THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS', BOTLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1160056

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS' PCC, BOTLEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2015-01-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church

Classification

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

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Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£178,934	£147,771	-	-
2023-12-31	£186,178	£149,019	-	-
2022-12-31	£161,286	£134,222	-	-
2021-12-31	£125,441	£102,543	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,503	£109,752	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev GREGG RICHARD MENSINGH	Chair	2013-04-28
Anthony Frank Gosden		2014-04-27
DAVID JAMES BURGESS		2010-04-27
Daniel Edward Piddington		2016-04-24
Dr Stephen Townsend		2019-04-28
ELIZABETH RUTH TOWNSEND		2010-04-25
JULIA HAYES		2025-04-27
Mary Ruth Leahy		2021-04-25
Sir Jonathan Robert Montgomery		2018-04-29

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Accounts

All Saints' Church Botley

Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1160056

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Report of the PCC

The Rector's report on Page 6 provides an update on the mission activities of the parish as part of the benefice of Botley, Curdridge and Durley.

Worship and Prayer at All Saints

All are welcome to attend our regular services. All Saints' currently offers different worship styles at the following services:

- 8:00 am – Common Worship (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) and BCP (2nd and 4th Sundays),
- 10.00 am - Parish Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays of each month), Zoom worship (1st Sunday), Café Church (3rd Sunday) and Combined Parishes Communion with St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley (5th Sundays),
- 6.30 pm – BCP Choral Evensong on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Zoom night prayer on 2nd Sunday).

In addition, there is a prayer group that meets monthly by WhatsApp and includes in its prayers the requests recorded on the prayer lectern at the back of the church.

Our church buildings are open daily for private prayer. Details of all church services and activities are available at https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/

Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' (the PCC) in the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' Botley in Hampshire is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC has the responsibility for working with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1160056). The Rector, Revd. Gregg Mensingh serves three parishes including the neighbouring parishes of St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley which together form 'BCD Churches'. The Rector is assisted in his role by Rev. Richard Wharton who conducts services on a voluntary basis and Mrs Janet Clark, a lay reader and Julia Hayes, a lay worship leader together with a number of retired clergy and lay readers from the Diocese. The three parishes share clergy expenses and the cost of parish administration.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under the 'advancement of religion' charitable purpose. In addition, the Trustees believe that its support of Botley Primary school fulfils the 'advancement of education' purpose and that some of the non-devotional aspects of its church activities fulfil the 'community development' purpose.

Churchwardens

The parish currently has only one churchwarden - Mr Stephen Townsend who has indicated his intention to stand down at the 2025 APCM. The Director of Music, Mr David Burgess, is designated a deputy churchwarden.

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PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The following served as Members of the PCC (Trustees) during the year: -

Rev Gregg Mensingh (Chair)	Mr Anthony Gosden (Treasurer)
Mr Stephen Townsend (Deputy Chair)	Mrs Lynn Gosden
Mr David Burgess	Mrs Elizabeth Townsend
Mrs Mary Leahy	Prof. Sir Jonathan Montgomery
Mr Daniel Piddington	Rev Richard Wharton (Asst Priest)

Mrs Teresa Boden acted as PCC secretary during the year.

The PCC, which held 5 meetings during the year by Zoom and one face-to face, operates with the support of the following teams/sub-committees that report back to it with recommendations for its consideration.

Ministry Team: The Rector, Richard Wharton, Janet Clarke, David Burgess and Julia Hayes .

Finance Team: Anthony Gosden, Jonathan Montgomery and Stephen Townsend.

Organ Fundraising Team: David Burgess, Cath Tribble, Elspeth Lamb, and Gill Howard.

BCD Communications and Marketing Team: Janet Clarke, Lynn Gosden, Elspeth Lamb, Gill Mulley (Holy Cross, Durley PCC)

Safeguarding: The PCC has a Safeguarding Policy in place (which is reviewed annually) and receives reports at each business meeting from our safeguarding officer, Mrs Elizabeth Townsend.

Electoral Roll: All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. This year, we were required to prepare a new Parish Electoral Roll and as at 7 April 2025, 78 parishioners were registered (2024 – 93).

Financial review

The attached financial statements show a surplus for the year on the General Fund of £6,403 compared with the surplus of £1,639 in 2023.

During the year expenditure on the remaining external fabric repairs reduced our Designated Fabric fund so that total designated funds stood at £43,034 at the year-end. Following the very successful Fabric fundraising campaign in 2022/23, attention turned in 2024 to fundraising for the repair of our listed organ. Once again generous donations from members of the congregation and the wider village community, together with income from fundraising events and grants from the On Organ and Pilgrim Funds increased Restricted Funds by £51,841.

At 31 December 2024, we therefore had very substantial funds waiting to be expended on the remaining fabric repairs and the organ repair. The latter has already commenced but in the absence of a Fabric Team, compounded by an overstretched architect, little progress has been made on the internal fabric repairs, the cost of which continues to rise. It is now hoped that re-decoration of the church can begin in September.

Overall, our income from donors at £131,850 was lower than the record 2023 figure of £143,932, which included large donations towards our fabric repairs. However, regular gift-aided donations increased by 13% following our appeal in October 2023 to our congregation to review their giving. The vast majority of these donate by standing order and this, in addition to providing greater certainty of income, facilitates the recovery of significant amounts through Gift-Aid.

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Income from fundraising activities (including Summer, Michaelmas and Advent markets) was boosted by a programme of special Organ Fundraising events (including a very entertaining Music quiz night, a Hymns and Pimm's evening, the Last night of the Proms and a very successful Christmas Concert, together raising £14,693 (net of expenses).

Expenditure was some £1,247 lower than in 2023 mainly due to lower expenditure out of designated funds on building repairs. Otherwise, costs were kept under control, and we saw a merciful reduction in utility costs partly because of a mild winter and partly due to lower fuel prices. As expected, our Parish Share increased by 5% and will increase again by the same percentage for 2025.

The PCC was able to slightly increase the level of our charitable giving.

Last year the PCC set two primary financial objectives for 2024: -

1. ***Ensure that we can build our net income to allow us to meet our 'normal' Parish Share.***

   The increase in our giving and the consequent higher surplus contributed to significant progress here but the expected above-inflation increases over the next two years, necessary to bring us back to our 'normal' level of Parish Share contribution to diocesan costs, will be challenging. It will be important to ensure that our programme of fundraising events which has supported our building and organ fundraising is redirected to General account fundraising.

2. ***Roll-out our legacy programme.***

   The focus on Fabric and Organ fundraising has rather eclipsed this objective.

The PCC's financial aims for 2025 will once again be to achieve these two objectives

Reserves

The PCC maintains three different categories of reserve: -

Restricted Reserves – These are funds resulting from donations or other sources which were received on condition, or understanding, that they are to be applied for a specific purpose. They are not available to be used for other purposes. The largest of these is the Fabric Fund (£78,850) which represents funds held for the internal redecoration of the church and the replacement of the lighting. The Organ Fund (£66,623) will be used in due course for organ repairs likely to cost in the region of £70,000.

Designated Reserves - These are 'unrestricted' reserves which the PCC has earmarked ('designated') for specific purposes indicated by their titles. Given the nature of most of these funds, their quantum is dictated by the medium-term plans for which they were established.

The Fabric (designated) Fund (£777) will be used towards the ongoing repair costs. The balance on the Church Room Project fund (£14,536) will be applied in the refurbishment of the Church Room. The PCC agreed in Sept 2021 that, since regular mission expenditure is included within its General Fund budgets and it has no immediate plans for the application of the bequest previously designated as the Mission Fund, the balance on that Fund (£27,720) can be applied towards the building repairs, with the expectation that it will be partially reinstated in due course from surpluses on General Fund.

General Reserve

The General Reserve represents surpluses that have been built up in previous years and is held as a buffer against the possibility of future adverse financial experience. It is the PCC's objective, whenever possible, to maintain a balance on its General Fund which represents at least three months budgeted general expenditure. The balance on the General Fund at 31 December 2024 stood at £32,942 which achieved this target.

Fixed Asset Fund

This reflects the cost of the extension to the church constructed in 2007 which was financed by the Maffey bequest and a combination of other fund raising and grants. Since the assets supporting the fund are not liquid and the Fund cannot be realised the PCC has no policy for this fund.

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Finally, enormous thanks are due to all those who maintained or increased their regular giving the year and to those have made one-off donations for our Organ repairs. In addition, we are indebted to all those (including many friends of All Saints) who worked hard to support our fundraising events.

Signed on behalf of the ~~PCC:~~ -

Revd. Gregg Mensingh (Rector)

Mr. Stephen Townsend (Churchwarden)

18 March 2025

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Rector's Report

The Canons of the Church of England remind us of our duty to consult and cooperate "in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". This should always be our focus amidst the practicalities of church life.

Our mission begins with our community. Here in Botley, our focus remains steadfastly on village life, community, and fostering a sense of belonging. We believe this is the foundation upon which trust in God deepens through the Gospel message. Despite the challenge noted by our outgoing Churchwarden of a slowly diminishing congregation, our efforts continue to bring people together through established activities like Café Chat, Coffee Mornings, the Men's Breakfast, music concerts, and school worship in church. These events, alongside our regular worship, are vital touchpoints for pastoral care and social connection within the village.

Evangelistically, we have concentrated on creating accessible and welcoming environments for families and those exploring faith. Messy Church continues to attract large numbers of families. It's crucial to recognise Messy Church not merely as a children's activity, but as a congregation engaging the whole family, embodying church in a form relevant to them. We have successfully extended this ministry to the new school and community in Boorley Park, where it has been warmly received and has really thrived, particularly the provision of a free meal which enhances the sense of community and welcome.

Recognising the need to nurture faith across generations and levels of experience, we introduced Café Church. This format, balancing fellowship with refreshments and interactive engagement around scripture, aims to meet the needs of both existing members and those new to faith. By assuming no prior church experience and prioritising welcome, Café Church seeks to break down barriers and allow people to explore faith together "face to face".

Our social mission is intrinsically linked to these activities – providing safe, welcoming spaces is a core part of our witness. Safeguarding remains paramount, underpinning all we do, ensuring our church is a safe place for everyone. We continue to follow C of E policy, conduct training, and complete risk assessments.

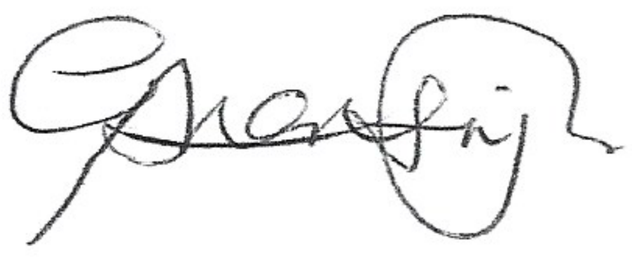
Our collaborative approach across the Benefice (Botley, Curdridge, and Durley - BCD) is I believe something to be proud of. Our Churchwardens meet each month to evaluate initiative, pooling experience and sharing knowledge. Our BCD website continues to communicate our churches' offer to the community and we are grateful to Elspeth Lamb for keeping it up to date, aiming to present our united yet distinct village church identities with vibrant publicity.

The significant fabric work undertaken – the successful fundraising exceeding £150,000 for roof repairs, redecoration and organ refurbishment – is not separate from our mission. It secures our physical home at All Saints', enabling us to continue proclaiming the faith afresh in this generation.

While national church attendance trends show an increase post-pandemic, they still remain below 2019 levels. Numbers alone don't define church health, but our focus on welcome, community, and different forms of worship aims to make All Saints' relevant and attractive. There is still work to do, particularly in reaching those who might never normally enter a church building.

I thank everyone for their commitment over the past year. Let us continue, as 'living stones', to build ourselves into a spiritual house, offering our lives in service and witness to God's love through Christ.

Gregg Mensingh - Rector



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Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints' Church Botley

I report on the financial statements of All Saints' Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members as charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Mr Francis Wells

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Meonwood, Wickham, Hampshire PO17 6JZ

22 April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total Funds £	*Total 2023 £*
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from donors	2	93,744	1,442	36,664	-	**131,850**	*143,932*
Income from operating activities	3	18,482		14,923	-	**33,405**	*31,774*
Other income	4	1,404	5,001	7,274	-	**13,679**	*10,472*
		113,629	6,443	58,862	-	**178,934**	*186,178*
Resources Expended							
Grants	5	(5,347)	-	-	-	**(5,347)**	*(5,018)*
Church services and activities	6	(62,703)	-	(740)	-	**(63,443)**	*(60,539)*
Church Fabric	7	(19,046)	(23,418)	(4,000)	(10,105)	**(56,570)**	*(58,836)*
Costs of generating funds	8	(5,407)		(2,282)	-	**(7,688)**	*(10,208)*
Church management & administration	9	(14,723)	-	-	-	**(14,723)**	*(14,417)*
		(107,226)	(23,418)	(7,021)	(10,105)	**(147,771)**	*(149,018)*
Net Incoming /outgoing resources		**6,403**	**(16,975)**	**51,841**	**(10,105)**	**31,163**	*37,159*

Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Assets £	Total Funds £	*Total 2023*
Brought forward at 1 January 2024	26,539	60,009	99,604	343,569	**529,722**	*492,564*
Transfers				-		-
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	6,403	(16,975)	51,841	(10,105)	**31,163**	*37,158*
Carried forward at 31 December 2024	32,942	43,034	151,445	333,464	**560,884**	*529,722*

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		333,463		343,568
Net current assets					
Debtors	12	17,536		9,625	
Short term deposits	13	227,297		173,556	
Cash at bank & in hand	14	12,859		32,405	
		257,692		215,586	
Less					
Creditors due within one year	15	(18,321)	239,371	(22,282)	193,304
Provision for liabilities and charges	16		(11,950)		(7,150)
NET ASSETS			£560,884		£529,722
Funds					
Fixed Assets (Building, Fixtures)	17		333,464		343,569
Unrestricted -General	17		32,942		26,539
Unrestricted - Designated	18		43,034		60,009
Restricted	19		151,445		99,604
			£560,884		£529,722

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Signed on behalf of the PCC
18 March 2025

Rev. Gregg Mensingh
Incumbent

Mr Anthony Gosden
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value (unless otherwise disclosed) using the accruals basis of accounting and in accordance with: -

- Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- The Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP); and
- The Charities Act 2011

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC has responsibility. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They are presented in £Sterling.

Charitable Funds

The PCC accounts on a Fund basis where income from different sources is allocated to different funds which are then applied according to their separate purpose. As prescribed by the SORP, the following categories of Fund are used: -

Restricted Funds - These are restricted to the purpose for which they were raised, or by the conditions placed on the relevant donation or bequest. They cannot be applied for any other purpose.

Designated Funds - These are 'unrestricted' funds which, although available for any purpose within the broad charitable objectives of the PCC, have been designated by the PCC to be held and applied for specific purposes.

General Funds - These are unrestricted funds which are generally available for any purpose within the PCC's charitable objectives.

