THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1162531

Details

Other names	FRANT WITH ERIDGE PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2015-07-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Stables Church Lane Frant Tunbridge Wells TN3 9DX
Phone	01892 864304
Email	office@frantanderidgechurches.org.uk
Website	http://www.frantchurch.org/

Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship, open to allThe provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplationPastoral Care, including visiting the sick and bereavedTeaching Christianity through sermons, small groups and coursesTaking religious assemblies in schoolThe provision of youth groups with a Christina ethosPromoting the whole mission of the Church

Downloaded from opencharities.uk/ew/1162531

Classification

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

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£217,751	£181,705	-	-
2023-12-31	£158,804	£170,705	-	-
2022-12-31	£194,045	£194,408	-	-
2021-12-31	£143,478	£139,571	-	-
2020-12-31	£117,383	£125,589	-	-

Downloaded from opencharities.uk/ew/1162531

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Ann Huggett		2018-04-30
Caroline Creedy Smith		2020-10-26
David James Torr		2018-04-30
Ian Holton		2023-04-30
JONATHAN DAVID LYNN FCA		2018-04-28
Jane Stevens		2021-04-26
Jeremy Halmshaw		2019-01-01
Juliet Nightingale		2021-04-26
Karen Alison Murdoch		2023-04-30
Kyle Donovan Laidler		2023-04-30
Lesley Lynn		2016-04-25
Mary Alexander		2023-04-30
Rev ASHLEY JAMES TRASK		2013-01-01
Rev Brendan Martin		2020-12-01
SUE VINCER		2015-04-28
Stephen Barnes		2018-04-30

Downloaded from opencharities.uk/ew/1162531

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162531

Accounts

ST ALBANS Frant and HOLY TRINITY Eridge

Financial Statements 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	86,554	43,026	0	**129,580**	99,519
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	36,277	2,176	0	**38,453**	31,093
Investment income	**2c**	9,195	0	0	**9,195**	9,716
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	26,480	0	0	**26,480**	18,021
Other incoming resources	**2e**	264	13,780	0	**14,044**	456
Total incoming resources		158,770	58,982	0	**217,752**	158,805
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	842	1,030	0	**1,872**	670
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	120,500	30,008	0	**150,508**	155,350
Management and administration	**3c**	6,418	970	0	**7,388**	6,826
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	21,856	80	0	**21,936**	7,860
Total resources expended		149,616	32,088	0	**181,704**	170,706
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**9,154**	**26,894**	**0**	**36,048**	**(11,901)**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		56,138	57,011	1,336	**114,483**	126,383
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	(11,623)	11,623		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2024		**53,668**	**95,527**	**1,336**	**150,531**	**114,483**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2024	Total 2024	Frant/Eridge 2023	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	26,591	**26,591**	29,635	29,635
Investments	5b	1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
Total fixed assets		27,927	**27,927**	30,971	30,971
Current assets					
Debtors	7	0	**0**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		96,166	**96,166**	39,367	39,367
Cash at bank and in hand		32,000	**32,000**	44,395	44,395
		128,166	**128,166**	83,762	83,762
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,564)	**(5,564)**	(250)	(250)
Net current assets		122,602	**122,602**	83,512	83,512
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	**0**	0	0
NET ASSETS		150,531	**150,531**	114,483	114,483
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		53,668	**53,668**	56,138	56,138
Restricted funds		95,527	**95,527**	57,011	57,011
Endowment funds		1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
		150,531	**150,531**	114,483	114,483

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28.4.25 and signed on its behalf

(Rector of Frant with Eridge

Treasurer Frant & Eridge

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

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

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2024 accounts includes a adjustment of £11.5k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
2a	Voluntary income				
	Planned giving	48,869	1,595	**50,464**	56,216
	Collections at all services	13,076	108	**13,184**	11,072
	Sundry donations and appeals	17,231	10,090	**27,321**	25,937
	Legacies	0	30,000	**30,000**	0
	Income tax recoverable	7,378	1,233	**8,611**	6,294
		86,554	43,026	**129,580**	99,519
2b	Activities for generating funds				
	Fetes and other fund raising events	36,277	2,176	**38,453**	31,093
	Bookstall	0	0	**0**	0
		36,277	2,176	**38,453**	31,093
2c	Investment income				
	Dividends and interest	2,895	0	**2,895**	1,316
	Income from property	6,300	0	**6,300**	8,400
		9,195	0	**9,195**	9,716
2d	Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC				
	Stables income	11,262	0	**11,262**	1,734
	Fees from weddings etc.	11,588	0	**11,588**	12,417
	Parish magazine	3,630	0	**3,630**	3,870
		26,480	0	**26,480**	18,021
2e	Other incoming resources				
	Grants	264	13,780	**14,044**	456
	Insurance	0	0	**0**	0
	VAT Recovered		0	**0**	0
		264	13,780	**14,044**	456
	Total incoming resources	**158,770**	**58,981**	**217,751**	158,804

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	842	1,030	**1,872**	670
	842	1,030	**1,872**	670
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	66,643	0	**66,643**	73,775
clergy expenses	7,178	0	**7,178**	5,127
youth worker	0	20,794	**20,794**	27,900
other support costs	0	0	**0**	0
Church running expenses	16,256	0	**16,256**	16,807
Church maintenance	6,433	3,362	**9,795**	5,961
Upkeep of service	5,718	0	**5,718**	2,415
Parish magazine	2,684	0	**2,684**	2,654
Stables running costs/project	7,167	0	**7,167**	10,702
Upkeep of churchyard	3,150	5,852	**9,002**	2,866
Mission and Outreach	250	0	**250**	553
Depreciation	3,044	0	**3,044**	3,427
Organist & Locums	1,977	0	**1,977**	3,163
	120,500	30,008	**150,508**	155,350
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	6,418	970	**7,388**	6,826
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	21,856	80	**21,936**	7,860
Total resources expended	149,617	32,088	**181,705**	170,705

4 Staff costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and salaries	37,570	28,467

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.
The youth worker left the Church's employment in September. And at year end the Church had not found a replacement.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2023	14,581	15,053	29,635
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2024	**14,581**	**15,053**	**29,635**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	2,929	115	3,044
Disposals			
At 31 December 2024	**2,929**	**115**	**3,044**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2024	**11,652**	**14,938**	**26,591**

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2024	1,336
Disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains and revaluation	0
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2024	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2024**
	£	£	£	**£**
Fixed assets for church use	26,591	0	0	**26,591**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	32,639	95,527	0	**128,166**
Current liabilities	(5,564)	0	0	**(5,564)**
				0
	53,668	95,527	1,336	**150,531**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2024	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2024	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**
Sundry creditors	(5,564)	**(5,564)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 5,564	**- 5,564**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024
	£	£
Frant General fund	- 11,623	
Youth Worker Fund		11,537
Eridge General fund	-	
Stable Project		-
General		-
	- 11,623	11,537

