800	2,356	167,156
	Depreciation written back	164,000	-	-
	At 31 December 2022	-	2,356	2,356
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2021	-	-	-

The freehold land and buildings comprising the Rectory Hall were sold to the Diocese on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## 6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

6(a) <i>by asset class</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	2022 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	286,905	16,629	-	303,534	56,386
Current Liabilities	(43,443)	-	-	(43,443)	(22,476)
Fund balance	243,462	16,629	-	260,091	33,910
6(b) <i>by fund</i>					
General fund	239,462	3,266*	-	242,728	21,030
Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Friends of All Saints'	-	12,177	-	12,177	9,008
Upkeep of the Churchyard (Legacy)	-	-	-	-	-
Overseas Mission	-	1,186	-	1,186	872
Organ Fund (Designated)	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,000
Fund balance	243,462	16,629	-	260,091	33,910

\* This represents the Special Objects Fund under the direction of the Rector.

7. DEBTORS	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	10,792	10,556
Other debtors	-	-
	10,556	12,587



#### **4) Fabric report for the year 2022**

Note that Peter Stas is taking on the lead PCC role in fabric work from Martin King.

##### **a) Architect's quinquennial inspection**

The church architect, Rod Shelton, conducted the statutory 2022 quinquennial inspection of the church on 7 September 2022. The primary fault was already known, which is the need to repair the roofs of the chancel and nave. Associated works such as replacing mortar on the coping stones will be incorporated into the roofing project to save on extra scaffolding requirements. Other roof work includes repairs to the gutters and some tile work on the porch, tower and shed.

Mr Shelton was asked to prepare a draft specification and schedule of work for the roof repairs. He also advised that we made an early start with the required bat inspections. It is likely that the possibility of bats roosting under the tiles means work cannot start till the end of their active season, the second-half of September 2023..

Peter Stas has drawn up a summarised list of work from the survey, noting items that can be handled by volunteers and some that require professional input.

*[2023 update: Rod Shelton is finishing the specification and schedule of work for the roof and associated repairs. This will be available shortly. He will also oversee the tendering process. Peter Stas will apply for the Faculty as soon as possible. The preliminary bat inspection took place on 19 January and the next is due around May when the bats are active. A licence may well be required with conditions for best practice to preserve any bats that might be disturbed. A major fund-raising appeal will be launched shortly to reduce the impact on parish funds. The cost is expected to be at least £90k (plus VAT that will be recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship scheme).]*

##### **b) Electrical work on the main body of the church and the tower**

The statutory 2017 electrical quinquennial survey (separate from the architect's survey) was conducted by Paul Peacock of Peacock Industrial Services. This highlighted many and varied faults throughout the electrical system. Major work was completed in 2018 to replace the cables, lighting fittings and switchboards in the Chancel and Side Chapel - the first phase of the refit.

The electrical work came to a halt when lockdowns stopped any hopes of fund-raising. The PCC agreed that we needed to complete the project as soon as possible but there would be no use in carrying out the 2022 electrical survey before the work was finished.

Mr Peacock has drawn up a major document in conjunction with specialist lighting and switchboard suppliers (at no cost to us) to bring the church into line with modern safety requirements while reducing running costs with energy-efficient LED lighting throughout. The main cables will be replaced and improved switching and reliability will avoid drop-outs in the heating.

*[2023 update: The PCC agreed on 30 January 2023 that the remaining electrical work can proceed at a cost of £56,533 (plus £11,310 VAT that is recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship scheme). Peter*

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*Stas has submitted the Faculty application to the Diocese and it is hoped that Mr Peacock can commence the four-month project before the end of April. A large chunk of the cost is for materials, for which prices have been rising steeply so we are trying our hardest to avoid delays.]*

### **c) Trees survey**

[Background: April 2019 saw the first survey (by Adrian Clarke of the Tracy Clarke consultancy) of our trees for many years. Work was recommended on 15 trees in the churchyard, 3 on the glebe, and 10 at the rectory and hall. One churchyard chestnut needed felling but most had crown reductions or were pollarded. A re-inspection was recommended for 2022. Glebe and rectory costs were covered by the diocese.]