Accounting Policies

Incoming Resources

- **Incoming resources from Donors**: - Offerings at services and donations by bank transfer or cheque are recognised when received. Amounts receivable which attract Gift Aid are recognised when paid and the related income tax recovery is accrued in the same period.
- **Income for operating activities** is recognised when the activity takes place.
- **Grants and Legacies** are recognised when the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount to be received is certain.
- **Parish magazine subscriptions** and **advertising revenue** received in advance are deferred and matched with the related publications.
- **Fees due to the PCC for weddings and funerals** are accounted for when the relevant ceremony takes place.
- **Income from Investments** is accounted for when receivable.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Cont.)

Resources Expended

- **Grants and donations** are accounted for when approved by the PCC.
- **Other costs** attributable to the activities of the church, the administration thereof and parish's share of the Diocesan costs are accounted for on an accruals basis as they fall due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings are inalienable property, which are vested in the Diocese and are thus not valued in these financial statements.

New land and buildings acquired are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful life or 50 years (whichever is less). In accordance with the SORP, assets acquired in prior periods which have not previously been capitalised have not been revalued and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other Fixtures and equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its normal useful life. Individual items with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities on purchase.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

Incoming Resources	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2023
2 Incoming resources from donors						
Offerings (open plate) at services	3,197	-	-	-	**3,197**	*2,824*
Regular gift-aided donations	64,880	120		-	**65,000**	*57,336*
Other regular donations	4,481		858	-	**5,339**	*4,715*
Income tax recoverable	18,089	-	6,847	-	**24,936**	*30,068*
Other donations	2,736	1,322	28,960	-	**33,018**	*48,595*
Cross Window sponsorship	360	-	-	-	**360**	*395*
Legacies	-	-	-	-		
	93,744	1,442	36,664	-	**131,850**	*143,932*
3 Income from operating activities						
Magazine income	7,690	-	-	-	**7,690**	*7,213*
Fund raising events	3,010	-	14,923	-	**17,933**	*14,961*
Fund raising - regular	2,592	-	-	-	**2,592**	*2,844*
Venue Income	2,775	-	-	-	**2,775**	*2,085*
Coffee at services & Café Chat	237	-	-	-	**237**	*247*
Other income	349	-		-	**349**	1,371
Fees for weddings & funerals	1,829	-	-	-	**1,829**	*3,053*
	18,482		14,923	-	**33,405**	*31,774*
4 Other income						
Grants received	-	2,853	3,800	-	**6,653**	6,000
Interest on deposits at CBF	1,404	2,148	3,474	-	**7,026**	*4,471*
	1,404	5,001	7,274	-	**13,679**	*10,471*
Resources Expended						
5 Grants						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	(5,005)	-	-	-	**(5,005)**	*(4,500)*
Donations	(342)	-	-	-	**(342)**	*(518)*
	(5,347)	-	-	-	**(5,347)**	*(5,018)*
6 Church services and activities						
Altar requisites	(1,048)	-	-	-	**(1,048)**	*(698)*
Church Music (Note 20)	(5,865)	-	-	-	**(5,865)**	*(5,568)*
Other	(138)	-	-	-	**(138)**	(503)
Children's Work	-	-	(740)	-	**(740)**	*(768)*
Parish Share	(55,652)	-	-	-	**(55,652)**	*(53,002)*
	(62,703)	-	(740)	-	**(63,443)**	*(60,539)*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2023
7 Church Fabric						
Upkeep of the churchyard	(50)	-	-	-	(50)	-
Maintenance & repairs	(3,743)	(23,418)	(4,000)	-	(31,162)	(30,523)
Cleaning	(1,681)	-	-	-	(1,681)	(1,568)
Utilities	(10,931)	-	-	-	(10,931)	(14,035)
Insurance	(2,641)	-	-	-	(2,641)	(2,605)
Depreciation	-	-	-	(10,105)	(10,105)	(10,105)
	(19,046)	(23,418)	(4,000)	(10,105)	(56,570)	(58,836)
8 Costs of generating funds						
Cost of events held	(958)		(2,282)	-	(3,240)	(5,586)
Parish magazine	(4,449)	-	-	-	(4,449)	(4,622)
	(5,407)	-	(2,282)	-	(7,688)	(10,208)
9 Church management & administration						
Office costs, including administrator salary	(19,599)	-	-	-	(19,599)	(19,300)
Clergy expenses	(6,246)	-	-	-	(6,246)	(6,121)
Books & publications	(86)	-	-	-	(86)	(48)
Less: contribution from Benefice	11,208	-	-	-	11,208	11,052
	(14,723)	-	-	-	(14,723)	(14,417)

Balance Sheet

11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Building Extension	Total	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024	15,688	505,249	520,937	520,937
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2024	15,688	505,249	520,937	520,937
Depreciation				
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024	15,688	161,681	177,369	167,264
Charge for the year	-	10,105	10,105	10,105
Balance carried forward 31 December 2024	15,688	171,786	187,474	177,369
Net book value				
Brought forward 1 January 2024	-	£343,568	£343,568	353,673
Carried forward 31 December 2024	-	**£333,463**	**£333,463**	£343,568

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		2024	2023
		£	£
12	**Debtors**		
	Prepayments	1,624	513
	Income tax recoverable	10,339	5,993
	Other debtors	5,573	3,119
		17,536	9,625
13	**Short term Deposits**		
	CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund	227,297	173,556
		227,297	173,556
	The average rate paid by the fund during the year was 3.9% (2023 - 4.4%)		
14	**Cash at Bank & in hand**		
	Cash in hand	1,209	899
	Bank accounts	11,650	31,506
		12,859	32,405
15	**Creditors**		
	Magazine receipts in advance	2,870	2,415
	Other receipts in advance	1,337	1,102
	Wedding and funeral creditors	7,018	6,736
	Other amounts due but not yet paid	7,095	12,029
		18,321	22,282
16	**Provisions for liabilities and charges**		
	Provision for outstanding fees	4,000	2,500
	Provision for outstanding external repairs	5,000	1,500
	Provision for quinquennial inspection	1,750	1,350
	Provision for missionary and charitable giving	1,200	1,800
		11,950	7,150

17 Funds allocation

Funds are held as follows:	General	Designated	Restricted	Total liquid	Fixed	Total
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	333,463	**333,463**
Debtors	8,181		9,358	17,536	-	**17,536**
Short term deposits	38,176	43,033	146,088	227,297	-	**227,297**
Cash at bank & in hand	12,859		-	12,859	-	**12,859**
	59,216	43,033	155,445	257,692	333,463	**591,155**
Creditors due within one year	(18,324)		-	(18,321)	-	**(18,321)**
Provision for liabilties and charges	(7,950)	-	(4,000)	(11,950)	-	**(11,950)**
	32,942	43,033	151,445	227,421	333,463	**560,884**

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18 Designated funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Church Room Project	13,894	643	-	-	14,536
Fabric - Designated	19,516	1,777	20,516		777
Mission	26,599	1,171	50	-	27,720
	60,009	3,590	20,566	-	43,033

19 Restricted funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Listening Course	174	-	-	-	174
Rector's Discretionary Fund	307	-	-	-	307
Organ	16,784	51,028	1,190		66,623
Bell Tower	414				414
Fabric - Restricted	77,099	6,844	5,092		78,850
	94,777	57,872	6,282	-	146,368
Restricted Shared funds					
Youth Work - Shared BCD	4,827	990	740		5,077
Total Restricted Funds	99,604	58,862	7,022	-	151,445

20 PCC Remuneration

Mr D Burgess, Deputy Churchwarden and a member of the the PCC, received £4,500 in respect of his services as Director of Music (2023 - £4,500).

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for the Year ended 31 December 2023

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Report of the PCC

Last year's report summarised our Benefice objectives based on three Vision Day objectives: -

1. Nurturing our existing members (DEPTH priority)
2. Re-launching our Youth work (IMPACT priority), and
3. Inviting new members (NUMBER priority)

The objective of the **'Nurturing our existing members'** group was "To nurture the spiritual life of those who come to church or have Christian beliefs, in order to help the church grow." The Group identified the need to provide a wider variety of styles of worship and was decided that we should experiment first with a Cafe Church style. This has been trialled across the benefice over the past six months and has also provided an opportunity to invite new members (our third priority) to a more relaxed and informal style suitable for young families. A variety of worship styles continues to be provided with Benefice Zoom morning services once a month. On the other hand, declining numbers at evensong compared with much higher numbers at Choral evensong services have resulted in one further choral offering each month. Zoom night prayer continues once a month.

The objective of the **'Re-launching our youth work'** group was spearheaded by relaunching Messy Church. Following Sunday services designed to counter the misconception that Messy Church was just for children, we were successful in recruiting new volunteers of all ages to support this work. Planned and resourced as a Benefice initiative, these have been held in all three parishes and at the new school at Boorley Park.

The objective of the **'Invite new members'** group was 'to work out how to encourage those who would not usually think of themselves as spiritual or religious, to engage with big questions and therefore their sense of purpose in life.' Work on this priority has made slower progress, partly because of a lack of younger resources to drive it forward. However, steps have been taken to communicate more effectively the variety of family style services during the year inviting families in particular to Christingle, Mothering Sunday, Harvest. Crib service etc. Over the past few years we have also reacted to the popularity of our Remembrance ceremony by shortening the service and conducting it wholly outdoors round the war memorial, thus making it more accessible to those who are less comfortable coming to a formal service in church.

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend our regular services. All Saints' currently offers different worship styles at the following services:

- 8:00 am – Common Worship (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) and BCP (2nd and 4th Sundays),
- 10.00 am - Parish Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays of each month), Zoom worship (1st Sunday), Café Church (3rd Sunday) and Combined Parishes Communion with St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley (5th Sundays),
- 6.30 pm – BCP Choral Evensong on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Zoom night prayer on 2nd Sunday).

In addition, there is a prayer group that meets monthly by WhatsApp and includes in its prayers the requests recorded on the prayer lectern at the back of the church.

Our church buildings are open daily for private prayer daily. Details of all church services and activities are available at https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/

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Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' (the PCC) in the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' Botley in Hampshire is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC has the responsibility for working with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1160056). The Rector Revd. Gregg Mensingh serves three parishes including the neighbouring parishes of St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley which together form 'BCD Churches'. The Rector is assisted in his role by Rev. Richard Wharton who conducts services on a voluntary basis and Mrs Janet Clark a lay reader, together with a number of retired clergy and lay readers from the Diocese. The three parishes share clergy expenses and the cost of parish administration.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under the 'advancement of religion' charitable purpose. In addition, the Trustees believe that its support of Botley Primary school fulfils the 'advancement of education' purpose and that some of the non-devotional aspects of its church activities fulfil the 'community development' purpose.

Churchwardens

The parish currently has only one churchwarden - Mr Stephen Townsend. The Director of Music Mr David Burgess has been designated a deputy churchwarden.

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The following served as Members of the PCC (Trustees) during the year: -

Rev Gregg Mensingh (Chair)	Mr Anthony Gosden (Treasurer)
Mr Stephen Townsend (Deputy Chair)	Mrs Lynn Gosden
Mr David Burgess	Mrs Elizabeth Townsend
Mrs Mary Leahy	Prof. Sir Jonathan Montgomery
Mr Daniel Piddington	Rev Richard Wharton (Asst Priest)

Mrs Teresa Boden acted as PCC secretary during the year.

The PCC, which held six meetings during the year (by Zoom), operates with the support of the following teams/sub-committees that report back to it with recommendations for its consideration.

Ministry Team: The Rector, Richard Wharton, Janet Clarke, and David Burgess.

Finance Team: Anthony Gosden, Jonathan Montgomery and Stephen Townsend.

Fabric Fundraising Team: Geraint Davies, Anthony Gosden, Jonathan Montgomery, Elspeth Lamb, Mary Leahy and Gillian Saieva.

BCD Communications and Marketing Team: Janet Clarke, Lynn Gosden, Elspeth Lamb, Gill Mulley (Holy Cross, Durley PCC)

Safeguarding; The PCC has a Safeguarding Policy in place (which is reviewed annually) and receives reports at each business meeting from our safeguarding officer Mrs Elizabeth Townsend.

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Electoral Roll: All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The parish Electoral Roll, as updated in April 2024, listed 93 parishioners (2023 – 93).

Financial review

The attached financial statements show a surplus for the year on the General Fund of £1,639 compared with the surplus of £6,583 in 2022. As our Fabric Fundraising campaign continued, generous donations from members of the congregation and the wider village community together with income from fundraising events and a grant from the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust increased Restricted Funds by £74,687. Further spending on external repairs reduced this to a net increase in designated funds of £43,791. Overall, our funds increased by £37,159 during the year (2022 - £27,064) net of depreciation charges.

Overall, our income from donors increased to £143,933 (2022 – 117,692). Regular donations and open plate offerings at services fell slightly short of the previous year's total, almost certainly reflecting the focus on Fabric Fundraising. Our fundraising campaign, with a target of raising a further £75,000 (we already had £75,000 from previous generous donations) was successful and by the end of the year we had achieved total of £82,000, providing some headroom for inflation in our originally estimated costs. In October, after a gap of three years, we asked members of the congregation to review their regular giving once again, having regard to the 20% inflation increase in th intervening period.

Income from regular fundraising activities (including Summer, Michaelmas and Christmas markets was boosted by a programme of special Fabric Fundraising events (including a curry night, quiz night Pimm's and Posh Frocks party and Harry Styles Tribute Band act, raising £12,219 (net of expenses)

Turning to expenditure, we saw a huge increase in the cost of heating and lighting our church buildings, which rose from £7,592 in 2022 to £14,035 in 2023. Offsetting this was a saving in our Parish Share, which the Diocese held at its 2022 level. In light of the demands on our funds for major repairs, the PCC decided not to make any further voluntary contribution. It remains conscious of the fact that the ongoing Diocesan review of the way in which Diocesan costs are apportioned across parishes, may result in a significant increase in our Parish Share in 2025.
The PCC was able to maintain the level of our charitable and other giving.

Last year the PCC set three primary financial objectives for 2023: -

1. ***Ensure that we can build our net income to allow us to meet our 'normal' Parish Share.***
   This objective was not achieved (partly because income was diverted to major fundraising activities). Once we have a clearer idea of the result of the regular giving review and the outcome of the Diocese's review of Parish Shares, we will be able to plan how we are to balance our income and expense on General Account.
2. ***Roll-out our legacy programme.***
   The focus on Fabric fundraising rather eclipsed this objective.
3. ***Fundraise so that we can complete the urgent roof and tower repairs identified as a result of the quinquennial inspection.***
   This was achieved and we were successful in also raising funds estimated to be necessary to
   - redecorate the inside of the church which has not been done for almost 30 years.
   - replace the church lighting with something that is more effective and environmentally sound, and finally
   - we hope to have enough to improve the Church Room to make it warm and attractive for church and community activities.

The PCC's aims for 2024 will be once again achieve the first two objectives set for last year.

Reserves

The PCC maintains three different categories of reserve: -

Restricted Reserves – These are funds resulting from donations or other sources which were received on condition, or understanding, that they are to be applied for a specific purpose. They are not available to be used for other purposes. The largest of these is the Fabric Fund. Following a review of the classification of reserves it was concluded that the proceeds of the Fabric Fundraising campaign in 2022/23 should properly be credited to the Restricted rather than the Designated Fabric Fund. As a result, there has been a transfer of £34,272 from Designated to Restricted reserves. The Organ Fund (£16,404) will be used in due course for organ repairs likely to cost in the region of £70,000. Fundraising for this has commenced since the year-end.