The transfer of £ 11,537 to the Youth Worker fund made up for the shortfall in this fund
The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted
All Stripe Payments are made to the Frant bank account and need to be allocated to the appropriate fund

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	39,720	117,352	-111,488	-11,623	**33,961**
Eridge General fund	1,207	41,418	-34,979	0	**7,646**
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	-3,150	0	**6,764**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,295	0	0	0	**5,295**
Insurance settlement	0	0	0	0	**0**
	56,136	158,770	-149,617	-11,623	**53,668**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	2,908	37,414	0	0	**40,322**
Stables Project	0	0	0	0	**0**
Festival Church Fund	1,833	2,841	0	0	**4,674**
Office Fund	236	0	0	0	**236**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	10,710	20	-1,568	0	**9,162**
Churchyard	3,184	3,712	-3,832	86	**3,150**
Youth Worker Fund	0	9,256	-20,794	11,537	**0**
Parish Ukrainian Fund	1,039	970	-2,000		**9**
Eridge Restricted Funds					
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**10,912**
Friends of Eridge	20,937	4,768	-3,894	0	**21,811**
	57,011	58,981	-32,088	11,623	**95,527**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	114,483	217,751	-181,705	0	**150,531**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024. Which are set out on pages 1-10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

Mr James Griffen ACA
3 Pine Grove Mews
Pine Grove
Weybridge
Surrey
KT13 9BD
Date: 30/10/2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162531

Accounts

***ST ALBANS** Frant and **HOLY TRINITY** Eridge*

Financial Statements 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Endowment Funds 2023	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
		£	£	£	**£**	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	79,482	20,037	0	**99,519**	127,170
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	28,427	2,666	0	**31,093**	19,150
Investment income	**2c**	9,716	0	0	**9,716**	2,829
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	18,021	0	0	**18,021**	13,399
Other incoming resources	**2e**	456	0	0	**456**	31,497
Total incoming resources		136,101	22,703	0	**158,805**	194,045
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	670	0	0	**670**	1,178
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	123,729	31,621	0	**155,350**	180,423
Management and administration	**3c**	6,826	0	0	**6,826**	5,235
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	5,517	2,343	0	**7,860**	7,572
Total resources expended		136,742	33,964	0	**170,706**	194,408
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**(641)**	**(11,261)**	**0**	**(11,901)**	**(363)**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		70,049	55,000	1,336	**126,383**	126,744
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	(13,273)	13,273		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2023		**56,138**	**57,011**	**1,336**	**114,483**	**126,383**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Frant/Eridge 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	29,635	29,635	29,096	29,096
Investments	5b	1,336	1,336	1,336	1,336
Total fixed assets		30,971	30,971	30,432	30,432
Current assets					
Debtors	7	0	0	13,500	13,500
Inter Church account		0	0	0	0
Short term deposits		39,367	39,367	38,144	38,144
Cash at bank and in hand		44,395	44,395	44,628	44,628
		83,762	83,762	96,272	96,272
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(250)	(250)	(321)	(321)
Net current assets		83,512	83,512	95,951	95,951
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	0		0
NET ASSETS		114,483	114,483	126,383	126,383
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		56,138	56,138	70,049	70,049
Restricted funds		57,011	57,011	55,000	55,000
Endowment funds		1,336	1,336	1,336	1,336
		114,483	114,483	126,383	126,383

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22.4.24 and signed on its behalf

Treasurer of Frant with Eridge

(Rector of Frant with Eridge)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

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

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2023 accounts includes a adjustment of £13.3k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Frant Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
2a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	54,271	1,945	0	**56,216**	55,383
Collections at all services	11,072	0	0	**11,072**	9,359
Sundry donations and appeals	10,109	15,828	0	**25,937**	56,834
Legacies	0	0	0	**0**	1,000
Income tax recoverable	4,030	2,264	0	**6,294**	4,594
	79,482	20,037	0	**99,519**	127,170
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes and other fund raising events	28,427	2,666	0	**31,093**	19,150
Bookstall	0	0	0	**0**	0
	28,427	2,666	0	**31,093**	19,150
2c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	1,316	0	0	**1,316**	729
Income from property	8,400	0	0	**8,400**	2,100
	9,716	0	0	**9,716**	2,829
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC					
Stables income	1,734	0	0	**1,734**	1,998
Fees from weddings etc.	12,417	0	0	**12,417**	7,776
Parish magazine	3,870	0	0	**3,870**	3,625
	18,021	0	0	**18,021**	13,399
2e Other incoming resources					
Grants	456	0	0	**456**	10,497
Insurance	0	0	0	**0**	15,000
VAT Recovered		0	0	**0**	6,000
	456	0	0	**456**	31,497
Total incoming resources	**136,101**	**22,703**	**0**	**158,804**	194,045

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	670	0	**670**	1,178
	670	0	**670**	1,178
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	73,775	0	**73,775**	70,600
clergy expenses	5,127	0	**5,127**	12,360
youth worker	0	27,900	**27,900**	16,937
other support costs	0	0	**0**	1,043
Church running expenses	16,807	0	**16,807**	19,042
Church maintenance	5,235	726	**5,961**	40,072
Upkeep of service	2,415	0	**2,415**	1,310
Parish magazine	2,654	0	**2,654**	2,568
Stables running costs/project	10,702	0	**10,702**	6,845
Upkeep of churchyard	124	2,742	**2,866**	2,566
Mission and Outreach	300	253	**553**	542
Depreciation	3,427	0	**3,427**	3,434
Organist & Locums	3,163	0	**3,163**	3,104
	123,729	31,621	**155,350**	180,423
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	6,826	0	**6,826**	5,235
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	5,517	2,343	**7,860**	7,572
Total resources expended	136,741	33,964	**170,705**	194,408

4 Staff costs

	Total 2022	**Total 2023**
	£	**£**
Wages and salaries	25,549	**37,570**

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	**Fixtures, Fittings and equipment**	**Total**
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	13,869	15,226	29,096
Additions	3,966	-	3,966
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2023	**17,835**	**15,226**	**33,062**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	3,254	173	3,427
Disposals			
At 31 December 2023	**3,254**	**173**	**3,427**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2023	**14,581**	**15,053**	**29,635**

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2022	**1,336**
Disposals at carrying value	**0**
Net gains and revaluation	**0**
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2023	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2023**
	£	£	£	**£**
Fixed assets for church use	29,635	0	0	**29,635**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	26,751	57,011	0	**83,762**
Current liabilities	(250)	0	0	**(250)**
				0
	56,138	57,011	1,336	**114,483**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2023	**Total 2023**
	£	**£**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2023	**Total 2023**
	£	**£**
Sundry creditors	(250)	**(250)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 250	**- 250**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023
	£	£
Frant General fund	- 14,819	
Youth Worker Fund		15,630
Eridge General fund	1,546	
Stable Profect		- 2,861
General		504
	- 13,273	13,273