The November 2022 survey, again conducted by Adrian Clarke, no longer included trees at the rectory and hall because of the pending sale of the properties. This survey found work necessary for only 3 trees, all in the churchyard. A flowering cherry near the garden of remembrance needs removal because of major deadwood in its lower crown. And two crab apple trees, at the top of the graves beside the footpath, need extensive deadwood removed.

There were 2 churchyard tree plantings in 2022: 1, a birch was planted in spring near the western fence as a memorial for Dick Finch; 2, an oak was planted 16m from the east window on 31 December 2022 - as a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II.

A further tree survey is recommended for 2025.

*[2023 update: Diocesan and City Council permissions are required for the tree removal and are being sought. No permission is required for removing deadwood.]*

### **5) Servers (Report by Chris Finch)**

The past year has been difficult because there are so few of us. Jane, Mike, Rachel & Sylvia have managed very well indeed for which I thank them. We really do need more Servers to make life easier.

### **6) Organist & Choirmaster Report**

Regular Sunday Masses and Weddings have been well attended by our robed Choir and simple anthems are performed on most Sundays.

More members are required and always welcomed.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December 2022 was well supported at which we were fortunate to have some additional help from a few members of the Writtle Singers.

The Organ has upheld its major rebuild a few years ago and with regular tuning should be future proof for a good few years.

Vestry and Church piano's receive regular tuning albeit that the one in the Church is subject to huge fluctuations in temperature and humidity.

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### **7) Report from the Associate Priest (Rev Miranda Seaman)**

I imagine that 2022 was a challenging year for many churches, as we emerged from the global pandemic. For All Saints' it was perhaps a particularly challenging year, emerging from that pandemic, and the disruption it had caused to the worshipping life of the church, in a vacancy!

The year began with momentous change and in early January I had the privilege of becoming first female priest to celebrate the Eucharist at All Saints'. I appreciate that this was a difficult moment for some in our community and I have been anxious to avoid further change by maintaining our unique, distinctive and beautiful liturgy. I hope that 2022 has been characterised and experienced as our shared vocation to grow—as individuals and as a parish—in response to God's call in Christ; and that we have enjoyed the venture. There have certainly been some memorable moments and national and international events have inspired several occasional services- of all my friends from theological college, I won the jackpot for occasional offices in that I covered in a vacancy during which a war in Europe began, a Platinum Jubilee was celebrated and the world mourned the death of a much loved Monarch, and the Church of England mourned it's Supreme Governor, Queen Elizabeth II.

In addition to these occasional offices, it was wonderful to see the return of our usual regular events that had been put on hold during 2021 and 2022- and particular thanks goes to all those who were involved in planning for and overseeing the Harvest and Flower Festival in September.

When it comes to ministry, the people of All Saints' are most willing to give of themselves, sometimes volunteering and committing to more than one project at a time, and doing so time and again. Such is the strength of this parish—a living endowment of people invested and commissioned for the work of God in Christ: Baptismal Ministry. For my part, I am extremely grateful to the Churchwardens, to Gerry and the choir, to Chris, Sylvia and the serving team, to those who arrange the flowers, to those who clean the church and all who give of their time in any way to support the church and us clergy. I am also grateful to Fr Barry and all out visiting clergy who have given of their time over the past year.

By the grace of God, our venture together as All Saints' Church, is a work in progress. We have made much progress; there is yet much work to do, particularly in attracting new members of the congregation. Much thought and prayer is certainly needed in discerning ways we can grow in number. It is always a delight to welcome so many families to our Crib Service on Christmas Eve and 2022 was no exception- our mission now is to encourage some of those families to attend more regularly and become part of our regular worshipping congregation. Growth is vital not just for our mission but also to survive financially- we have been lucky this year in having the proceeds of the sale of the Rectory Hall to finance repairs to the roof and essential electrical upgrades. Sadly, monies on that scale won't be forthcoming every year!

Growth is also vital for the smooth functioning of the church. All Saints' catholic tradition is much admired but, as I have said on many occasions, such liturgy is very labour intensive!