Designated Reserves - These are 'unrestricted' reserves which the PCC has earmarked ('designated') for specific purposes indicated by their titles. Given the nature of most of these funds, their quantum is dictated by the medium-term plans for which they were established.

The Fabric (designated) Fund (£19,516) will be used towards the ongoing fabric repair costs. The balance on the Church Room Project fund (£13,894) will be applied in the refurbishment of the Church Room. The PCC agreed in Sept 2021 that, since regular mission expenditure is included within its General Fund budgets and it has no immediate plans for the application of the bequest previously designated as the Mission Fund, the balance on that Fund (£26,559) will be applied towards the building repairs, with the expectation that it will be partially reinstated in due course from surpluses on General Fund.

General Reserve

The General Reserve represents surpluses that have been built up in previous years and is held as a buffer against the possibility of future adverse financial experience. It is the PCC's objective, whenever possible, to maintain a balance on its General Fund which represents at least three months' budgeted general expenditure. The balance on the General Fund at 31 December 2023 stood at £26,539 which achieved this target.

Fixed Asset Fund

This reflects the cost of the extension to the church constructed in 2007 which was financed by the Maffey bequest and a combination of other fund raising and grants. Since the assets supporting the fund are not liquid and the Fund cannot be realised the PCC has no policy for this fund.

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Finally, enormous thanks are due to all those who maintained or increased their regular giving the year and to those have made one-off donations for our Fabric repairs. In addition, we are indebted to all those (including many friends of All Saints) who worked hard to support our fundraising events.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: -

Revd. Gregg Mensingh (Rector) **Mr. Stephen Townsend (Churchwarden)**

12 March 2023

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Rector's Report

I want to start my report by saying a huge thank you to our Fundraising Team who have, with the help of you all, managed to smash the target figure of £75,000 required for repair work on our church building, by a further £7,000. With the funds we already had in hand, this brings the total to £157,000. By any reckoning, this is a momentous achievement and reached in such short time too. The church room, a source of angst, is now watertight, the tower has a new lead roof, and you will see that the stone cross has been replaced - at the apex where the main church meets the extension – and very pleasing it is too.

On Sunday February 11th the Fundraising Team arranged a fundraising 'thank you' breakfast when we were able to say thanks to everyone who in anyway helped us to reach our fundraising target. We are the church and All Saints' is our home. We are securing our church building in this generation so that we can proclaim the "faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation."

Things are on the up in other ways too. According to the latest Church of England statistics churchgoing has increased from 605,000 people a week to 654,000 people per week in our churches. This is good news because the trend is upwards. However, it still some way short of our pre-pandemic figure in 2019 of 854,000 people attending church each week in England. As I say though, the trend is upwards which we should all view with encouragement.

Of course, numbers attending church do not tell us anything about the health of a church. You don't need me to tell you that you could have lots of people attending a church, but it might be that it doesn't welcome certain kinds of people or honour certain kinds of relationships or is unwelcoming towards those that are unable to give assent to particular doctrines or dogmas.

I'm glad to say that whatever state the National Church may be in, here at All Saints our focus is on village, community and belonging and this is always the prelude to deepening trust in God through the message and encouragement of the Gospel that we receive in our daily living through Jesus Christ. The hard work of church members supported by those of goodwill in our village we have always sought to bring people together. Be it Café Chat, Coffee Mornings, Quiz Nights, Easter Trail, Men's breakfast, Messy Church, School work to name a few - Botley church punches above its weight in bringing people together.

Our mission as a church however should never lose sight of our primary task enshrined in the Canons of the Church of England no less. I'm always intrigued that in a maze a rules and regulations which govern the Church of England we find these words, "The minister in charge of the parish and the PCC have a duty to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, and to co-operate in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." Apart from the words of Jesus these words enshrine the Church of England's mission in the world.

If these words represent our core mission, what are we doing at All Saints together with Curdridge and Durley churches to reveal the love and the message of inclusion in our communities?

At last year's APCM I spoke about the need to relaunch messy church. It's been a gargantuan effort, but we have reaped the rewards. We restarted officially on 28th April last year at All Saints'. Huge numbers of families turned up. I still have to remind people that Messy Church is not just about children. It's about the whole family: children, carers, parents and grandchildren. However, people still say to me, "When are those people who go to Messy Church going to come to 'proper' church - on a Sunday?" And I always say that yes it would be nice to see them on a Sunday, but that Messy Church is a congregation, in its own right. I mentioned at the last APCM that we wanted to offer Messy Church to the new school in Boorley Park. So, with very substantial help from volunteers across all three parishes, we have met there three times now. We have been very well received by families who love Messy Church and are frankly amazed that there is a free hot meal for everybody which increases the sense of belonging and of what it means to be a "healthy" church.

Rector's Report (cont'd)

The BCD PCC's second priority was to work out how we become a faith nurturing community. We recognise that Bible study and faith study in most churches is usually attended by a small core group of people. How do we get a greater number of people thinking about their faith together and exploring the words of Jesus so that we receive the encouragement we need to make a difference in our communities and in the world? Well, we've addressed this priority by creating Cafe Church. We've held cafe church across all three churches and in Durley school. The formula is very simple, and it meets the needs of those who already come as well as those who are exploring faith. It's what I would call a 50/50 service. So, we encourage 'belonging' by eating and drinking together as part of the service. However, we also recognise that the start time is not as important as the end time for worship in the minds of modern people. In the past, for many churches, the belonging aspect of worship has been overlooked. Yet, we find God in belonging. There are fewer hymns at Café Church and its less wordy, more interactive, with more time for small group discussion. This allows more time to get to know each other in the process of exploring together the Bible reading "Face to face." Café Church assumes no previous experience of church or the Bible. It grows when we take time to welcome the new and take a genuine interest in their needs and who they are.

It's vitally important to remember not only what we're doing with restarting Messy Church and starting Cafe Church, but the process by which we got there. PCC members from all three churches came together to work on these priorities. One priority which has still not been addressed is how to reach out to those who would never consider even entering a church. More thinking is required in this area. And by "entering a church" I really mean becoming part of group of people who know they are not perfect, but who are seeking to be in a safe place for those who are searching, troubled and feel unloved or perhaps unlovable.

Other things that I want to mention briefly are the way in which we communicate our three churches offer more widely in our villages and further afield. This is always going to be difficult for most churches, but with the help of Justine Greenfield (our website developer) who has worked with our Communication and Marketing Team, we have made excellent progress with the look and feel of our new website. We gave Justine the challenge that as far as possible information about main church activities should never be more than "two clicks" away (the Holy Grail of websites!). Once our BCD website is reached, it is free from clutter, and all the "invitational" aspects of church life can be found - without a single click,

On our BCD website we wanted to express the fact that although we work together as three churches and we share resources, we want to retain our individuality because we exist in villages. Elspeth Lamb is owed our thanks for creating really eye-catching publicity which can be seen on the website and on our church notice boards. Lisa Wilshire also handles our BCD Messy Church publicity. Though there is always more that can be done, this is a major triumph - no more faded black and white flyers that you wouldn't even put a coffee cup on!

The Church of England's mission again - I mentioned earlier that "The minister in charge of the parish and the PCC have a duty to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, and to co-operate in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." They say, "you're only as good as the people under you" and in this regard, you have all been amazing in the commitment that you have shown over the past year (and further back).

I end with encouragement from the 1st letter of Peter who obviously understood the intrinsic value of holy places like All Saints': "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. "

Gregg Mensingh - Rector

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Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints' Church Botley

I report on the financial statements of All Saints' Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members as charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Mr Francis Wells

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Meonwood, Wickham, Hampshire PO17 6JZ 16 April 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total Funds £	*Total 2022 £*
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from donors	2	85,131		58,801	-	**143,933**	*117,692*
Income from operating activities	3	22,335		9,439	-	**31,774**	*27,831*
Other income	4	847	1,833	7,790	-	**10,471**	*15,763*
		108,313	1,833	76,031	-	**186,178**	*161,286*
Resources Expended							
Grants	5	(5,018)	-	-	-	**(5,018)**	*(4,950)*
Church services and activities	6	(59,771)	-	-	-	**(59,771)**	*(63,566)*
Church Fabric	7	(20,836)		(27,896)	(10,105)	**(58,836)**	*(46,409)*
Costs of generating funds	8	(6,632)	-	(3,576)	-	**(10,208)**	*(6,918)*
Church management & administration	9	(13,877)	-	-	-	**(13,877)**	*(12,046)*
Children's work	10	(540)	-	(768)	-	**(1,308)**	*(333)*
		(106,674)		(32,240)	(10,105)	**(149,019)**	*(134,222)*
Net Incoming /outgoing resources		**1,639**	**1,833**	**43,791**	**(10,105)**	**37,159**	***27,064***

Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Assets £	Total Funds £	*Total 2022*
Brought forward at 1 January 2023	25,399	92,448	21,042	353,674	**492,563**	*465,499*
Transfer	(499)	(34,272)	34,771	-		-
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	1,639	1,833	43,791	(10,105)	**37,159**	*27,064*
Carried forward at 31 December 2023	26,539	60,009	99,604	343,569	**529,722**	***492,563***

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		343,568		353,674
Net current assets					
Debtors	12	9,625		11,723	
Short term deposits	13	173,556		50,489	
Cash at bank & in hand	14	32,405		104,233	
		215,586		166,445	
Less					
Creditors due within one year	15	(22,282)	193,304	(17,906)	148,539
Provision for liabilities and charges	16		(7,150)		(9,650)
NET ASSETS			£529,722		£492,563
Funds					
Fixed Assets (Building, Fixtures)	17		343,569		353,674
Unrestricted -General	17		26,539		25,399
Unrestricted - Designated	18		60,009		92,448
Restricted	19		99,604		21,042
			£529,722		£492,563

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Singned on behalf of the PCC
12 March 2024

Rev. Gregg Mensingh
Incumbent

Mr Anthony Gosden
Treasurer

All Saints' Church, Botley

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value (unless otherwise disclosed) using the accruals basis of accounting and in accordance with: -

- Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- The Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP); and
- The Charities Act 2011

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC has responsibility. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They are presented in £Sterling.

Charitable Funds

The PCC accounts on a Fund basis where income from different sources is allocated to different funds which are then applied according to their separate purpose. As prescribed by the SORP, the following categories of Fund are used: -

Restricted Funds - These are restricted to the purpose for which they were raised, or by the conditions placed on the relevant donation or bequest. They cannot be applied for any other purpose.

Designated Funds - These are 'unrestricted' funds which, although available for any purpose within the broad charitable objectives of the PCC, have been designated by the PCC to be held and applied for specific purposes.

General Funds - These are unrestricted funds which are generally available for any purpose within the PCC's charitable objectives.

Accounting Policies

Incoming Resources

- **Incoming resources from Donors**: - Offerings at services and donations by bank transfer or cheque are recognised when received. Amounts receivable which attract Gift Aid are recognised when paid and the related income tax recovery is accrued in the same period.
- **Income for operating activities** is recognised when the activity takes place.
- **Grants and Legacies** are recognised when the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount to be received is certain.
- **Parish magazine subscriptions** and **advertising revenue** received in advance are deferred and matched with the related publications.
- **Fees due to the PCC for weddings and funerals** are accounted for when the relevant ceremony takes place.
- **Income from Investments** is accounted for when receivable.

Resources Expended

- **Grants and donations** are accounted for when approved by the PCC**.**
- **Other costs** attributable to the activities of the church, the administration thereof and parish's share of the Diocesan costs are accounted for on an accruals basis as they fall due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings are inalienable property, which are vested in the Diocese and are thus not valued in these financial statements.

New land and buildings acquired are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful life or 50 years (whichever is less). In accordance with the SORP, assets acquired in prior periods which have not previously been capitalised have not been revalued and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other Fixtures and equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its normal useful life. Individual items with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities on purchase.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

	Incoming Resources	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2022
2	**Incoming resources from donors**						
	Offerings (open plate) at services	2,824	-	-	-	**2,824**	*3,045*
	Regular Gift Aided donations	57,336	-		-	**57,336**	*59,064*
	Other regular donations	4,155	-	560	-	**4,715**	*4,034*
	Income tax recoverable	17,065	-	13,002	-	**30,068**	*19,283*
	Sundry donations	3,356	-	45,239	-	**48,595**	*30,816*
	Window cross sponsorship	395	-	-	-	**395**	*441*
	Legacies	-	-	-	-		*1,000*
	Gift Day Donations	-	-	-	-		*10*
		85,131		58,801	-	**143,933**	*117,692*
3	**Income from operating activities**						
	Magazine income	7,213	-	-	-	**7,213**	*6,691*
	Fund raising events	5,991	-	8,969	-	**14,961**	*8,102*
	Fund raising - regular	2,844	-	-	-	**2,844**	*3,723*
	Venue Income	2,085	-	-	-	**2,085**	*4,173*
	Coffee at services & Café Chat	247	-	-	-	**247**	*432*
	Other income	901	-	470	-	**1,371**	1,142
	Fees for weddings & funerals	3,053	-	-	-	**3,053**	*3,568*
		22,335		9,439	-	**31,774**	*27,831*
4	**Other income**						
	Grants received	-	-	6,000	-	**6,000**	-
	Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	-		*15,008*
	Interest on deposits at CBF	847	1,833	1,790	-	**4,471**	*754*
		847	1,833	7,790	-	**10,471**	*15,762*
	Resources Expended						
5	**Grants**						
	Missionary and Charitable Giving	(4,500)	-	-	-	**(4,500)**	*(4,500)*
	Donations	(518)	-	-	-	**(518)**	*(450)*
		(5,018)	-	-	-	**(5,018)**	*(4,950)*
6	**Church services and activities**						
	Altar requisites	(698)	-	-	-	**(698)**	*(855)*
	Church Music (see also Note 20)	(5,568)	-	-	-	**(5,568)**	*(5,691)*
	Other	(503)	-	-	-	**(503)**	(18)
	Parish Share	(53,002)	-	-	-	**(53,002)**	*(57,002)*
		(59,771)	-	-	-	**(59,771)**	*(63,566)*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2022
7	**Church Fabric**						
	Upkeep of the churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maintenance & repairs	(2,628)	-	(27,896)	-	**(30,523)**	*(24,881)*
	Cleaning	(1,568)	-	-	-	**(1,568)**	*(1,533)*
	Utilities	(14,035)	-	-	-	**(14,035)**	*(7,592)*
	Insurance	(2,605)	-	-	-	**(2,605)**	*(2,299)*
	Depreciation	-	-	-	(10,105)	**(10,105)**	*(10,105)*
		(20,836)		(27,896)	(10,105)	(58,836)	(46,410)
8	**Costs of generating funds**						
	Cost of events held	(2,010)	-	(3,576)	-	**(5,586)**	*(1,910)*
	Parish magazine	(4,622)	-	-	-	**(4,622)**	*(5,008)*
		(6,632)	-	(3,576)	-	**(10,208)**	*(6,918)*
9	**Church management & administration**						
	Office costs, including administrator salary	(18,760)	-	-	-	**(18,760)**	*(18,128)*
	Clergy expenses	(6,121)	-	-	-	**(6,121)**	*(3,969)*
	Books & publications	(48)	-	-	-	**(48)**	*(250)*
	Less: contribution from Benefice	11,052	-	-	-	**11,052**	*10,519*
		(13,877)	-	-	-	**(13,877)**	*(11,829)*
10	**Children's Work**						
	Children's Work	-	-	(768)	-	**(768)**	*(12)*
	Other	(540)	-	-	-	**(540)**	*(540)*
		(540)	-	(768)	-	**(1,308)**	*(551)*