The transfer of £ 15,630 to the Youth Worker fund made up for the shortfall in this fund
The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted
All Stripe Payments are made to the Frant bank account and need to be alloacted to the appropirate fund
e'g The Eridge General Fund as above

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2023**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	53,242	106,140	-104,843	-14,819	**39,720**
Eridge General fund	1,598	29,961	-31,898	1,546	**1,207**
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	0	0	**9,914**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,295	0	0	0	**5,295**
Insurance settlement	0	0	0	0	**0**
	70,049	136,101	-136,741	-13,273	**56,138**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	1,935	100	0	873	**2,908**
Stables Project	1,051	1,810	0	-2,861	**0**
Festival Church Fund	1,833	0	0	0	**1,833**
Office Fund	30	206	0	0	**236**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	10,786	3,472	-2,979	-569	**10,710**
Churchyard	2,599	891	-556	250	**3,184**
Youth Worker Fund	0	12,271	-27,900	15,630	**0**
Parish Ukrainian Fund	1,293	0	-253		**1,039**
					0
Eridge Restricted Funds	0				**0**
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**10,912**
Friends of Eridge	19,310	3,953	-2,276	-50	**20,937**
	55,000	22,703	-33,964	13,273	**57,011**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	126,383	158,804	-170,705	0	**114,483**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

J.R. Griffin

Mr James Griffen ACA
Chartered Accountant
4 Bettws Y Coed Road
Cardif
Wales
Date: 15/10/2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162531

Accounts

St Albans Frant and Holy Trinity Eridge

Financial Statements 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	101,414	25,756	0	**127,170**	119,946
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	13,933	5,217	0	**19,150**	2,702
Investment income	**2c**	2,829	0	0	**2,829**	270
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	13,063	336	0	**13,399**	15,474
Other incoming resources	**2e**	497	31,000	0	**31,497**	5,086
Total incoming resources		131,736	62,309	0	**194,045**	143,478
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	0	1,178	0	**1,178**	981
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	123,906	56,517	0	**180,423**	131,205
Management and administration	**3c**	5,235	0	0	**5,235**	5,978
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	6,432	1,140	0	**7,572**	1,407
Total resources expended		135,573	58,835	0	**194,408**	139,571
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**(3,837)**	**3,474**	**0**	**(363)**	**3,907**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		65,816	59,594	1,336	**126,744**	122,836
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	8,067	(8,067)		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2021		**70,049**	**55,000**	**1,336**	**126,383**	**126,744**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2022	Total 2022	Frant/Eridge 2021	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	29,096	**29,096**	17,764	17,764
Investments	5b	1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
Total fixed assets		30,432	**30,432**	19,100	19,100
Current assets					
Debtors	7	13,500	**13,500**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		38,144	**38,144**	37,649	37,649
Cash at bank and in hand		44,628	**44,628**	70,512	70,512
		96,272	**96,272**	108,161	108,161
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(321)	**(321)**	(517)	(517)
Net current assets		95,951	**95,951**	107,644	107,644
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
NET ASSETS		126,383	**126,383**	126,744	126,744
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		70,049	**70,049**	65,816	65,816
Restricted funds		55,000	**55,000**	59,594	59,594
Endowment funds		1,336	**1,336**	1,336	1,336
		126,383	**126,383**	126,744	126,744

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

17/4/2023

(Rector of Frant with Eridge)

(TREASURER of FRANT WITH ERIDGE)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

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

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2022 accounts includes a adjustment of £6.7k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Frant Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
2a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	53,048	2,335	0	**55,383**	60,264
Collections at all services	9,359	0	0	**9,359**	6,071
Sundry donations and appeals	33,413	23,421	0	**56,834**	47,133
Legacies	1,000	0	0	**1,000**	0
Income tax recoverable	4,594	0	0	**4,594**	6,478
	101,414	25,756	0	**127,170**	119,946
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes and other fund raising events	13,933	5,217	0	**19,150**	2,702
Bookstall	0	0	0	**0**	0
	13,933	5,217	0	**19,150**	2,702
2c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	729	0	0	**729**	270
Income from property	2,100	0	0	**2,100**	0
	2,829	0	0	**2,829**	270
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC					
Stables income	1,662	336	0	**1,998**	346
Fees from weddings etc.	7,776	0	0	**7,776**	10,978
Parish magazine	3,625	0	0	**3,625**	4,150
	13,063	336	0	**13,399**	15,474
2e Other incoming resources					
Grants	497	10,000	0	**10,497**	1,941
Insurance	0	15,000	0	**15,000**	3,145
VAT Recovered		6,000	0	**6,000**	0
	497	31,000	0	**31,497**	5,086
Total incoming resources	**131,736**	**62,309**	**0**	**194,045**	143,478

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	0	1,178	**1,178**	981
	0	1,178	**1,178**	981
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	70,600	0	**70,600**	69,340
clergy expenses	12,360	0	**12,360**	4,485
youth worker	0	16,937	**16,937**	15,752
other support costs	1,043	0	**1,043**	1,145
Church running expenses	19,042	0	**19,042**	15,692
Church maintenance	2,627	37,445	**40,072**	11,230
Upkeep of service	1,310	0	**1,310**	1,630
Parish magazine	2,568	0	**2,568**	2,065
Stables running costs/project	6,845	0	**6,845**	3,229
Upkeep of churchyard	798	1,768	**2,566**	1,996
Mission and Outreach	175	367	**542**	325
Depreciation	3,434	0	**3,434**	1,887
Organist & Locums	3,104	0	**3,104**	2,429
	123,906	56,517	**180,423**	131,205
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	5,235	0	**5,235**	5,978
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	6,432	1,140	**7,572**	1,407
Total resources expended	135,573	58,835	**194,408**	139,571

4 Staff costs

	Total 2021 £	Total 2022 £
Wages and salaries	22,855	25,549

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	15,108	2,656	17,764
Additions		14,766	14,766
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2022	**15,108**	**17,422**	**32,530**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	1,239	2,196	3,434
Disposals			
At 31 December 2022	**1,239**	**2,196**	**3,434**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2022	**13,869**	**15,226**	**29,096**

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2022	**1,336**
Disposals at carrying value	**0**
Net gains and revaluation	**0**
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2022	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2022**
	£	£	£	**£**
Fixed assets for church use	29,096	0	0	**29,096**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	41,273	55,000	0	**96,272**
Current liabilities	(321)	0	0	**(321)**
				0
	70,049	55,000	1,336	**126,383**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2022	**Total 2022**
	£	**£**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	6,000	**6,000**
Other Debtors	7,500	**7,500**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	13,500	**13,500**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2022	**Total 2022**
	£	**£**
Sundry creditors	(321)	**(321)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 321	**- 321**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2022	Restricted 2022
	£	£
Frant General fund	8,067	
Youth Worker Fund		6,699
Festival Church Fund	- 14,766	
	- 6,699	6,699