As we consider the various shapes our ministry can take given the resources with which we have been blessed, let us remember:

***Everything we are and each thing we do is a presentation of Christ.***

Every service, project and event should be bringing us and each other closer to God. What can we afford? We can afford, by God's grace, to proclaim the Gospel. We do a lot at All Saints' Church and we are generally careful about 'balance'. While stretching is a creative challenge, being stretched thin

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is dangerous. Especially given financial constraints, we have to be careful not to turn raising money into our mission. It is important that not everything we do has fundraising as its main purpose.

***Everything we are and each thing we do is for someone who is not yet a member of All Saints'.***

Our doors opening wide, our hearts opening wide to all people is crucial. Such openness implies our willingness to change and grow; trying things and taking risks to proclaim the Gospel to more people. Yes, our faith community, our parish family, needs nurture and the experience of quality life together. Yet, such a life in Christ is not about settling in but going out.

***The heart of our existence is outreach—service in imitation of Christ.***

A BCP Morning Prayer collect says : “Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your Name. Amen”

***We are part of a larger mission, members of a wider Church.***

When a new person comes to All Saints' Church, she or he may do so because they know of our style of worship but more likely that do so because of a stirring of faith. No parish is an island entire to itself. By the Holy Spirit, as The Body of Christ, we have our life in our mutual relatedness. We need to support the larger mission of the church; we need to support the larger church of which we are a part.

***All Saints' is treasured; We have a distinctive calling.***

Think of all the people who would miss us if All Saints' Church were not here; members of this Parish, everyone with whom we come in contact, all those who venture into our various services of worship, Flower Festivals, concerts and school assemblies. We offer God's embrace not judgmental warning. To all visitors we extend Christ's hospitality while they are here and spiritually they can take when they have to go.

Our ministry as the people of All Saints' is our being the body of Christ in our words and deeds with others.

And so, as Revd Jacqui begins her ministry here, let us pray for her and all in our Parish, that we continue the progress we have made this past year and for the continued growth of your church.

### **8) Report from the Priest-in-charge (since January 2023) - Rev Jacqui Pearson**

As APCM Reports solely cover the previous year, there will not be a Priest-in-charge Report, as I was not in post until January 2023. However, I did just want to add a small addition, primarily to say how pleased and excited am I to be here, and to say thank you for the support and welcome I have received. I would also like to add my thanks to everyone who increased their duties during that interregnum, especially to Rev. Miranda, the Church Wardens, and the PCC.

As we look back on 2022, let's also look forward to 2023 (or the rest of it at least!) and beyond. At the APCM (and in church afterwards) there will be copies of 'Travelling Well Together' - A resource for discussion, reflection, and prayer. It looks at how we might do just that - travel well together. As a church, as a group of parishes, and as a Diocese.

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It has a prayer that I will finish with:

God of the Journey,  
you invite us to travel well together  
in the body of Jesus Christ  
in the Diocese of Chelmsford  
enlarge our hearts with  
    an awareness of your grace,  
    the knowledge of your presence,  
    and an openness to your calling,  
that, with gratitude for the past,  
may we step out with confidence into your future;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Amen

May that be our prayer for the Reservoir Group of Parishes as we look ahead to the years to come.

With love and prayers

Rev. Jacqui

### **A) Deanery Report (Report by Pauline Collier)**

Since the 2022 APCM the Chelmsford Deanery Synod has met four times. The meetings take place in various churches throughout the Deanery and cover:-  
a welcome to new members; appointments/departures of clergy and always closes with delegates meeting in groups to pray for:-  
items discussed, for our parishes and each other.

At every meeting there is a main speaker and the topics covered this year have been:-

- \* Rev. Dan Pierce on the work of the St. Francis BMO.
- \* Jill Reading – Lay Chair on the Parish Share Scheme
- \* St. John's Moulsham on what they are doing to assist with Ukrainian resettling scheme.
- \* Jenny Clayton on the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Charity.
- \* Bishop Gulli on her work in the Diocese.

#### **Deanery Plan**

No decision has been made, as yet, regarding the Deanery Plan.

### **B) Unity Committee (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The Three Churches in Stock Unity met on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the village Hall for the Unity Service. This was again well attended and greatly appreciated by the members of our three churches and the wider community.