Balance Sheet

		Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Building Extension	Total	2022
11	**Tangible Fixed Assets**				
	Cost	**£**	£	**£**	*£*
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2023	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
	Additions	-	-	-	*-*
	Disposals	-	-	-	*-*
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2023	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
	Depreciation				
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2023	15,688	151,576	167,264	*157,158*
	Additions	-	-	-	*-*
	Disposals	-	-	-	*-*
	Charge for the year	-	10,105	10,105	*10,105*
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2023	15,688	161,681	177,369	*167,263*
	Net book value				
	Brought forward 1 January 2023	-	353,673	353,673	*363,779*
	Carried forward 31 December 2023	**-**	**£343,568**	**£343,568**	***£353,674***

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		2023	2022
		£	£
12	**Debtors**		
	Prepayments	513	513
	Income tax recoverable	5,993	7,781
	Other debtors	3,119	3,429
		9,625	11,723
13	**Short term Deposits**		
	CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund	173,556	50,489
		173,556	50,489
	The average rate paid by the fund during the year was 4.4% (2022 - 1.3%)		
14	**Cash at Bank & in hand**		
	Cash in hand	899	259
	Bank accounts	31,506	103,974
		32,405	104,233
15	**Creditors**		
	Magazine receipts in advance	2,415	2,178
	Other receipts in advance	1,102	1,025
	Wedding and funeral creditors	6,736	5,441
	Other amounts due but not yet paid	12,029	9,262
		22,282	17,906
16	**Provisions for liabilities and charges**		
	Provision for uninsured lead theft repair	2,500	2,500
	Provision for general maintenance	1,500	1,500
	Provision for quinquennial inspection	1,350	800
	Provision for missionary and charitable giving	1,800	4,850
		7,150	9,650

17 Funds allocation

Funds are held as follows:	General	Designated	Restricted	Total liquid	Fixed	Total
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	343,568	**343,568**
Debtors	3,886	5,492	247	9,625	-	**9,625**
Short term deposits	19,457	54,743	99,357	173,556	-	**173,556**
Cash at bank & in hand	32,405		-	32,405	-	**32,405**
	55,748	60,234	99,604	215,586	343,568	**559,154**
Creditors due within one year	(22,060)	(225)	-	(22,282)	-	**(22,282)**
Provision for liabilties and charges	(7,150)	-	-	(7,150)	-	**(7,150)**
	26,538	60,009	99,604	186,154	343,568	**529,722**

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

18 Designated funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Church Room Project	13,462	432	-	-	13,894
Fabric - Designated	53,213	575	-	- 34,272	19,516
Mission	25,773	826	-	-	26,599
	92,448	1,833	-	- 34,272	60,009

The transfer of £34,272 to Restricted Funds represents funds raised for Fabric repairs credited to Designated Fund in 2022

19 Restricted funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Listening Course	174	-	-	-	174
Rector's Discretionary Fund	307	-	-	-	307
Organ	15,894	510	-		16,404
Bell Tower	414	-	-	-	414
Fabric - Restricted	14	74,687	31,495	34,272	77,478
	16,803	75,197	31,495	34,272	94,777
Restricted Shared funds					
Youth Work - Shared BCD	4,239	834	745	499	4,827
Total Restricted Funds	21,042	76,031	32,240	34,771	99,604

The transfer of £34,272 to Restricted Funds represents funds raised for Fabric repairs credited to Designated Fund in 2022

20 PCC Remuneration

Mr D Burgess, Deputy Churchwarden and a member of the the PCC, received £4,500 in respect of his services as Director of Music (2022 - £4,500).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS', BOTLEY

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of the

Parochial Church Council

for the Year ended 31 December 2022

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Report of the PCC

Last year's report summarised the Diocese's Live | Pray | Serve mission to which we as a benefice subscribed. This year we were challenged by the Bishop to review how we were progressing.

In April the three PCCs met together for a Vision Day at which we focussed on how we could grow our church in Depth, Impact and Number.

In discussion, we identified the need to:-

1. Nurture our existing members (DEPTH priority)
2. Re-launching our Youth work (IMPACT priority), and
3. Invite new members (NUMBER priority)

Summarised as 'Converting from churchgoing to following Jesus'.

All members of the PCCs volunteered to join a working group to identify how we could make a start in each of these areas. Each group met three times and in January 2023 reported on their deliberations and proposals for the future.

The objective of the **'Nurturing our existing members'** group was "To nurture the spiritual life of those who come to church or have Christian beliefs, in order to help the church grow." The Group identified the need to provide a wider variety of styles of worship. It was felt that the format of our existing services was too rigid and that both existing and prospective members of our congregation found them somewhat formulaic and repetitive. It was decided that we should experiment first with a Cafe Church style which churches elsewhere have adopted. Commencing rather than ending with coffee, this should permit a more relaxed forum in which the Gospels could be explored and newcomers could be welcomed in a more friendly style of worship,

The objective of the **'Re-launching our youth work'** group was to' find ways of connecting better with families so that we offered something attractive to young people'. Various new ways were considered but it was concluded that we already had a successful formula for doing this in Messy Church. This had been very successfully run for many years before the Covid-19 pandemic and parents were keen to know when it would resume. However, it was resource hungry. To fight the misconception that Messy Church was just for children there would be a Sunday morning Messy Church services in each of our churches to explain how it was a service, not just an activity, and to recruit volunteers to help re-launch it.

The objective of the **'Invite new members'** group was 'to work out how to encourage those who would not usually think of themselves as spiritual or religious, to engage with big questions and therefore their sense of purpose in life.' The group has concluded that this could be done by holding a series of film nights at which carefully selected films could be used to prompt transforming conversations about philosophical, faith and moral issues. The films would be shown in a non-church venue with a casual film-going format, including wine and other refreshments. The host team would maintain contact with guests and at a suitable time invite them to join a suitable service of worship.

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend our regular services. All Saints' currently offers different worship styles at the following services:

- 8:00 am – Common Worship (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) and BCP (2nd and 4th Sundays),
- 10.00 am - Parish Communion (2nd,3rd and 4th Sundays of each month), Zoom worship (1st Sunday) and Combined Parishes Communion with Curdridge and Durley (5th Sundays)
- 6.30 pm – BCP Evensong (choral on 1st Sunday of each month, Zoom on 2nd Sunday)

Our church buildings are open daily for private prayer daily. Details of all church services and activities are available at https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/

Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' (the PCC) in the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' Botley in Hampshire is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC has the responsibility for working with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1160056). The Rector Revd. Gregg Mensingh serves three parishes including the neighbouring parishes of St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley which together form 'BCD Churches'. The Rector is assisted in his role by Rev. Richard Wharton who conducts services on a voluntary basis and Mrs Janet Clark a lay reader, together with a number of retired clergy and lay readers from the Diocese. The three parishes share clergy expenses and the cost of parish administration.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under the 'advancement of religion' charitable purpose. In addition, the Trustees believe that its support of Botley Primary school fulfils the 'advancement of education' purpose and that some of the non-devotional aspects of its church activities fulfil the 'community development' purpose.

Churchwardens

The parish currently has only one churchwarden - Mr Stephen Townsend. The Director of Music Mr David Burgess has been designated a deputy churchwarden.

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The following served as Members of the PCC (Trustees) during the year: -

Rev Gregg Mensingh (Chair)	Mr David Burgess
Mr Stephen Townsend (Deputy Chair)	Mr Anthony Gosden (Treasurer)
Mr Rob Hall	Mrs Stephanie Hall (to 24 April 2022)
Mrs Mary Leahy	Prof. Sir Jonathan Montgomery
Mr Daniel Piddington	Mr Andrew Poole
Mrs Elizabeth Townsend	Rev Richard Wharton (Asst Priest)
Mrs Lynn Gosden (from 24 April 2022)	

Mrs Teresa Boden acted as PCC secretary during the year.

The PCC, which held 8 meetings during the year (on Zoom), operates with the support of the following teams/sub-committees that report back to it with recommendations for the its consideration. In addition, the PCC members participated in a benefice-wide Vision Day in April to identify key steps that should be taken to build our parishes in Depth, Impact and Number in the post-Covid environment.

Ministry Team: The Rector, Richard Wharton, Janet Clarke, and David Burgess.

Finance Team: Anthony Gosden, Jonathan Montgomery and Stephen Townsend.

Fundraising Team: Geraint Davies, Anthony Gosden, Jonathan Montgomery, Elspeth Lamb, Mary Leahy and Gillian Saieva.

BCD Communications and Marketing Team: Janet Clarke, Lynn Gosden, Rob Hall, Elspeth Lamb, Gill Mulley (Holy Cross, Durley PCC) and Miles/Lisa Wilshire (St Peter's, Curdridge PCC).

Safeguarding:

The PCC has a Safeguarding Policy in place (which is reviewed annually) and receives reports at each business meeting from our safeguarding officer Mrs Elizabeth Townsend.

Electoral Roll: All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The parish Electoral Roll, as updated in March 2023, listed 93 parishioners.

Financial review

The attached financial statements show a surplus for the year on the General Fund of £6,583 compared with the surplus of £9,840 in 2021. In addition, generous donations from members of the congregation and fundraising for the church fabric and organ repairs increased Designated Funds by £34,005. Our Restricted Funds received a total of £4,229 from donations and fundraising and £7,648 was spent from the restricted fabric fund resulting in an overall reduction in these funds of £3,419. Overall, our funds increased by £27,064 during the year (2021 - £22,898) net of depreciation charges.

Covid-19 continued to restrict church activities in the first few months for the year but by late Spring church life was beginning to get back to normal. Regular gift-aided donations maintained their level and open plate offerings at services recovered significantly. It was inevitable that, with a major fundraising campaign starting, much occasional giving was directed there rather than to the General Fund. The launch of our fabric repairs fundraising campaign produced some significant donations as well as several substantial pledges which should become donations in 2023. In light of the request to members of the congregation to support our fabric fundraising generously, we did not ask them to review their regular giving in 2022 but will be doing so in 2023. At the beginning of the year, we received a legacy of £1,000 from a former member of the church. Overall, our income from donors increased to £117,692 (2021 – 108,991)

Our congregation maintained its generosity and fundraising activities (including Summer, Michaelmas and Christmas markets and Carols in the Churchyard) proved to be very successful, raising £11,825. Botley Bridge subscriptions, which had not all been paid during Covid increased to £6,691, which meant the magazine made a useful contribution of £1,683 to church funds in 2022.

Despite our expectation that our Parish Share would revert to its previous level, we were only asked to pay a 5% increase for 2022. The PCC set its budget on the basis that we will one day have to pay the full amount of around £64,000 and decided in June to make an additional voluntary contribution to the Diocese of £4,000. The final surplus for the year is principally a function of the saving in this cost. The PCC was able to maintain the level of our charitable and other giving.

Last year the PCC set three primary financial objectives for 2022: -

1. ***Ensure that we can build our net income to allow us to meet our 'normal' Parish Share***
   This objective was substantially achieved
2. ***Roll-out our legacy programme***
   The focus on Fabric fundraising rather eclipsed this objective.
3. ***Fundraise so that we can complete the urgent roof and tower repairs identified as a result of the quinquennial inspection.***
   This was achieved with the launch in October of our major fundraising campaign, We already had sufficient funds in hand from previous legacies and other donations (£75,000) to embark on the work identified by the 2021 quinquennial as requiring urgent attention. The target funds to be raised will be applied to redecorate the inside of the church, replace the church lighting and refurbish the (seriously delipidated) 1960's Church Room.

The PCC's aims for 2023 will be to complete the fundraising by 31 December and once again achieve the first two objectives set for last year.

Reserves

The PCC maintains three different categories of reserve: -

Restricted Reserves – These are funds resulting from donations or other sources which were received on condition, or understanding, that they are to be applied for a specific purpose. They are not available to be used for other purposes. The largest of these is the Organ Fund (£15,894) which will be used in due course for organ repairs likely to cost in the region of £60,000. The restricted Fabric Fund has been applied during the year for the first stage of repair work- the replacement of lead to the tower roof.

Designated Reserves - These are 'unrestricted' reserves which the PCC has earmarked ('designated') for specific purposes indicated by their titles. Given the nature of most of these funds, their quantum is dictated by the medium-term plans for which they were established. The PCC has set a target of £75,000, which together with the existing reserves should enable the work to be completed.

The Fabric (designated) Fund (£53,213) will be used towards the Fabric repair costs. The balance on the Church Room Project fund (£13,462) will be applied in the repair of the roof and other parts of the Church Room. The PCC agreed in Sept 2021 that, since regular mission expenditure is included within its General Fund budgets and it has no immediate plans for the application of the bequest previously designated as the Mission Fund, the balance on that Fund (£25,773) will be applied towards the building repairs, with the expectation that it will be partially reinstated in due course from surpluses on General Fund.

General Reserve

The General Reserve represents surpluses that have been built up in previous years and is held as a buffer against the possibility of future adverse financial experience. It is the PCC's objective, whenever possible, to maintain a balance on its General Fund which represents at least three months' budgeted general expenditure. The balance on the General Fund at 31 December 2022 stood at £30,399 before transfers, which exceeded this target and accordingly £5,000 has been transferred to our designated Fabric fund to contribute towards our repairs fundraising target.

Fixed Asset Fund

This reflects the cost of the extension to the church constructed in 2007 which was financed by the Maffey bequest and a combination of other fund raising and grants. Since the assets supporting the fund are not liquid and the Fund cannot be realised the PCC has no policy for this fund.

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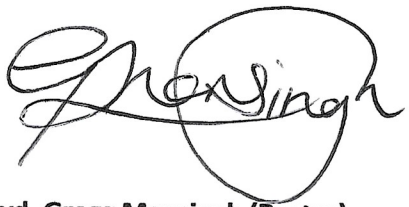
Finally, enormous thanks are due to all those who committed or maintained their regular giving the year and to those have made one-off donations for our Fabric repairs. In addition, we are indebted to all those (including many friends of All Saints) who worked hard to support our fundraising events.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: -



Revd. Gregg Mensingh (Rector)

13 March 2022

Mr. Stephen Townsend (Churchwarden)

Rector's Report

Just when I sat down to start writing my Rector's report for this year, I heard on the radio that it is was 3 years ago on March 11th that the World Health Organisation declared that Covid-19 to be a pandemic and that on the 23rd March 2020 the UK went into its first lockdown with the government telling the nations to "Stay at home". Nothing has been left untouched by the virus. Organisms (us) and organisations were infected, and all have suffered, including the church. Cathedrals in the UK drew 10 million visitors in 2019 but has dropped to 4 million. In Cathedrals worshippers per week have dropped from 37,000 in 2019 to 15,800. Before the pandemic Cathedrals were a growth industry.