The transfer of £ 6699 to the Youth Worker fund made up for the shortfall in this fund
The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2022**
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	50,603	102,713	-108,142	8,067	**53,242**
Eridge General fund	1	29,023	-27,431	0	**1,592**
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	0	0	**9,914**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,295	0	0	0	**5,295**
Insurance settlement	0	0	0	0	**0**
	65,816	131,736	-135,573	8,067	**70,049**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	1,041	894	0	0	**1,935**
Stables Project	1,051	0	0	0	**1,051**
Festival Church Fund	16,399	200	0	-14,766	**1,833**
Office Fund	30	0	0	0	**30**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	8,500	40,670	-38,385	0	**10,786**
Churchyard	2,392	250	-43	0	**2,599**
Youth Worker Fund	0	10,236	-16,935	6,699	**0**
Parish Ukrainian Fund	0	2,841	-1,548		**1,293**
Eridge Restricted Funds					
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**0**
Friends of Eridge	14,017	7,218	-1,925	0	**10,912**
	59,594	62,309	-58,835	-8,067	**19,310**
					55,000
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
	1,336	0	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	126,744	194,045	-194,408	0	**126,383**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

Mr James Griffen ACA
Chartered Accountant
4 Bettws Y Coed Road
Cardif
Wales
Date: 17/10/2023

J.R. Griffin

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162531

Accounts

FRANT WITH ERIDGE
Reports for the year 2021

APCM 25 April 2022, 8pm
St. Alban's, Frant

Contents

1) Agenda for APCM 26th April 2021
2) Minutes of APCM 2021
3) Rectors Report
(Given in church Sunday 24th April and available online)
4) Reports 2021
a) Frant
b) Eridge
c) Youth
5) Church Accounts 2021

VESTRY MEETING AND
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA
Frant with Eridge
25 April 2022, 8pm
St. Alban's Frant

Opening Prayers Apologies for absence

Note the names of those who have said they are unable to attend the meeting

VESTRY MEETING

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the previous annual parochial church meeting

Matters Arising

The reports

(i) The Rector's Report
(As reported during services 24th April 2022 and available online)
(ii) The electoral roll
(iii) Annual reports from Frant and Eridge
(iv) Financial report and the 2021 accounts

The elections and appointments

(i) Election of representatives to Deanery Synod – every three years
(ii) Election of PCC members
(iii) Appoint sidesmen
(iv) Appoint independent examiner

Any other business

Closing prayers

PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHAIL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, FRANT
ON MONDAY 26 APRIL AT 8.00PM

Present: Revd Brendan Martin (Rector & Chairman); Stephen Barnes, Jane Emler and Jonathan Lynn (Churchwardens); Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer); Sue Vincer (Hon. Secretary); and 18 members of the Parish.
Revd Brendan Martin welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Isaiah 40, which speaks of finding strength in the Lord and not in ourselves.

Apologies: Helen Carpenter; Christopher and Susanna Hall

VESTRY MEETING
The purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect the Churchwardens. Nominations had been received from Stephen Barnes, Jane Emler, Jonathan Lynn and Juliet Nightingale. All nominations had been proposed and seconded and, with all present being in favour, were duly elected. The Rector thanked Stephen, Jane and Jonathan for agreeing to serve a further year and welcomed Juliet, thanking her for agreeing to serve as Churchwarden.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
(1) Minutes of the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting
The Minutes of the 2020 APCM, agreed by the PCC, had been distributed. There was one amendment – Ann Huggett was listed under apologies but she had been present at the meeting. Subject to this amendment, Alan Barter proposed the Minutes be accepted; seconded by Ann Huggett and carried.

(2) Matter Arising
None.

(3) The Reports
(i) The Rector's Report.
The Rector had given his report during morning services on 25th April and mentioned other papers which were in the pack distributed – Gratitude & Generosity and Vision for Frant & Eridge. There were no questions or comments on the papers. The Rector said that looking back over the past difficult year had revealed so much and we must now look forward in hope.

(ii) The Electoral Roll.
Margaret Jones, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there had been a few changes in the Roll for St Alban's, which now stands at 126 . There is no change for Holy Trinity which remains at 94.

(iii) Annual Reports from Frant and Eridge
The Rector thanked Jane Emler and Jonathan Lynn for bringing the reports together which are included in the Annual Report.

(4) Financial Report and 2019 Accounts
The Treasurer, Jeremy Halmshaw, said that God had been incredibly generous over the last year and our churches had been very blessed. Jeremy presented a full set of accounts, which form part of the Annual Report. Planned giving was up by 7% but, due to Covid, cash collections were down as our churches had been closed for much of the year. However, funds had been raised for the new office and Festival Church – in the region of £33,000. Expenses had been kept to a minimum. Overall it has been a good year but

Jeremy stressed that we could not go through another year as the last one. This year the parish contribution will increase by 3.9%. The question was asked as to how much we have already gone into reserves since January. Jeremy confirmed that we have used around £2,000 a month from reserves to cover our losses so it was imperative that we open our churches as soon as possible. Funds generated by letting the Stables had also been lost. The balance of funds as at 31st December 2020 was £123,000.
Jeremy confirmed that our Independent Examiner had approved the Accounts and they only had to be signed off, which would happen very shortly.
Mary Fisher proposed that the Accounts be accepted; seconded by Jonathan Lynn and agreed by all present.
The Annual Report was approved and signed by the Rector and Treasurer.
Anne Pybus thanked Jeremy for the work he had undertaken on the accounts and Jeremy replied that it was a team effort which included Lesley & Jonathan Lynn, Adam Creedy Smith and our Administrator, Sarah Davies.

(5) Elections and Appointments

(i) Election of representatives to Deanery Synod

The Rector thanked Anne Pybus, Ann Huggett, Caroline Creedy Smith and Ed Pascoe for their service. A nomination form had been received from Jane Stevens, who was duly elected to serve until 2023. Brendan thanked Jane for agreeing to serve.

(ii) Election of PCC Members

Roy Buchanan, Gail Cooper, Rosemary (Roo) Froud and David Torr had now completed their term of three years. Christopher Hall had decided to retire this year. David Torr was re-elected to serve a further three year term.
The Rector thanked Roy, Gail and Roo for serving over the last three years, adding that Roo would continue to serve on the Festival Church team. He thanked Roy for his valued assistance over the last three years.

(iii) Appointment of Sidespeople

No change this year.

(iv) Independent Examiner

Jeremy Halmshaw proposed that James R. Griffin ACA, Chartered Accountant of Cardiff, continue as our Independent Examiner; seconded by Ann Huggett, and carried.