Once again, due to the lack of people, we were not able to deliver the Unity Easter and Christmas cards door-to-door but several were placed at the back of each church for the members to collect and deliver to their friends and neighbours,

The Remembrance Day Service, led by Bishop Thomas McMahon was held at the War Memorial in

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the centre of the village.

Our joyful Carols at the Hoop was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and a collection was taken for the Chelmsford and Billericay Food Banks.

### **C) Compass Group (Report by Judith Sabine)**

The Compass group met in person several times throughout the year. To begin with there was much discussion about how the different churches coped during and after the relaxing of rules of the pandemic. We ended 2022 with the change in how the parish shares were calculated. We saw a reduction in the amount we pay which we welcomed and for us was more affordable.

There continues to be a good working relationship with the other churches, there is a monthly calendar where each church can advertise events being held giving others the chance to support each other.

A churchwardens 'get together' day was held where we met to bring ideas of how we can move the church forward.

A meeting has been suggested that PCC secretaries have a 'get together' lunch so that they too can support each other.

The whole point of the Compass group is to help and support each other which is good to know.

### **D) Overseas Mission (Julia Seaman)**

After the difficulties of fund-raising during the pandemic, 2022 brought further worries for everybody with the war in Ukraine and a cost-of-living crisis; coupled with the decline in the use of cash, this has affected our Box collections and all spontaneous giving.

However, we had a boost from our June Shopping Evening at the Village Hall which raised over £1000 and enabled us to send money for Ukraine Relief as well as our smaller charities. This year the Syria/Turkey earthquake has added to the areas which need financial support.

It seems likely that the international situation will continue to be precarious and DEC and UNHCR will be called upon again. We are hopeful that our Charity Shopping Evening on May 11th. will again be successful and we shall support our usual friends, including Fr. Stephen's Holy Child Program, and DEC and/or UNHCR.

I thank you all for your continued support in tricky times, especially Leigh Mayhook, Neville Bull for dealing with the Gift Aid and the PCC for their generous donation to our cause.

### **E) Stock Church of England School (Report by Pauline Collier)**

Our church-school links returned to normal during 2022. The pupils visited the church for an Ascension Day Service and the Yr 6 End of Term Service where they receive, as a leaving gift from the church, a lapel badge in the shape of a Cross. When the pupils start school in the Reception Class, they come to the church for a special welcome service and are presented with a bible. Due to the Covid outbreak, this has not taken place since 2019, so the pupils, who are now in Yr 1 & 2 received their bibles on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and the Reception Class the following day. It was a delight to have several members of our church present on both occasions, telling the pupils about the various areas of the church. Yr 3 have also visited the church to learn more about the building and how the various areas are used during a service. The school have also visited the church for the presentation of KS2 Christmas Play and their

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Christingle Service. They also opened our Harvest Flower Festival with country dancing.

The pupils submitted pictures for the Unity Christmas Card and also sang at the 'Carols at The Hoop' event.

### **F) Safeguarding (Report by Judith Sabine)**

Safeguarding in the church has gone through a bit of a change in the last year. The diocese Safeguarding team have been proactive in making safeguarding more visible within the church. I have attended a zoom safeguarding meeting; the outcome of this meeting was that everyone has a responsibility to be vigilant and to talk to someone if they have any concerns. I have another meeting booked for May 2023

The issue of safeguarding is now a generic item on the agenda for PCC meetings.

Father Barry has also updated his Safeguarding certificate.

There have been no reports of Safeguarding issues within All Saints' Stock Harvard.

### **G) Sidespeople - 2022/23 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The following people are willing to serve again as sidespeople for the year 2022/23. We thank them for all they do and commend them for being willing to serve again.

Joyce Bull: Pauline Collier: Leigh Mayhook: Ann Tully: Maisie Tully: Christine Walls: Peter Walls.

### **H) Readers – 2022-23 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The following people have been readers at our Sunday Morning Service for the last year. Although it is not part of the procedure to register them at the Annual Meeting, I thought that we should say a big 'Thank you' to them all for their faithfulness and service.

Diana Bandy, Nigel Mason, Annie Pile, Richard Sainsbury,  
Jane Steel, Adrian Rilstone.