It's a great way to start the Rector's report isn't it? But if we bury our heads in the sand it won't solve anything. So let's continue! When Bishop Christopher retired at our Bishop among the things he said in a video clip and at his leaving service was that sadly he was the 9th Bishop of Portsmouth to witness further decline across the diocese just as each and every one of his predecessors had seen at the end of their tenure. It must have been hard for Bishop Christopher to implicate himself in this way.

The statistics for Church of England parish churches indicate there is an average drop in attendance of one third. In larger congregations the numbers are sometimes worse than a 1/3 drop and the evidence suggests that among smaller congregations the drop in numbers has been less.

But in truth all the pandemic has done is accelerate what was already a clear trend in the decline of numbers who attend worship. I knew an elderly priest who I admired greatly, pretty eccentric and seen by many as a deeply subversive character. Well over 25 years ago, some of his last words to a group preparing for ordination were, "You know, my generation has wrecked the church, and I'm afraid you've got it all to do." It was shocking, but he wasn't being flippant, he meant it. His own four churches were well stocked, but he was a one man show and people came partly because he unapologetically lived out the caricature of an Anglican priest from a bygone era, going from parish to parish on horseback. It was the worst of that "Father does it all" style of ministry. They were no longer teaching horse riding by the time I reached theological college.

What does this all mean for our three churches in Botley, Curdridge and Durley? Well, statistics should be a spur to the church, but they are certainly not the whole picture because what statistics cannot measure is goodwill towards the church and specifically towards our church here in Botley. If you hadn't already realised we need rather a lot of funding for the fabric of the building at this time. It should be a source of hope that so many in our village, further afield and of course in the congregation have risen to the challenge of fundraising. There is a long way to go, but judging by the support we've had to date we will get there! We must give thanks for the work of the Fundraising Team for their hard work in kickstarting this project.

Goodwill cannot be measured solely by statistics but in other ways too. Having done the groundwork to develop trust we have now sown the seed of future cooperation with two new schools in our area, Boorley Park Primary and Deer Park Secondary and who knows where this will lead. But someone with a dog collar, representing the church, will be visible in these places and therefore presumably relevant. All of this matters to me, and I hope it matters to you, because it suggests that people are still ready to bet on this horse. What are we doing?

At last year's APCM you will remember me telling you all that our three PCCs had embarked on a two-year vision and growth strategy. We met together in March that year to discern what our mission priorities should be for the growth of our churches. They were Youth (Impact), Nurture (Depth) and New Members (Numbers). A couple of months ago we had a different service here at All Saints, the Messy Church Roadshow, and this included an update on the progress we had made with these three priorities. The PCC members of all three churches have been working with each other for the first time to move forward.

Priority 1 is to restart Messy Church. At the service we asked for your help and I have to say the response was brilliant. We've already contacted some of you with jobs to do. Messy Church is very resource-hungry, so this time round we have a new category of helper, The Messy Church Chatterer whose job it is to establish connections with the families that come to Messy Church with a view to inviting them to other events and other things that we're doing. The first all new Messy Church is on Friday April 28th at Botley Church. That's about BCD growing in depth and numbers. Massive progress with this priority.

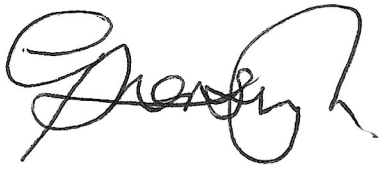
Priority No. 2 is Nurture. How do we nurture the Christian Discipleship of all three congregations? How do we make the services events that people want to come to? That you feel you could invite others to? Group 2 are tackling this at Durley with an experimental service each month and gradually fine tuning as they go along. It'll inform what we do across all three churches. We'll start and gather with tea, coffee and possibly croissant because the offer has to be good. Then "drift" into worship always ending at 11AM with more tea, coffee and cake. There will be a discussion-based sermon slot, shorter but no less significant act of holy communion and so on.

Priority No. 3 is connecting with those who don't come to church and perhaps have never gone into one. So this group of jumbled up PCC members have come up with Film Nights, meeting not in church but in other sorts of more "neutral" venues. Exploring important life themes and ideas often contained in films. Progress is slower here, but still moving.

Three Priorities to bring about growth in depth impact and numbers. The church everywhere must change in order to meet the challenges and culture of a new generation of people that God is calling into a relationship with himself. There are many in our congregation who make the church's presence a reality in our village and further afield, so I want to thank every one of them, but I won't fall into the trap of missing anyone out and instead say that I am proud of all that has been accomplished by our church here over the past year.

However, I do wish to thank, on behalf of us all, our Churchwarden, Stephen Townsend and Anthony Gosden our Treasurer. Huge thanks too are owed to their spouses who support them in their duties.

The Revd Gregg Mensingh - Rector



Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints' Church Botley

I report on the financial statements of All Saints' Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members as charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

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May 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total Funds £	*Total 2021 £*
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from donors	2	85,404	30,967	1,321	-	**117,692**	*108,991*
Income from operating activities	3	23,064	2,069	2,699	-	**27,831**	*16,429*
Other income	4	121	15,433	208	-	**15,762**	*21*
		108,589	48,468	4,229	-	**161,286**	*125,441*
Resources Expended							
Grants	5	(4,950)	-	-	-	**(4,950)**	*(4,900)*
Church services and activities	6	(63,566)			-	**(63,566)**	*(56,426)*
Church Fabric	7	(15,284)	(13,826)	(7,193)	(10,105)	**(46,409)**	*(23,955)*
Costs of generating funds	8	(5,826)	(637)	(455)	-	**(6,918)**	*(5,058)*
Church management & administration	9	(12,047)	-	-	-	**(12,047)**	*(11,882)*
Mission	10	(333)	-	-	-	**(333)**	*(322)*
		(102,005)	(14,463)	(7,648)	(10,105)	**(134,222)**	*(102,543)*
Net Incoming /outgoing resources		**6,583**	**34,005**	**(3,419)**	**(10,105)**	**27,064**	*22,898*

Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Assets £	Total Funds £	*Total 2021*
Brought forward at 1 January 2022	23,816	53,443	24,461	363,779	**465,499**	*442,601*
Transfer	(5,000)	5,000	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	6,583	34,005	(3,419)	(10,105)	**27,064**	*22,898*
Carried forward at 31 December 2022	25,399	92,448	21,042	353,674	**492,563**	*465,499*

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		353,674		363,779
Net current assets					
Debtors	12	11,723		8,602	
Short term deposits	13	50,489		49,829	
Cash at bank & in hand	14	104,233		65,344	
		166,445		123,775	
Less					
Creditors due within one year	15	(17,906)	148,539	(13,355)	110,420
Provision for liabilities and charges	16		(9,650)		(8,700)
NET ASSETS			£492,563		£465,499
Funds					
Fixed Assets (Building, Fixtures)	17		353,674		363,779
Unrestricted -General	17		25,399		23,816
Unrestricted - Designated	18		92,448		53,443
Restricted	19		21,042		24,461
			£492,563		£465,499

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Signed on behalf of the PCC
14 March 2023

Rev. Gregg Mensingh
Incumbent

Mr Anthony Gosden
Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value (unless otherwise disclosed) using the accruals basis of accounting and in accordance with: -

- Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- The Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP); and
- The Charities Act 2011

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC has responsibility. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They are presented in £Sterling.

Charitable Funds

The PCC accounts on a Fund basis where income from different sources is allocated to different funds which are then applied according to their separate purpose. As prescribed by the SORP, the following categories of Fund are used: -

Restricted Funds - These are restricted to the purpose for which they were raised, or by the conditions placed on the relevant donation or bequest. They cannot be applied for any other purpose.

Designated Funds - These are 'unrestricted' funds which, although available for any purpose within the broad charitable objectives of the PCC, have been designated by the PCC to be held and applied for specific purposes.

General Funds - These are unrestricted funds which are generally available for any purpose within the PCC's charitable objectives.

Accounting Policies

Incoming Resources

- **Incoming resources from Donors**: - Offerings at services and donations by bank transfer or cheque are recognised when received. Amounts receivable which attract Gift Aid are recognised when paid and the related income tax recovery is accrued in the same period.
- **Income for operating activities** is recognised when the activity takes place.
- **Grants and Legacies** are recognised when the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount to be received is certain.
- **Parish magazine subscriptions** and **advertising revenue** received in advance are deferred and matched with the related publications.
- **Fees due to the PCC for weddings and funerals** are accounted for when the relevant ceremony takes place.
- **Income from investments** is accounted for when receivable.

Resources Expended

- **Grants and donations** are accounted for when approved by the PCC.
- **Other costs** attributable to the activities of the church, the administration thereof and parish's share of the Diocesan costs are accounted for on an accruals basis as they fall due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings are inalienable property, which are vested in the Diocese and are thus not valued in these financial statements.

New land and buildings acquired are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful life or 50 years (whichever is less). In accordance with the SORP, assets acquired in prior periods which have not previously been capitalised have not been revalued and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other Fixtures and equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its normal useful life. Individual items with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities on purchase.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

	Incoming Resources	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2021
2	**Incoming resources from donors**						
	Offerings (open plate) at services	3,045	-	-	-	**3,045**	*1,551*
	Regular Gift Aided donations	59,064	-		-	**59,064**	*59,298*
	Other regular donations	3,554	-	480	-	**4,034**	*3,445*
	Income tax recoverable	16,228	2,935	120	-	**19,283**	*19,925*
	Sundry donations	2,062	28,032	721	-	**30,816**	*23,543*
	Window cross sponsorship	440	-	-	-	**440**	*255*
	Legacies	1,000	-	-	-	**1,000**	-
	Gift Day Donations	10	-	-	-	**10**	*975*
		85,404	30,967	1,321	-	**117,692**	*108,991*
3	**Income from operating activities**						
	Magazine income	6,691	-	-	-	**6,691**	*5,020*
	Fund raising events	3,884	2,069	2,149	-	**8,102**	*5,456*
	Fund raising - regular	3,723	-	-	-	**3,723**	*1,825*
	Venue Income	4,173	-	-	-	**4,173**	*470*
	Coffee at services & Café Chat	432	-	-	-	**432**	*30*
	Other income	592		550	-	**1,142**	493
	Fees for weddings & funerals	3,568	-	-	-	**3,568**	*3,135*
		23,064	2,069	2,699		**27,831**	*16,429*
4	**Other income**						
	Insurance recoveries	-	15,008	-	-	**15,008**	
	Interest on deposits at CBF	121	425	208	-	**754**	*21*
		121	15,433	208	-	**15,762**	*21*
	Resources Expended						
5	**Grants**						
	Missionary and Charitable Giving	(4,500)	-	-	-	**(4,500)**	*(4,450)*
	Donations	(450)	-	-	-	**(450)**	*(450)*
		(4,950)	-	-	-	**(4,950)**	*(4,900)*
6	**Church services and activities**						
	Altar requisites	(855)	-	-	-	**(855)**	*(378)*
	Church Music (see also Note 20)	(5,691)	-	-	-	**(5,691)**	*(5,288)*
	Other	(18)	-	-	-	**(18)**	(282)
	Parish Share	(57,002)	-	-	-	**(57,002)**	*(50,478)*
		(63,566)	-	-	-	**(63,566)**	*(56,426)*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2021
7 Church Fabric						
Upkeep of the churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance & repairs	(3,861)	(13,826)	(7,193)	-	(24,881)	(4,289)
Cleaning	(1,533)	-	-	-	(1,533)	(1,255)
Utilities	(7,590)	-	-	-	(7,590)	(6,063)
Insurance	(2,299)	-	-	-	(2,299)	(2,242)
Depreciation	-	-	-	(10,105)	(10,105)	(10,105)
	(15,284)	(13,826)	(7,193)	(10,105)	(46,409)	(23,954)
8 Costs of generating funds						
Cost of events held	(818)	(637)	(455)	-	(1,910)	(610)
Parish magazine	(5,008)	-	-	-	(5,008)	(4,449)
	(5,826)	(637)	(455)	-	(6,918)	(5,059)
9 Church management & administration						
Office costs, including administrator salary	(18,128)	-	-	-	(18,128)	(17,472)
Clergy expenses	(3,969)	-	-	-	(3,969)	(3,169)
Books & publications	(250)	-	-	-	(250)	(218)
Less: contribution from Benefice	10,301	-	-	-	10,301	8,977
	(12,047)	-	-	-	(12,047)	(11,882)
10 Mission						
Children's Work	(12)	-	-	-	(12)	
Other	(540)	-	-	-	(540)	(540)
Less: contribution from Benefice	218	-	-	-	218	218
	(333)	-	-	-	(333)	(322)

Balance Sheet

11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Building Extension	Total	2021
Cost	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	520,937
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	520,937
Depreciation				
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	141,470	157,158	147,053
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	10,105	10,105	10,105
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	151,575	167,263	157,158
Net book value				
Brought forward 1 January 2022	-	363,779	363,779	373,884
Carried forward 31 December 2022	**-**	**£353,674**	**£353,674**	**£363,779**

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		2022	2021
		£	£
12	**Debtors**		
	Prepayments	513	-
	Income tax recoverable	7,781	7,340
	Other debtors	3,429	1,262
		11,723	8,602
13	**Short term Deposits**		
	CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund	50,489	49,829
		50,489	49,829
	The average rate paid by the fund during the year was xx% (2021 - 0.04%)		
14	**Cash at Bank & in hand**		
	Cash in hand	259	-
	Bank accounts	103,974	65,344
		104,233	65,344
15	**Creditors**		
	Magazine receipts in advance	2,178	1,259
	Other receipts in advance	1,025	1,974
	Wedding and funeral creditors	5,441	5,784
	Other amounts due but not yet paid	9,262	4,337
		17,906	13,355
16	**Provisions for liabilities and charges**		
	Provision for uninsured lead theft repair	2,500	2,500
	Provision for general maintenance	1,500	1,500
	Provision for quinquennial inspection	800	250
	Provision for missionary and charitable giving	4,850	4,450
		9,650	8,700

17 Funds allocation

Funds are held as follows:	General	Designated	Restricted	Total liquid	Fixed	Total
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	353,674	**353,674**
Debtors	11,723	-	-	11,723	-	**11,723**
Short term deposits	-	29,447	21,042	50,489	-	**50,489**
Cash at bank & in hand	41,231	63,002	-	104,233	-	**104,233**
	52,954	92,448	21,042	166,445	353,674	**520,119**
Creditors due within one year	(17,906)	-	-	(17,906)	-	**(17,906)**
Provision for liabilties and charges	(9,650)	-	-	(9,650)	-	**(9,650)**
	25,399	92,448	21,042	138,889	353,674	**492,563**

18 Designated funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Church Room Project	13,395	67	-	-	13,462
Fabric - Designated	13,942	48,401	14,129	5,000	53,213
Mission	26,106	-	333		25,773
	53,443	48,468	14,462	5,000	92,448

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

19 Restricted funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Listening Course	174	-	-	-	174
Rector's Discretionary Fund	307	-	-	-	307
Organ	14,551	1,515	172		15,894
Bell Tower	414	-	-	-	414
Fabric - Restricted	5,397	2,082	7,464		14
	20,842	3,597	7,636	-	16,803
Restricted Shared funds					
Youth Work - Shared BCD	3,619	632	12	-	4,239
Total Restricted Funds	24,461	4,229	7,648	-	21,042

20 PCC Remuneration

Mr D Burgess, Deputy Churchwarden and a member of the the PCC, received £4,500 in respect of his services as Director of Music (2021 - £4,500).