(6) Any other business

Jane Emler thanked everyone who had done so much over the last year, not only to get by and survive but to move on and grow. Jane encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report as it gave so much information of what actually goes on within our churches.
She said that it is especially encouraging that we are now in a position to offer help to other churches with their youth ministry, which is quite an achievement for a small parish. Through our pastoral work, assistance has been provided to people in our community who have faced real hardship over the last year. Jane said it is good to know that we are in a fairly strong position financially and must give the glory to God for this.
Jane added her thanks to Juliet for stepping up to serve as churchwarden at Frant, saying that the job is far less onerous with two wardens, but in two years' time she will be 80 and has decided that she will then retire.
Jane concluded by thanking Brendan for all he had done in the past year and being instrumental in taking us forward with vision and a strong and enthusiastic leadership. Jane asked that everyone should think of any ways that would give assistance to Brendan who is doing his very best for our churches, for our communities and, above all, for God.
Brendan replied, saying that he and his family feel really settled and are grateful for all the love, prayers and concern shown to them. It had been a difficult year but now was the time to be "unleashed in our ministry"!
The Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 8.40pm.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

PCC: The PCC met 6 times in 2021 and in January 2022. The average attendance was 11. The Frant Committee met 3 times in 2021 and in March 2022.

ELECTORAL ROLL: At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 121 for St Albans and 93 for Holy Trinity.

At the Annual Meeting in April, Roy Buchanan, Christopher Hall, Rosemary Froud and Gail Cooper stood down from the PCC. Suzannah Hall stood down as Synod Representative.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council.

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Brendan Martin
Curate	The Reverend Imtiaz Trask
Reader	Mrs Lesley Lynn
Wardens	Mrs Jane Emler (Frant)
	Mrs Juliet Nightingale (Frant)
	Mr Jonathan Lynn (Eridge)
	Mr Stephen Barnes (Eridge)
Elected Members	Mrs Susan Vincer (Secretary)
	Mr Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer)
	Mrs Helen Carpenter
	Mrs Caroline Creedy Smith
	Mrs Ann Huggett (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr Nicholas Jones
	Mr Edward Pascoe
	Mrs Anne Pybus (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr David Torr

MINISTRY: For the first 2 months of the year our main services remained online. Preparing and filming was very time consuming but the numbers joining these services was consistently and gratifyingly high. On 14th March, Mothering Sunday, the Church re opened for short said services of Morning Prayer, just one year to the day from when the Church was closed for the first lockdown. The main services continued to be online with viewing numbers continuing to be high. Youth Worker, Ed Pascoe continued to do short illustrated and very imaginative presentations of the Bible readings online for the children.

From 2nd May our main services including Communion were back in Church, while Festival Church for adults and children restarted in the Rectory Paddock. In spite of all the set backs, Festival Church continued to grow and throughout the autumn people attended outside services enthusiastically, sitting round the fire in their coats

Our regular Home Groups were for most of the year unable to meet, but one or two did start up again in the autumn. In the new year the structure of our Home Groups will be reviewed, and more people encouraged to become members of groups which are such a valuable a part of our ministry for bible study and learning together, fellowship, friendship and mutual support.

During Advent each member of the congregation was given a book entitled 'Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies', written by Robin Ham. This publication of short daily reflections gave us a refreshingly different way of viewing the birth of Jesus through the book of Ruth.

During the year 5 children were baptised at St Albans. 5 couples were married. 5 funeral services were held in church and 2 funeral services conducted by the Rector at the crematorium. There were also 3 burials of ashes in the churchyard

Ministry Finance: At the end of the year, although still losing money due to the covid situation, our finances remained stable. We were able to pay the £69,340 Parish Share requested by the Diocese which represented 93.3% of our Ministry costs. In 2022 we hope to be able to pay 100% of our Diocesan share which will be £70,646.00. In a year when it hasn't been possible to hold fund raising events as such, we are very grateful to all those who have continued to give regularly through cash on the plate on Sundays, through the envelope scheme, through the bank or through the Parish Giving Scheme. We are also very grateful for all those who have donated generously to specific projects the most exciting of which is enabling plans for the tipi to go ahead.

In 2021 we were invited to take part in the Diocesan project 'Great is Thy Faithfulness', designed to help rural parishes by 'twinning' with another rural parish. Frant and Eridge are 'twinned' with the Parish of Maresfield and Nutley, to share resources and exchange ideas on best practice. The first meeting was held in January 2022.

FESTIVAL AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES: Like all our online services during the year, a good number of people joined the online *Ash Wednesday* service.

On *Maundy Thursday* a very beautiful service commemorating the Last Supper, was conducted on line by Imtiaz Trask, assisted by members of the Charity *Release International.*

On *Good Friday* and *Easter Sunday* services were held in church and online.

In September we were once again allowed to sing in church, and on 4th October for the *Harvest Festival* service, Peter de Croos, our organist for over 30 years was back on the organ bench for the first time in 18 months. He received a huge welcome and it was so good to hear our lovely organ again.

In November the *Service of Remembrance* was as always poignant and moving. In the afternoon 14 people attended the *Act of Remembrance* at the Memorial Hall. Also on that afternoon, Imtiaz Trask and Roger Hulbert led a service with live music in the Rectory paddock to remember the persecuted church and to pray for Christians worldwide who suffer for their faith.

Christmas began with the *Christingle Service* on 5th December. Due to the high number of covid cases particularly among the children, the service was held in the paddock where 55 people braved the wind and the drizzle. They were rewarded with fairy lights, fires, carols and of course Christingles for the children. Later in December for the first time, we held a *Walking Nativity* in the churchyard. The *Service of Lessons and Carols* by candlelight was in church this year, but the Christmas eve *Crib Service*, because it would not have been wise to have the large numbers involved in church, was held in the paddock. The *Midnight Communion Service* was held at Holy Trinity Church Eridge, and the *Christmas Morning Family Service* was held in Church.

STABLES: It was another 'stop, go' year for the Stables, meaning that we again lost considerable income from regular users and one off parties and events, but life began again in the summer when the Little Fishes toddler group and other regular groups began meeting again. The weekly *coffee mornings* re started in September, but disappointingly had to stop again in December because of the high number of covid cases. Our coffee mornings are really appreciated by the older members of our community, as they provide a chance to catch up with people, perhaps those who they don't usually see, during the week and enjoy coffee and cake. These weekly meetings also bring in a regular and significant income. Once again there was no Village Barbecue or Harvest Supper. In the past both of these enjoyable community events

were held at the Stables and made a small but welcome profit. Hopefully they will be able to start up again in 2022.

The new *Church Office* in the Stables yard was completed and open for business in January. This light and spacious building has proved to be an enormous benefit to the smooth running of the church.