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Accounts

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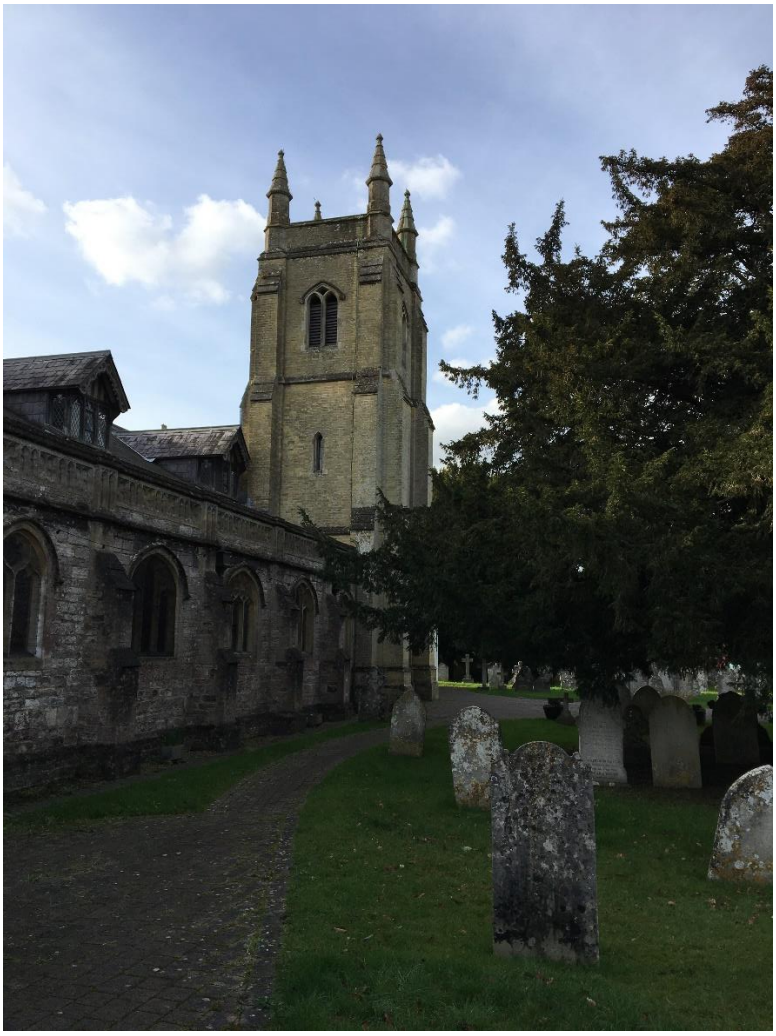

Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Registered Charity Number 1160056

All Saints' Church, Botley

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Report of the PCC

Our vision: Live | Pray | Serve

As part of the Portsmouth Diocese the parish adopted the **Live | Pray | Serve** vision in 2016, and it has guided our thinking ever since. As a church family, we want to equip people to **live** as disciples of Christ; to **pray**, individually and together as a worshipping community; and to **serve** those living in our local neighbourhood. As part of this process, we are seeking growth in **depth** of discipleship, our **impact** on society and the **numbers** of those who are becoming disciples of Christ. We seek to achieve this by: -

Growing in Depth:

- sharing a prayerful **Rhythm of Life** where our Christian faith inspires all our relationships and actions;
- celebrating an **Identity in Christ**, where we speak of what God has called us to be, and how our vocation fits alongside the calling of others;
- offering a **Generous Stewardship** of our time, resources and finances, and appreciation of the gifts and beliefs of others.

Growing in Impact:

- working towards the **Re-purposing of our Church Buildings** in a way that serves our community,
- creating churches as the **Focal Point of the Community**, bringing people together in reconciliation;
- empowering Christians to play a central role in **Preserving God's Creation** through environmental sustainability.

Growing in Number:

- inspiring Christians to **Speak Vibrantly about Faith** and share their experiences joyfully;
- creating **Fresh Ways to Explore Faith**, through digital communities, pioneering communities and new ways of being church that fit the local context.

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend our regular services. All Saints' offers different worship styles at the following services:-

- 8:00 am – Common Worship (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) and BCP (2nd and 4th Sundays),
- 10.00 am - Parish Communion (2nd,3rd and 4th Sundays of each month), Zoom worship (1st Sunday) and Combined Parishes Communion with Curdridge and Durley (5th Sundays)
- 6.30 pm – BCP Evensong (choral on 1st Sunday of each month, Zoom on 2nd Sunday)

During the Covid 19 pandemic when our churches could not be used, very successful Zoom services were held at 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. each Sunday. Our church buildings are open for private prayer daily.

Details of all church activities are available at https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/

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Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council of All Saints' (the PCC) in the ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Botley in Hampshire is a body corporate established by the Church of England and is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC has the responsibility for working with the Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1160056).

Under the Charities Act 2011, the PCC is required to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under the 'advancement of religion' charitable purpose. In addition, the Trustees believe that its support of Botley Primary school fulfils the 'advancement of education' purpose and that some of the non-devotional aspects of its church activities fulfil the 'community development' purpose.

The Rector Revd. Gregg Mensingh serves three parishes including the parishes of St Peter's Curdridge and Holy Cross Durley which together form 'BCD Churches'. The Rector is assisted in his role by Rev. Richard Wharton who conducts services on a voluntary basis and Mrs Janet Clark a lay reader, together with a number of retired clergy and lay readers from the Diocese. The three parishes share clergy expenses and the cost of parish administration.

Churchwardens

The parish currently has only one churchwarden - Mr Stephen Townsend. The Director of Music Mr David Burgess has been designated a deputy churchwarden.

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The following served as Members of the PCC (Trustees) during the year: -

Rev Gregg Mensingh (Chair)	Mr David Burgess
Mrs Sarah Churcher (to 25 Apr 2021)	Mr Anthony Gosden
Mr Rob Hall	Mrs Stephanie Hall
Mrs Mary Leahy (from 25 Apr 2021)	Prof. Sir Jonathan Montgomery
Mr Daniel Piddington	Mr Andrew Poole
Mrs Beth Taylor (to 25 Apr 2021)	Mrs Elizabeth Townsend
Mr Stephen Townsend (Deputy Chair)	Rev Richard Wharton

The PCC, which held 8 meetings during the year (on Zoom) operated with the support of the following teams/sub-committees that report back to it with recommendations for the PCC's consideration.

Ministry Team: The Rector, Richard Wharton, Janet Clarke, and David Burgess.

Fabric Team: Stephen Townsend, Robert Jackson, and Ian Cresdee.

Finance Team: Anthony Gosden (Chair), Stephen Townsend, Jonathan Montgomery.

Social Committee: Stephanie Hall (Chair), Lynn Gosden, Mary Leahy, Helen White.

BCD Communications and Marketing Team: Lynn Gosden (Chair), Janet Clarke, Rob Hall, Elspeth Lamb, Gill Mulley (Holy Cross, Durley PCC) and Miles/Lisa Wilshire (St Peter's, Curdridge PCC).

Safeguarding:

The PCC has a Safeguarding Policy in place (which is reviewed annually) and receives reports at each business meeting from our safeguarding officer Mrs Elizabeth Townsend.

Electoral Roll: All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The parish Electoral Roll, as updated in March 2022, listed 101 parishioners.

Financial review

The attached financial statements show a surplus for the year on the General Fund of £9,840 compared with the surplus of £3,496 in 2020. In addition, generous donations from members of the congregation and fundraising for the organ, roof and tower repairs increased Designated Funds by £8,942 and Restricted Funds by 14,221. Overall, our funds increased by £22,898 net of depreciation charges, although it is anticipated that these additional resources will be expended on repairs over the coming 12 months.

Although we anticipated that church activities would return to normal during the year, the emergence of Covid-19 variances meant that church services were conducted under significant restrictions for much of the year and other activities were substantially reduced. Notwithstanding these difficulties, our congregation maintained their generosity and fundraising activities (including Summer, Michaelmas and Advent markets and Carols in the Churchyard) proved to be very successful. Our coffee mornings resumed and sales at auction of donated items realised over £1,800 for the roof repairs.

As planned, we asked members of the congregation to consider converting their annual All Saints' Gift Day donations to regular gift-aided donation by standing order. The majority of donors agreed and, together with other increased giving, this meant that regular gift-aided giving increased by over 30%, more than offsetting the reduction in Gift Day income.

Once again, there were savings in church maintenance costs and the limitations of face-to-face meetings, and hence travel, substantially reduced clergy expenses. However, the largest saving was in our Parish Share which unexpectedly fell by £8,000 but will increase again in future years to its former level. The PCC was able to maintain the level of our charitable and other giving.

In light of the economic uncertainties, the PCC last year set three primary financial objectives for 2021: -

1. ***To break even on General Fund***
   This objective was substantially exceeded although, as explained above, much of the surplus was a function of our much-reduced Parish Share requirement.
2. ***To develop a plan to encourage more members of the congregation to include provision for a legacy in their wills.***
   The plan was developed but will only be implemented this year as congregation numbers increase again.

3. ***Re-assess plans for the building repair and refurbishment works identified in the quinquennial inspection report.***
   During the year, the PCC concluded that its plans for the refurbishment of the Church Room should be deferred pending the completion of urgent quinquennial and organ repairs.

Our financial objectives for 2022 are to: -

1) Ensure that we can build our net income to allow us to meet our 'normal' Parish Share
2) Roll-out our legacy programme
3) Fundraise so that we can complete the urgent roof and tower repairs identified as a result of the quinquennial inspection.

Reserves

The PCC maintains three different categories of reserve: -

Restricted Reserves – These are funds resulting from donations or other sources which were received on condition, or understanding, that they are to be applied for a specific purpose. They are not available to be used for other purposes. The largest two of these are the Organ fund (£14,551) and the Fabric (restricted) Fund (£53,960, both of which will be used in due course for planned major repairs. Organ Repairs are likely to cost in the region of £60,000. Pending clarification of likely costs of roof and other fabric repairs, the PCC has no target level for the Fabric Fund.

Designated Reserves - These are 'unrestricted' reserves which the PCC has earmarked ('designated') for specific purposes indicated by their titles. Given the nature of most of these funds, their quantum is dictated by the medium-term plans for which they were established. The PCC is seeking quotations for the cost of the major roof and tower repair work identified by the most recent quinquennial inspection report and will then develop a fundraising project with a set target.

The Fabric (designated) fund (£12,517) will be used towards these repair costs. The balance on the Church Room Project fund (£13,395) will be applied in the repair of the roof and other parts of the Church Room. The PCC agreed in September that, since regular mission expenditure is included within its General Fund budgets and it has no immediate plans for the application of the bequest previously designated as the Mission Fund, the balance on that Fund (£26,106) will be applied towards the roof and tower repairs, with the expectation that it will be partially reinstated in due course from surpluses on General Fund.

General Reserve

The General Reserve represents surpluses that have been built up in previous years and is held as a buffer against the possibility of future adverse financial experience. It is the PCC's objective, whenever possible, to maintain a balance on its General Fund which represents at least three months' annual unrestricted expenditure. The balance on the General Fund at 31 December 2021 stood at £25,241 and thus the target was met.

Fixed Asset Fund

This reflects the cost of the extension to the church constructed in 2007 which was financed by a the Maffey bequest and a combination of other fund raising and grants. Since the assets supporting the fund are not liquid and the Fund cannot be realised the PCC has no policy for this fund.

Finally, enormous thanks are due to all those who committed to regular giving or increased their giving during the year and to those have made one-off donations in addition to all who continue to fundraise for our planned repairs.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: -

Revd. Gregg Mensingh (Rector) **Mr. Stephen Townsend (Churchwarden)**

15 April 2022

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Rector's Report

I want to begin my report, by saying just how good it is to have the new Bishop of Portsmouth in place. Bishop Jonathan Frost was installed on the 12 March and has already made it his stated aim for the churches in our diocese to reach out to young people and connect them with the resources of faith and the message of Jesus. What a challenge to us all, but what a great place to start!

Last year when I sat down to write my Rector's report for the APCM, we were just beginning to come out of the third national lockdown, a time of stress and anxiety and indeed loss for many across the nation. We are coming to terms with living with the reality of COVID and government statistics have revealed that in the last week of March alone 1 in 13 people in the country were probably infected. Mercifully, the vaccines have prevented most of these people from being hospitalised. All of this means that we must still exercise caution in the way we gather, minister and reach out in our villages.

As we came out of the third lockdown many were beginning to wonder what we would do with our Zoom services. We have learned so much from our foray and exploration in worshipping online together across BCD. A great many in our congregations had enjoyed the online format and so with this in mind a decision was made to keep the 10 a.m. service, on the first Sunday of each month, online. We still regularly attract 60+ worshippers when this happens with people participating and leading using laptops, computers, tablets, smartphones and by telephone (we post the service). There is an 8 a.m. service for those who wish to attend an "in person" act of worship.

The Remembrance service two years ago had to be held online due to the need to keep people safe. Thankfully, this year we were able to hold our Remembrance Sunday service in the usual way. People were very appreciative that we were once again able to meet in person for this very important national act of worship. Thanks to Julia Hayes and all who assisted her in arranging for the railings to be beautifully decorated with poppies.

Christmas is a hugely important occasion for our church. Since the annual Carols in the Square event was cancelled, a small team of us put together an alternative "Carols in the Churchyard". There were stalls selling mulled wine, tea and coffee, minces pies, a BBQ and we even had our own label "All Saints' Christmas Ale". All of this was made possible with generous sponsorship from businesses on the High Street and a good number of kind village volunteers.

Two years ago, we were unable to host our usual Christmas services because of the pandemic. This meant that everything had to be streamed so that we could reach out with the good news of Christ's birth. This year we were able once again to invite the community to our Stir Up, Crib, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services. Although numbers were down, many commented on how wonderful it was to be back for these important religious festivals.

We always round off the Christmas season with our Christingle service and this year we were supported by the school choir and good numbers of children from our church school with their parents for All Age worship. One of our school foundation governors, Felicity Poole, organised mince pies and hot dogs outside to round off our time together.

It's hard for us to imagine but the last time we were able to celebrate Easter in our churches was 3 years ago. Easter worship will happen in all three churches and there will no doubt be a great sense of joy at being able to do this again. It will kick off with our Palm Sunday service preceded by the procession to All Saints It will be a delight that children from our C of E church school will lead the reading of the Passion gospel.

The relationship between our school and our church is one that we must never take for granted and we must continually look for ways to strengthen it. The school is at the heart of our village, and I would urge us all to pray for its children, staff and head teacher Joe Cooil - everyday. To have our own church school is a gift. In addition to the Rector, foundation governors are normally selected from among the congregation, but we are now sadly at the point where we have had to source two of our three allotted governors from other churches. While disappointing, we are however extremely fortunate that we have Felicity Poole from among us as a foundation governor.

As part of the whole governing body foundation governors ensure that the school's Christian ethos is maintained to guide not only the education of the children but the way in which they are shaped and formed through Christian principles and specifically Anglican spirituality. Felicity has driven forward the introduction of 'Reflection' areas in each classroom where children can write prayers, reflect upon and explore issues "in the moment." It is a wonderful resource that enables teachers to nurture children's spirituality and interactions with each other.