CHARITABLE GIVING: Produce from our Harvest Festival Services was given to St Augustine's Food Bank, The Diocese of Chichester Family Support Work which helped to support and care for Refugee families in Sussex, and The West Kent Women's Refuge (see also Women's Refuge report). The number of shoe boxes with gifts for the people of Eastern Europe was down this year, with some people preferring to give money for a box to be filled on their behalf.

The **Supplementary Reports** which follow, give us some idea of how many people, who give their time voluntarily, it takes to keep our churches running. Thanks to them, in spite of all the problems of keeping everything going in another difficult year, we have not only survived, but have thrived and grown. We have indeed been very blessed, and we have to say ***'to God be the glory, great thing He has done,'*** for which we offer our humble thanks as we pray for our future.

FABRIC REPORT:

Repair and installation of the collapsed Harriet Georgiana Grace wall Memorial: T E Tilley stonemasons Ltd of Brighton provided a new backing slate, repaired the white marble inscription and surrounding elements and then reinstated the memorial on the west wall of the South Aisle in June. Our claim from Ecclesiastical Insurance for the repairs to the Memorial, the Church Architect's fees and the replacement value of an oak table damaged by the Memorial when it collapsed was successful; only the installation cost was not covered by our policy.

Provision of safety fixings on four other wall memorials: In June T E Tilley also installed stainless steel safety fixings on four other wall-mounted memorials which had been identified as requiring stabilisation as a precautionary measure. The wall memorials in question were:

Esther March Ashburnham on the south wall of the South Aisle
Baron Wolff memorial above the sink in the NW corner of the North aisle.
Minet memorial also in the NW corner of the North Aisle on the west wall
Weller cartouche memorial on the south wall of the Chancel

Repainting of the Ashburnham & By Memorial: The Ashburnham & By Memorial in the churchyard was repainted on 17th September by Burslem using funds from the Ottawa Historical Society who provide a grant of £400 biennially.

Church Architect: With the retirement of Peter Pritchett, the Church Architect at St Albans for many years, there is a need to find a replacement especially as the next Quinquennial Report is now due.
David Torr

PASTORAL CARE: In the autumn Revd Brendan approached me and asked me if I would like to re-establish a Pastoral Care Team as this had become dormant during the pandemic. It was felt that many people had become isolated and disconnected from the church.

Fortunately I was able to attend a Pastoral Care Training Course arranged through the Diocese of Chichester, based at Wadhurst Church. My experience as a district nurse served me well as I am used to knocking on people's doors and meeting people in their homes for the first time.

So far I have made 25+ visits, concentrating on the elderly of both congregations, though I am not restricting visits to church-goers. The aim of each visit is to demonstrate God's love, provide a ministry of support, of hope and of caring, so that no one in the two Parishes feels alone or forgotten, both at times of crisis and in everyday life. In

addition to these visits, or sometimes as an alternative, a phone call is all that is necessary to make people feel included.

Going forward we are aiming to provide a Pastoral Training Course at Frant Church in the autumn of 2022, in order to develop a Pastoral Care Team with further volunteers to increase our ministry.
Caroline Creedy Smith

CHURCHYARD: Our churchyard team headed by Pat Wright has once again done a sterling job in keeping the churchyard well cared for. In 2022 we will be looking for someone to take over from Pat and head the team, and we will need more volunteers to look after a small area of the churchyard. Pat said that it isn't the summer mowing that's the problem but all the work that has to be done in the winter, particularly after high winds. If the leaves and dead detritus aren't cleared in the winter the grass will suffer and the mowing can't be done. At the time of writing the bonfire heap was creeping steadily skywards.
During the year a sizeable area in the North West corner of the churchyard which has been neglected for years has been cleared, dug and seeded with grass seed. New hedging trees have been planted and a wild life pond dug. Now instead of a bramble patch, we have our own small nature reserve. Thank you Brendan for your creative imagination and physical hard work.

BELLRINGERS: There are currently seven members of the St Albans band. The band continues to be unable to meet for regular practice sessions but we ring for Sunday morning services and on other occasions whenever possible.

Throughout the covid restrictions however, it was not possible to ring at all, neither were outings to other towers possible nor visits to us from other ringers.

Following relaxation of restrictions there were two **weddings** – in July and August 2021 – for which the bells were requested. The bells were rung half muffled for the Service of Remembrance in November.

TOWER MAINTENANCE: Due to the considerable length of time that the bells were out of use during lockdown, it was necessary to conduct a full inspection of the tower, bells, bell frame and ropes to ensure safety once ringing recommenced. The work was done during June in accordance with guidance from the Central Council for Church Bellringing, and in anticipation of the forthcoming weddings and re-introduction of Sunday ringing. During this exercise it was found that the wooden stay bar to one of the bells was split. This was replaced with a new stay together with the necessary replacement nuts and bolts.

No other problems had arisen during the dormant period although there were signs of rainwater ingress which continue to present following heavy rain.
Mary Freestone

The PCC thanks the bellringers, particularly the brave men who carried out the maintenance, which is a tricky job needing great care given the very limited space and the weight of the bells.

WEST KENT WOMEN'S REFUGE: We continued to support the Refuge throughout 2021, although visits were limited due to ongoing covid restrictions.

We made generous donations of food at Harvest Festival in October and toiletries at Christmas (day to day toiletries for use throughout the year, as well as luxury gift sets). We also made monetary collections (£60.00 at Harvest Festival and £65.00 at Christmas) which were given to the Refuge in cash, which is their preferred method as it means that they benefit directly, can use it for special occasions and have a resource in the event of emergency.

Storage remains a problem for the Refuge when accepting offers of donations, so bedding and towels etc have been limited this year. We have however been able to supply specific requests, including a toddler bed with duvet and bedding.

The Refuge is very grateful for the continued support given by our churches, it makes a huge difference to their quality of life. Thank you everyone.
Philippa Mumford

SAFEGUARDING: Roy Buchanan stepped down as Safeguarding Officer during the year and we thank him for the years of service he gave in this role. Rosemary Froud has succeeded Roy with Sue Vincer as Recruiter. Ed Pascoe and Sarah Davies, our Church Administrator, complete the team by arranging training and the renewal of safeguarding certificates.

By the grace of God, no safeguarding matters have required action since our last Annual meeting, and we trust and pray that this will continue into the future.
Sue Vincer

PARISH NEWS: It has been good to see "normal" service resumed over the last few months with printed copies of Parish News being distributed once again through household doors, village shops and pubs!

The online editions have continued and we are grateful to Friends of Bells Yew Green, Eridge News Round Up and Frant Parish Council for providing a platform for these. It gives the advertisers additional coverage for their money.

In the year ended 31st December 2021 (the advertising year) Parish News raised £3260 in advertising revenue. In addition the Parish Council contributed £650 towards the cost of production for which the PCC is most grateful.

The magazine content continues to vary with a healthy combination of regular articles and one off contributions from residents. My editorial preference is for as many photographs/images as possible to accompany articles to make them more visually appealing!

Huge thanks to the entire team as always - Jonathan Christie's design "magic", Colin Webb's very reasonable and reliable local printing services, Susan Piccioni's success in generating the annual advertising revenue and the team of distributors who are out there whatever the weather, ensuring the magazine is received by all in the Parish.
Thank you! Carmel Kinley

Holy Trinity, Eridge 2021

The church year was once again dominated by Covid; the biggest impact was the cancellation of the Eridge Fair which was a major blow to church finances, although some funds were received from sales that Christine Freeman's stall managed to make privately. The fair has been rearranged for this year and will take place on Sunday July 3rd. Fortunately the Bridge Lunch organized by Stephen and Alison Barnes and the Harvest Supper were able to take place.

The candlelit carol concert was able to place just before Christmas with the church almost completely full and many people stayed afterwards to enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies which because of Covid were served outside in the churchyard.

Douglas and Susannah Jacobsohn have kindly offered to host "Church on a Farm" at their vineyard on Sunday

Michael Stevens has become chairman of the Friends of Eridge Church and the committee has been meeting regularly to plan activities and fundraising. A visit to Chichester Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace has been arranged for May 6th and a concert will take place in the church later this year.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

REVIEW

April 2022

This year has been a re-start to our 'in person' youth work which has been such a blessing.

Pre-School Age

LITTLE FISHES – This is our parents and toddlers' group. During the club there are plenty of toys to play with, a snack time which is very popular, and then the highlight continues to be a time of singing accompanied by Brian Gill or Maureen MacIntosh on the piano!

The overall leader is Julie Pascoe, supported by Jenny Buchanan, and the group has between 6-15 children each week. The group has been very effected by Covid but hopes to continue to grow as covid rates drop. For the people coming, however, this group continues to be a great support and source of enjoyment.

Primary School Age

ARCHERY - This is our new after school club for pupils at Frant Primary school. We have now completed our first term of the club, which was a trail as I am newly qualified as a coach and we had never done it before, which through up some challenges like new clubs always do. We had 6 children attend this term but I am looking to increase numbers as we head into our second term of the club.

SCHOOL - Every week I am continuing to provide an assembly at Frant School, which is still such a blessing especially as more and more schools in this country are turning away from Christian based assemblies. We also speak at or led special school services, such as at Easter and Christmas.

Recently I spoke at their special Easter Service which was held at the Church. It was a great opportunity to share the gospel to parents and relatives from the school, and for them to see more of the Church.

Cross Teach, a Christian school's work organisation, came in twice this year to run sessions for the children at the school, held in the Church. Once at Christmas, looking at Jesus' birth, and once at Easter, looking at the murder of Jesus. After the Easter session, Cross Teach commented that the pupils from the school were the most enthusiastic they have had in a long time.

FOREST SCHOOL – I was running regular forest school sessions for Frant School, using our purpose made site, which the children loved. It was a great way for the children to learn in a different environment and build in confidence, resilience and perseverance, as well as having fun and learning new skills. The school then hired a TA who had forest school instructor training and they decided that she would run their sessions on the school's own site. For me, this

was a disappointment to not have that interaction with children and staff. I have gone in to help a few times to help, when invited.

They continue to do this, however more classes are wanting to undertake forest school so I have been asked, once again to run sessions for them, on our site, from after Easter. This will run along side other sessions run on their site, but is still a great opportunity, especially for them to see how Festival Church has developed including our exciting new tepee.

2 MINUTES OF FUN – Each Friday at school home time, I set up a different game at the top of the Stables drive for the children to play as they walk past. I started this to engage more with the children and parents from school and attracts between 20-35 children each time. The games I have done so far include beat the goalie, gold putting challenge, basketball challenge, wellie throwing and knock the cups. Each child gets a small chocolate when they have a go. It's great as it's the last thing they do in the week before heading home, and any siblings no in school yet can also have a go, meaning that they will know me when it's their time to go to school.

Secondary School Age

ENCOUNTER – This is our youth group for secondary school aged young people. We have had 3 young people join us, which makes us currently have 14 young people on register, with about 12 each week on average. We praise God for all of them!

The group have Bible based teaching, from myself, and discussions as well as eating a meal together, playing games, and socialising. It has been great to see them grow as a group and become really good friends. Most of them are the lower end of secondary school age, meaning that they will hopefully be with the group for many years to come.

We have been to 2 events run by Youth for Christ, including The Noise – a social action project with many other youth groups around Tunbridge Wells, as well as social outings including ice skating at Christmas.

I am really grateful to the leaders who help me each week, namely Mary Fisher and Karen Murdoch, who give up their time to help make this a great group, thank you!

YOUTH CONNECT GROUP – This homegroup has followed on from our online homegroups during lockdown. We currently have 4 young people attending online sessions, 2 of whom can't attend other youth activities which is encouraging. We use this time for Bible study, prayer and encouragement.

Frant & Eridge Churches

FESTIVAL CHURCH KIDS – This is our Sunday school at Festival Church which uses the template of 'Forest School'. Forest School is an alternative way for children to learn and develop using natural surroundings, including activities such as fire lighting, woodwork, den building, natural craft and exploring. This, however is Church and therefore is led by the teaching of the Bible and fundamentals of Church. We currently have 15 of average each week, with around 30 on register.

I could not do this venture with our great volunteers, including Penny Kift (who is also a Forest School instructor), along with Uju Esalomi, Kris Torr, Carmel Kinley, Nicole Harris, Juliet Nightingale, Jayne Crookshank, Madaline Clarke and Geraldine Palmer. They give their time and effort to Bible teaching, leading the group and so much more! These are I thank God for all of them!

SUNDAY CLUB – This is our Sunday school during our church morning services. This has been more prominent during the months between November and March when Festival Church was not on. It was great to see families who usually only attend Festival Church come to the service in the morning. The young people learn about the Bible using games, discussions, teaching, music, and craft. We were getting an average of 10 young people attend Sunday Club during this time.

Future Initiatives

Holiday Clubs – This year, during the summer half term, I am planning a holiday club called 'Out in the Wild'. This will be a 3 day holiday club (30th May - 1st June), for children aged 7-13, and will be based in the Festival Church site and will include activities like archery, forest school activities, campfire cooking, team games and water games. As well as adult leaders, I am hoping to have some 'young leaders' from Church to help, and I am hoping that this club will attract more people along to Festival Church and other activities we offer, both children and adult.