She is also playing a vital role in working with the head to ensure that the school is ready for its 5 yearly SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The table in the foyer shows all the work we've done to enhance the children's knowledge of Christian faith since the last inspection.

Julia Hayes, our art coordinator, is also playing a deepening role in the life of the school. She has enabled a whole school approach to making artistic contributions which can be seen on the church railings and in the school. Julia is a familiar face in school, and I know she delights in finding the children very willing to engage at break and lunchtimes with Christian themes through artwork. We are grateful that whole school collective worship (assemblies) is now once again happening "in person" and that for the first time in 3 years, the whole school were in church for the school Easter service. Felicity has again organised the Botley Easter Trail, a partnership between the school and the church. . I know that the school children are really looking forward to claiming their prize chocolate Easter eggs courtesy of the The Dolphin pub.

Because of the pandemic and the unique challenges that it poses for interaction between children and adults our children's work has not yet restarted as hoped. Our Church School Days, a rolling programme of Christian Education where every year group of the school comes to the church once a year is due to restart soon. We have Marion Bishop to thank for this massive contribution to the education and spiritual life of our school children. The plan is that Messy Church will meet 4 times a year, but we need to make sure that our fantastic older members feel able to return to this ministry. One of them is 90 years old – so there is no excuse for anyone else! Without their contribution it will not be possible.

Fund raising of course is very important for the life of our church (as it is for all three churches). We need to fix our church roof which is going to require dedicated effort. In this respect we are enormously grateful for all who coordinate our monthly church coffee mornings which regularly raise well over £250 at each session. Even so, those who run it are adamant that it's not about the money. Rather it's about positive relationships and wellbeing. Everything else comes as a consequence of this motivation.

In fact, virtually everything that is done by our church brings us into contact with hundreds of people. We must do more to raise the profile of our church in Botley. In this respect we are grateful to Elspeth Lamb for the publicity and posters that she designs for all the events which take place. All of us must be more prayerfully invitational if our church is to grow. I know members who regularly invite people to church and more of us could do the same. We have to do more to translate the encounters that we already have with people into church growth.

Which is why on the 19 March this year we had our joint BCD PCC's vision day. Before they met, they had a small amount of homework to do about what they considered to be the most important priorities moving forward for all three churches. The morning ended with us having discerned three new mission priorities for the next two years:

- The first is a desire to grow our congregation in depth enabling the existing congregation to have a deeper understanding of their faith.
- The second will help us to grow in impact on our community by addressing the need for youth work with the possibility a youth worker working across all three parishes. This precisely links with Bishop Jonathan's challenge that the Diocese deliberately engages with young people.
- The third is figuring out how we engage with those who don't consider themselves to be religious or spiritual in any way, encouraging them to consider faith and purpose in life.

The three groups will be taking the work forward over the next two years. We believe that God has called us to pursue these priorities to encourage a new generation of people that God is calling into a relationship with himself.

There are many in our congregation who make the church's presence a reality in our village and further afield, so I want to thank every one of them, but I won't fall into the trap of missing anyone out and instead say that I am proud of all that has been accomplished over the past year under still difficult conditions. On behalf of us all thanks to Stephen our Churchwarden and all the members of the PCC who support me in my ministry. Huge thanks too are owed to their spouses who support them in their duties.

The Revd Gregg Mensingh

Rector

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints' Church Botley

I report on the financial statements of All Saints' Church for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Fixed Asset Fund £	Total Funds £	*Total 2020 £*
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from donors	2	85,811	8,942	14,238	-	**108,991**	*92,152*
Income from operating activities	3	16,429	-	-	-	**16,429**	*12,141*
Investment income	4	21	-	-	-	21	*211*
		102,261	8,942	14,238	-	**125,441**	*104,504*
Resources Expended							
Grants	5	(4,900)	-	-	-	**(4,900)**	*(4,886)*
Church services and activities	6	(70,276)	-	-	-	**(70,276)**	*(78,318)*
Costs of generating funds	8	(5,041)	-	(17)	-	**(5,058)**	*(3,673)*
Church management & administration	9	(11,882)	-	-	-	**(11,882)**	*(12,271)*
Mission	10	(322)	-	-	-	**(322)**	*(498)*
Depreciation	11	-	-	-	(10,105)	**(10,105)**	*(10,105)*
		(92,421)	-	(17)	(10,105)	**(102,543)**	*(109,751)*
Net Incoming /outgoing resources		**9,840**	**8,942**	**14,221**	**(10,105)**	**22,898**	***(5,247)***

Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Assets £	Total Funds £	*Total 2020*
Brought forward at 1 January 2021	13,976	44,501	10,240	373,884	**442,601**	*447,850*
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	9,840	8,942	14,221	(10,105)	**22,898**	*(5,249)*
Carried forward at 31 December 2021	23,816	53,443	24,461	363,779	**465,499**	*442,601*

The notes 1-20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		363,779		373,884
Net current assets					
Debtors	12	8,602		6,612	
Short term deposits	13	49,829		49,808	
Cash at bank & in hand	14	65,344		33,046	
		123,775		89,466	
Less					
Creditors due within one year	15	(17,805)	105,970	(18,123)	71,343
Provision for liabilities and charges	16		(4,250)		(2,625)
NET ASSETS			£465,499		£442,601
Funds					
Fixed Assets (Building, Fixtures)	17		363,779		373,884
Unrestricted -General			23,816		13,977
Unrestricted - Designated	18		53,443		44,500
Restricted	19		24,461		10,240
			£465,499		£442,601

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Signed on behalf of the PCC
28 March 2022

Rev. Gregg Mensingh
Incumbent

Mr Anthony Gosden
Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value (unless otherwise disclosed) using the accruals basis of accounting and in accordance with: -

- Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- The Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP); and
- The Charities Act 2011

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC has responsibility. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They are presented in £Sterling.

Charitable Funds

The PCC accounts on a Fund basis where income from different sources is allocated to different funds which are then applied according to their separate purpose. As prescribed by the SORP, the following categories of Fund are used: -

Restricted Funds - These are restricted to the purpose for which they were raised, or by the conditions placed on the relevant donation or bequest. They cannot be applied for any other purpose.

Designated Funds - These are 'unrestricted' funds which, although available for any purpose within the broad charitable objectives of the PCC, have been designated by the PCC to be held and applied for specific purposes.

General Funds - These are unrestricted funds which are generally available for any purpose within the PCC's charitable objectives.

Accounting Policies

Incoming Resources

- **Incoming resources from Donors**: - Offerings at services and donations by bank transfer or cheque are recognised when received. Amounts receivable which attract Gift Aid are recognised when paid and the related income tax recovery is accrued in the same period.
- **Income for operating activities** is recognised when the activity takes place.
- **Grants and Legacies** are recognised when the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount to be received is certain.
- **Parish magazine subscriptions** and **advertising revenue** received in advance are deferred and matched with the related publications.
- **Fees due to the PCC for weddings and funerals** are accounted for when the relevant ceremony takes place.
- **Income from Investments** is accounted for when receivable.

Resources Expended

- **Grants and donations** are accounted for when approved by the PCC**.**
- **Other costs** attributable to the activities of the church, the administration thereof and parish's share of the Diocesan costs are accounted for as they fall due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings are inalienable property, which are vested in the Diocese and are thus not valued in these financial statements.

New land and buildings acquired are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful life or 50 years (whichever is less). In accordance with the SORP, assets acquired in prior periods which have not previously been capitalised have not been revalued and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other Fixtures and equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its normal useful life. Individual items with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities on purchase.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

	Incoming Resources	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2020
2	**Incoming resources from donors**						
	Offerings (open plate) at services	1,550	-	-	-	**1,550**	*1,141*
	Regular Gift Aided donations	59,298	-		-	**59,298**	*45,291*
	Other regular donations	3,445	-	-	-	**3,445**	*5,085*
	Income tax recoverable	15,880	1,425	2,620	-	**19,925**	*16,850*
	Sundry donations	4,408	7,517	11,618	-	**23,543**	*8,617*
	Window cross sponsorship	255	-	-	-	**255**	*473*
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
	Gift Day Donations	975	-	-	-	**975**	*14,696*
		85,811	8,942	14,238	-	**108,991**	*92,152*
3	**Income from operating activities**						
	Magazine income	5,020	-	-	-	**5,020**	*5,049*
	Fund raising events	5,456	-	-	-	**5,456**	*2,896*
	Fund raising - regular	1,825	-	-	-	**1,825**	*522*
	Venue Income	470	-	-	-	**470**	*695*
	Coffee at services & Café Chat	30	-	-	-	**30**	*332*
	Other income	493	-	-	-	**493**	605
	Fees for weddings & funerals	3,135	-	-	-	**3,135**	*2,042*
		16,429		-	-	**16,429**	*12,141*
4	**Investment income**						
	Interest on deposits at CBF	21	-	-	-	**21**	*211*
	Interest on bank deposits	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
		21		-	-	**21**	*211*
	Resources Expended						
5	**Grants**						
	Missionary and Charitable Giving	(4,450)	-	-	-	**(4,450)**	*(4,000)*
	Donations	(450)	-	-	-	**(450)**	*(436)*
	Deanery Synod & links	-	-	-	-	**-**	*(450)*
		(4,900)		-	-	**(4,900)**	*(4,886)*
6	**Church services and activities**						
	Altar requisites	(378)	-	-	-	**(378)**	*(393)*
	Church Music (see also Note 20)	(5,288)	-	-	-	**(5,288)**	*(4,817)*
	Upkeep of the churchyard	-	-	-	-	**-**	*(420)*
	Maintenance & repairs	(4,289)	-	-	-	**(4,289)**	*(4,615)*
	Cleaning	(1,255)	-	-	-	**(1,255)**	*(1,160)*
	Utilities	(6,063)	-	-	-	**(6,063)**	*(5,803)*
	Insurance	(2,242)	-	-	-	**(2,242)**	*(2,237)*
	Bank charges	-	-	-	-	**-**	*(2)*
	Other	(282)	-	-	-	**(282)**	-
	Parish Share	(50,478)	-	-	-	**(50,478)**	*(58,871)*
		(70,276)	-	-	-	**(70,276)**	*(78,318)*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2020
7	**Costs of generating funds**						
	Cost of events held	(593)	-	(17)	-	**(610)**	*(908)*
	Parish magazine	(4,449)	-	-	-	**(4,449)**	*(2,765)*
		(5,041)	-	(17)	-	**(5,058)**	*(3,673)*
8	**Church management & administration**						
	Office costs, including administrator salary	(17,472)	-	-	-	**(17,472)**	*(16,802)*
	Clergy expenses	(3,169)	-	-	-	**(3,169)**	*(3,209)*
	Books & publications	(218)	-	-	-	**(218)**	*(405)*
	Less: contribution from Benefice	8,977	-	-	-	**8,977**	*8,145*
		(11,882)	-	-	-	**(11,882)**	*(12,271)*
9	**Mission**						
	Children's Work	-	-	-	-	**-**	*(57)*
	Youth work - Shared fund	(540)	-	-	-	**(540)**	*(153)*
	Other	-	-	-	-	**-**	*(540)*
	Less: contribution from Benefice	218	-	-	-	**218**	*252*
		(322)	-	-	-	**(322)**	*(498)*
10	**Depreciation**	-	-	-	(10,105)	**(10,105)**	*(10,105)*
		-	-	-	(10,105)	**(10,105)**	*(10,105)*

Balance Sheet

11	**Tangible Fixed Assets**	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Building Extension	Total	2020
	Cost	**£**	£	**£**	*£*
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
	Additions	-	-	-	*-*
	Disposals	-	-	-	*-*
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
	Depreciation				
	Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	131,365	147,053	*136,948*
	Additions	-	-	-	*-*
	Disposals	-	-	-	*-*
	Charge for the year	-	10,105	10,105	*10,105*
	Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	141,470	157,158	*147,053*
	Net book value				
	Brought forward	-	373,884	373,884	*383,989*
	Carried forward	-	£363,779	£363,779	*£373,884*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

		2021	2020
		£	£
12	**Debtors**		
	Income tax recoverable	7,340	5,650
	Other debtors	1,262	962
		8,602	6,612
13	**Short term Deposits**		
	CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund	49,829	49,808
		49,829	49,808

The average rate paid by the fund during the year was 0.04% (2020 - 0.42%)

14	**Cash at Bank & in hand**		
	Cash		-
	Bank accounts	65,344	33,046
		65,344	33,046
15	**Creditors**		
	Magazine receipts in advance	1,259	1,680
	Other receipts in advance	1,974	2,127
	Wedding and funeral income in advance	5,784	5,796
	Other amounts due but not yet paid	8,787	8,520
		17,805	18,123
16	**Provisions for liabilities and charges**		
	Provision for uninsured lead theft repair	2,500	-
	Provision for general maintenance	1,500	1,500
	Provision for quinquennial inspection	250	1,125
		4,250	2,625

17 Funds allocation

Funds are held as follows:	General	Designated	Restricted	Total liquid	Fixed	Total
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	363,779	**363,779**
Debtors	8,602	-	-	8,602	-	**8,602**
Short term deposits	-	25,367	24,461	49,829	-	**49,829**
Cash at bank & in hand	38,693	26,651	-	65,344	-	**65,344**
	47,296	52,018	24,461	123,775	363,779	**487,554**
Creditors due within one year	(17,805)	-	-	(17,805)	-	**(17,805)**
Provision for liabilties and charges	(4,250)	-	-	(4,250)	-	**(4,250)**
	25,241	52,018	24,461	101,720	363,779	**465,499**

18 Designated funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Church Room Project	13,395	-	-	-	13,395
Fabric - Designated	5,000	7,517	-	-	12,517
Mission	26,106	-		-	26,106
	44,501	7,517	-	-	52,018

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

19 Restricted funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Listening Course	174	-	-	-	174
Rector's Discretionary Fund	307	-	-	-	307
Organ	2,051	12,500	-	-	14,551
Bell Tower	414	-	-	-	414
Fabric - Restricted	4,275	1,138	17	-	5,396
	7,221	13,638	17	-	20,842
Restricted Shared funds					
Youth Work - Shared BCD	3,019	600	-	-	3,619
Total Restricted Funds	10,240	14,238	17	-	24,461

20 PCC Remuneration

Mr D Burgess, Deputy Churchwarden and a member of the the PCC, received £4,500 in respect of his services as Director of Music (2020 -£4,500).

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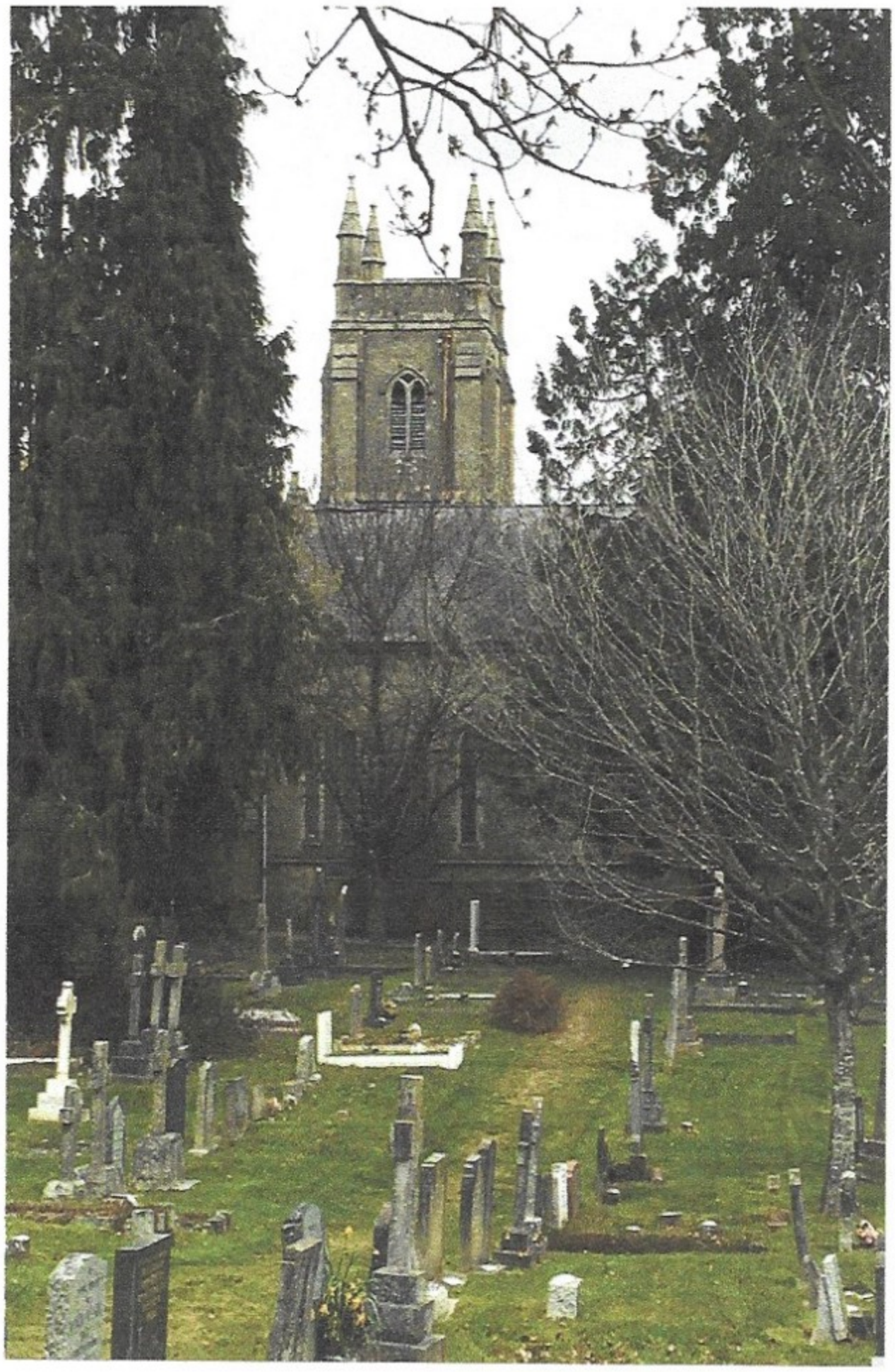

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Financial review

The attached financial statements show a surplus for the year on Unrestricted Funds of £3,496 compared with the deficit of £2,150 for 2019. The surplus on Restricted Funds of £1,360 relates solely to donations to the Organ Fund. The overall deficit after depreciation was £ 5,249 (2019 - £11,459).

In mid-March it became apparent that our church services and other activities were going to be seriously curtailed by the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic on life generally and on our increasingly elderly congregation in particular. Our early projections of the possible financial impact were alarming, and steps were taken both to sustain our donation income and reduce costs. Our congregation proved magnificently generous both in response to appeals in the summer and at our annual All Saints' Gift Day so that despite the absence of open-plate collections, our total donation income increased by almost 10%.

The year began with a very successful Advent to Candlemas concert and a Curry night. However, from March the restrictions on social and entertainment gatherings substantially eliminated our ability to fund-raise in the usual way. However, a rapid response to an opportunity for outdoors gatherings, enabled a small team to organise a very successful Michaelmas Fayre and Zoom quizzes provided both an opportunity for social interaction and additional donation income. Fundraising income was therefore only about 50% of the previous year's level. Overall, our total income fell by 3.5%.

Savings in a variety of administrative and church maintenance areas reduced costs while the absence of services in church and the limitations of face-to-face meetings, and hence travel, substantially reduced clergy expenses. The PCC decided to maintain the level of our charitable and other giving.

The PCC had set three primary financial objectives for 2020: -

1. ***Increase the number of church members who have committed to regular giving. In particular focus on converting irregular givers to committed regular donors so that we can eliminate the deficit from regular church operations.***
   The number of regular donors increased slightly, and our regular donation income increased by 3.1%. After a slightly disappointing response at our Gift Day in 2019, those who gave in 2020 were very generous and the total raised increased to £14,700, the highest level for many years.

2. ***Review the way in which Gift Day giving relates to regular giving.***
   In September, in line with previous discussions, the PCC decided to invite regular Gift Day donors (most of whom also gave regularly by standing order) to consider converting their annual giving to increase monthly payments. The response was very positive and, while several such donors indicated a preference for continuing to give annually, the majority were happy to increase their regular giving. This source of funding will therefore become a less important element of overall donation income in future.

3. ***Prioritise fund raising objectives for capital projects (Roof and Tower repairs, Church Room refurbishment and organ overhaul).***
   The disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and reduced volunteer resources have meant that little progress has been made in this area. It is possible that our initial priorities may have to be reconsidered in light of the review of the Diocesan Strategic Restructuring and our likely fundraising capacity.

All Saints' Church, Botley

Annual Report and Financial Statements 31st December 2020

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23 April 2021

All Saints' Church, Botley

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Incoming resources from donors	2	90,639	1,512	-	**92,152**	*84,200*
Income from operating activities	3	12,141	-	-	**12,141**	*22,796*
Investment income	4	211	-	-	211	*370*
		102,990	1,512		**104,503**	*107,366*
Resources Expended						
Grants	5	(4,886)	-	-	**(4,886)**	*(5,095)*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	6	(78,318)	-	-	**(78,318)**	*(81,645)*
Major Repairs & Improvements	7	-	-	-		
Costs of generating funds	8	(3,673)	-	-	**(3,673)**	*(6,671)*
Church management & administration	9	(12,271)	-	-	**(12,271)**	*(13,781)*
Mission	10	(345)	(153)	-	**(498)**	*(1,528)*
Depreciation	11	-	-	(10,105)	**(10,105)**	*(10,105)*
		(99,494)	(153)	(10,105)	**(109,752)**	*(118,825)*
Net Incoming /Outgoing Resources		**3,496**	**1,360**	**(10,105)**	**(5,249)**	*(11,459)*

Analysis of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Fixed Assets	Total Funds	*Total 2019*
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2020	54,981	8,880	383,989	**447,850**	*459,309*
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	3,496	1,360	(10,105)	**(5,249)**	*(11,459)*
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2020	58,477	10,240	373,884	**442,601**	*447,850*

The notes 1 - 19 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

	Note		2020		*2019*
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		373,884		*383,989*
Net current assets					
Debtors	12	6,612		*7,361*	
Short term deposits	13	49,808		*49,318*	
Cash in bank & in hand	14	27,250		*20,323*	
		83,669		*77,002*	
Less					
Creditors due within one year	15	14,952	68,717	*13,140*	*63,862*
NET ASSETS			£442,601		*£447,850*
Funds					
Fixed Assets (Building, Fixtures)	16		373,884		*383,989*
Unrestricted -General			13,977		*10,423*
Unrestricted - Designated	17		44,500		*44,558*
Restricted	18		10,240		*8,880*
			£442,601		*£447,850*

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Signed on behalf of the PCC
13 April 2021

Rev. Gregg Mensingh
Incumbent

Mr Anthony Gosden
Treasurer

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, using the accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with: -

- The Church Accounting Regulations 2006;
- Applicable Accounting Standards; and
- The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Charities (FRS102)

The financial statements include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC has responsibility. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources from Donors: - Offerings are recognised when received. Amounts receivable which attract Gift Aid are recognised when paid and the related income tax recovery is accrued in the same period.

Income for operating activities is recognised when the activity takes place.

Grants and Legacies are recognised when the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the amount to be received is certain.

Parish magazine subscriptions and advertising revenue received in advance is deferred and matched with the related publications.

Fees due to the PCC for weddings and funerals are accounted for when the relevant service takes place.

Income from Investments is accounted for when receivable.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when approved by the PCC.

Other costs attributable to the activities of the church, the administration thereof and parish's share of the Diocesan costs are accounted for as they fall due.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings are heritage assets and inalienable property. New land and buildings asset are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful life or 50 years (whichever is less). In accordance with the SORP, assets acquired in prior periods which have not previously been capitalised have not been revalued and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Other Fixtures and equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its normal useful life. Individual items with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are written off on purchase.

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds	2019
	Incoming Resources					
2	**Incoming resources from donors**					
	Offerings (open plate) at all services	1,141	-	-	**1,141**	*6,332*
	Other Gift Aided donations at all services	1,677	-	-	**1,677**	*2,371*
	Regular Gift Aided donations	45,149	142	-	**45,291**	*43,596*
	Other regular donations	2,946	460	-	**3,406**	*3,649*
	Income tax recoverable	16,850	-	-	**16,850**	*15,468*
	Sundry donations	7,707	910	-	**8,617**	*1,488*
	Window cross sponsorship	473	-	-	**473**	*500*
	Legacies	-	-	-	**-**	-
	Gift Day Donations	14,696	-	-	**14,696**	*10,797*
		90,639	1,512	-	**92,152**	*84,200*
3	**Income from operating activities**					
	Magazine income	5,049	-	-	**5,049**	*5,296*
	Fund raising events	2,896	-	-	**2,896**	*3,515*
	Fund raising - regular	522	-	-	**522**	*4,106*
	Venue Income	695	-	-	**695**	*2,931*
	Coffee at services & Café Chat	332	-	-	**332**	*1,600*
	Other income	605	-	-	**605**	
	Fees for weddings & funerals	2,533	-	-	**2,533**	*6,164*
	Less Benefice weddings & funeral Admin	(490)	-	-	**(490)**	*(816)*
		12,141	-	-	**12,141**	*22,796*
4	**Investment income**					
	Interest on deposits at CBF	211	-	-	**211**	*370*
	Interest on bank deposits	-	-	-	**-**	-
		211	-	-	**211**	*370*
	Resources Expended					
5	**Grants**					
	Missionary and Charitable Giving	(4,000)	-	-	**(4,000)**	*(4,000)*
	Donations	(436)	-	-	**(436)**	*(758)*
	Deanery Synod & links	(450)	-	-	**(450)**	*(337)*
		(4,886)	-	-	**(4,886)**	*(5,095)*
6	**Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**					
	Altar requisites	(393)	-	-	**(393)**	*(197)*
	Church music	(4,817)	-	-	**(4,817)**	*(4,190)*
	Upkeep of the churchyard	(420)	-	-	**(420)**	
	Maintenance & repairs	(4,615)	-	-	**(4,615)**	*(4,768)*
	Cleaning	(1,160)	-	-	**(1,160)**	*(1,308)*
	Utilities	(5,803)	-	-	**(5,803)**	*(6,064)*
	Insurance	(2,237)	-	-	**(2,237)**	*(2,183)*
	Bank charges	(2)	-	-	**(2)**	*(101)*
	Other	0	-	-	**0**	*(832)*
	Parish Share	(58,871)	-	-	**(58,871)**	*(62,002)*
		(78,318)	-	-	**(78,318)**	*(81,645)*

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont'd)

7 Costs of generating funds

Cost of events held	(908)	-	-	**(908)**	*(1,101)*
Parish magazine	(2,765)	-	-	**(2,765)**	*(5,570)*
	(3,673)	-	-	**(3,673)**	*(6,671)*

8 Church management & administration

Office costs, including administrator salar	(16,802)	-	-	**(16,802)**	*(15,848)*
Clergy expenses	(3,209)	-	-	**(3,209)**	*(8,260)*
Books & publications	(405)	-	-	**(405)**	*(172)*
Less: contribution from Benefice	8,145	-	-	**8,145**	*10,499*
	(12,271)			**(12,271)**	*(13,781)*

9 Mission

Children's Work	(57)	-	-	**(57)**	*(341)*
Youth work - Shared fund		(153)		**(153)**	*(630)*
Other	(540)	-	-	**(540)**	*(557)*
Less: contribution from Benefice	252	-	-	**252**	-
	(345)	(153)		**(498)**	*(1,528)*

10 Depreciation

	0	0	10,105	**10,105**	*10,105*

Balance Sheet

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Extension Building	**Total**	*2,018*
Cost	**£**	£	**£**	
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	505,249	520,937	*520,937*
Depreciation				
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	15,688	121,260	136,948	*126,843*
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	10,105	10,105	*10,105*
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	15,688	131,365	147,053	*136,948*
Net book value				
Brought forward	-	383,989	383,989	*394,094*
Carried forward	-	373,884	373,884	-

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	2020	*2019*
12 Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	5,650	*4,677*
Other prepayments and sums due	962	*2,684*
	6,612	*7,361*
13 Short term Deposits		
CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund	49,808	*49,318*
	49,808	*49,318*

The average rate paid by the fund during the year was 0.42% (2019 - 0.75%)

14 Cash at Bank & in hand		
Cash	-	-
Bank accounts	27,250	*20,323*
	27,250	*20,323*
15 Creditors		
Magazine receipts in advance	1,680	*960*
Other receipts in advance	2,127	*3,646*
Provisions for regular inspections	2,625	*2,500*
Other amounts due but not yet paid	8,520	*6,034*
	14,952	*13,140*

16 Funds allocation

Funds are held as follows:	General	Designated	Restricted	Total liquid	Fixed	Total
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	373,884	**373,884**
Debtors	6,612	-	-	**6,612**	-	**6,612**
Short term deposits	-	39,568	10,240	**49,808**	-	**49,808**
Cash at bank & in hand	22,317	4,933	-	**27,250**	-	**27,250**
	28,929	44,501	10,240	**83,669**	373,884	**457,553**
Creditors due within one year	- 14,952	-	-	- **14,952**	-	- **14,952**
	13,977	44,501	10,240	**68,717**	373,884	**442,601**

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17 Designated funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Church Room Project	13,395	-	-	-	13,395
Fabric - Designated	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Mission	26,163	-	57	-	26,106
	44,558	-	57	-	44,501

18 Restricted funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expense	Transfer	C/fwd
Listening Course	174	-	-	-	174
Rector's Discretionary Fund	307	-	-	-	307
Organ	1,141	910	-	-	2,051
Bell Tower	414	-	-	-	414
Fabric - Restricted	4,275	-	-	-	4,275
	6,311	910	-	-	7,221
Restricted Shared funds					
Youth Work - Shared BCD	2,569	602	153	-	3,018
Total Restricted Funds	8,880	1,512	153	-	10,240

19 PCC Remuneration

Mr D Burgess Deputy Churchwarden received £4,500 in respect of his services as Director of Music (2019 -£4,000). A payment of £2,184 was made to Mrs E Lamb in respect of services as temporary administrator.