Prayer Points for Youth and Children's Work

- ✓ Praise God for all that He has done, does, and will do
- ✓ Thank God for all our helpers
- ✓ Pray for our holiday club
- ✓ Pray for more children to be involved in our activities, leading them into Church
- ✓ Pray that God will give wisdom to the leaders
- ✓ Pray God will grow all the young people spiritually
- ✓ Praise God for all the young people and their families
- ✓ Pray for the glory of God to be revealed in all we do

St Albans Frant and Holy Trinity Eridge

Financial Statements 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Endowment Funds 2021	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	87,157	32,789	0	**119,946**	99,636
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	2,702	0	0	**2,702**	5,078
Investment income	**2c**	234	0	36	**270**	223
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	15,474	0	0	**15,474**	10,354
Other incoming resources	**2e**	5,086	0	0	**5,086**	2,091
Total incoming resources		110,653	32,789	36	**143,478**	117,383
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	981	0	0	**981**	300
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	100,521	30,684	0	**131,205**	120,112
Management and administration	**3c**	5,978	0	0	**5,978**	2,388
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	267	1,140	0	**1,407**	2,789
Total resources expended		107,747	31,824	0	**139,571**	125,589
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**2,906**	**965**	**36**	**3,907**	**(8,206)**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		72,830	48,706	1,300	**122,836**	131,042
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	(9,923)	9,923		**0**	0
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2021		**65,816**	**59,594**	**1,336**	**126,744**	**122,836**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

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

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2021	Total 2021	Frant/Eridge 2020	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	17,764	**17,764**	17,651	17,651
Investments	5b	1,336	**1,336**	1,300	1,300
Total fixed assets		19,100	**19,100**	18,951	18,951
Current assets					
Debtors	7	0	**0**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		37,649	**37,649**	37,630	37,630
Cash at bank and in hand		70,512	**70,512**	66,931	66,931
		108,161	**108,161**	104,561	104,561
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(517)	**(517)**	(676)	(676)
Net current assets		107,644	**107,644**	103,885	103,885
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year			**0**	0	0
NET ASSETS		126,744	**126,744**	122,836	122,836
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		65,816	**65,816**	72,830	72,830
Restricted funds		59,594	**59,594**	48,706	48,706
Endowment funds		1,336	**1,336**	1,300	1,300
		126,744	**126,744**	122,836	122,836

(0)

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

Treasurer

(Rector)

25.4.22

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Gains and losses on investments
Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***
Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants
Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church
The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***
Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments
Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***
The 2021 accounts includes a adjustment of £9.9k from unrestricted to restricted
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Frant Endowment Funds £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
2a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	58,319	1,945	0	**60,264**	54,029
Collections at all services	6,071	0	0	**6,071**	5,290
Sundry donations and appeals	16,289	30,844	0	**47,133**	32,312
Legacies	0	0	0	**0**	0
Income tax recoverable	6,478	0	0	**6,478**	8,005
	87,157	32,789	0	**119,946**	99,636
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes and other fund raising events	2,702	0	0	**2,702**	5,078
Bookstall	0	0	0	**0**	0
	2,702	0	0	**2,702**	5,078
2c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	234	0	36	**270**	223
	234	0	36	**270**	223
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC					
Stables income	346	0	0	**346**	2,595
Fees from weddings etc.	10,978	0	0	**10,978**	4,757
Parish magazine	4,150	0	0	**4,150**	3,002
	15,474	0	0	**15,474**	10,354
2e Other incoming resources					
Grants	1,941	0	0	**1,941**	2,091
Insurance	3,145	0	0	**3,145**	0
VAT Recovered		0	0	**0**	0
	5,086	0	0	**5,086**	2,091
Total incoming resources	**110,653**	**32,789**	**36**	**143,478**	117,383

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	981	0	**981**	300
	981	0	**981**	300
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	69,340	0	**69,340**	66,726
clergy expenses	4,485	0	**4,485**	7,873
youth worker	0	15,752	**15,752**	15,095
other support costs	1,145	0	**1,145**	315
Church running expenses	13,522	2,170	**15,692**	14,332
Church maintenance	448	10,782	**11,230**	5,284
Upkeep of service	1,630	0	**1,630**	805
Parish magazine	2,065	0	**2,065**	1,817
Stables running costs/project	3,229	0	**3,229**	3,205
Upkeep of churchyard	16	1,980	**1,996**	1,830
Mission and Outreach	325	0	**325**	0
Depreciation	1,887	0	**1,887**	1,022
Organist & Locums	2,429	0	**2,429**	1,808
	100,521	30,684	**131,205**	120,112
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	5,978	0	**5,978**	2,388
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	267	1,140	**1,407**	2,789
Total resources expended	107,747	31,824	**139,571**	125,589

4 Staff costs

	Total 2020 £	**Total 2021 £**
Wages and salaries	18,726	**22,855**

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	**Fixtures, Fittings and equipment**	**Total**
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2021	16,484	1,167	17,651
Additions		2,000	2,000
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2021	**16,484**	**3,167**	**19,651**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	1,376	511	1,887
Disposals			
At 31 December 2021	**1,376**	**511**	**1,887**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2021	**15,108**	**2,656**	**17,764**

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2021	**1,300**
Disposals at carrying value	**0**
Net gains and revaluation	**36**
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2021	**1,336**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2021**
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	17,764	0	0	**17,764**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	**1,336**
Current assets	48,568	59,594	0	**108,161**
Current liabilities	(517)	0	0	**(517)**
				0
	65,816	59,594	1,336	**126,744**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2021 £	**Total 2021 £**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2021 £	**Total 2021 £**
Sundry creditors	(517)	**(517)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 517	- **517**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £
Frant General fund	- 9,923	
Eridge General fund	3,019	
Eridge Insurance Fund	- 2,934	
Eridge Designated Maintenance Fund	- 85	
Youth Worker Fund		9,923
	- 9,923	9,923

The transfer to the Youth Worker and Eridge Unrestricted funds made up for the shortfall in these funds- of £9,923 and £3,019 respectively. The Eridge Insurance Fund is a desiganted fund that is no longer required and was transferred with the agreement of the PCC. The shortfall in these funds was partially due to the Church being closed for Covid 19 reasons. The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2021**
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	54,014	87,529	-81,016	-9,923	**50,603**
Eridge General fund	588	23,124	-26,731	3,019	**1**
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	0	0	**9,914**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,380	0	0	-85	**5,295**
Insurance settlement	2,934	0	0	-2,934	**0**
	72,830	110,653	-107,747	-9,923	**65,816**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	1,041	0	0	0	**1,041**
Stables Project	1,051	0	0	0	**1,051**
Festival Church Fund	0	18,399	-2,000	0	**16,399**
Office Fund	0	30	0	0	**30**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	17,364	250	-9,114	0	**8,500**
Churchyard	2,417	0	-25	0	**2,392**
Youth Worker Fund	0	6,000	-15,922	9,923	**0**
					0
Eridge Restricted Funds					**0**
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**10,912**
Friends of Eridge	10,670	8,110	-4,763	0	**14,017**
	48,706	32,789	-31,824	9,923	**59,594**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,300	36	0	0	**1,336**
	1,300	36	0	0	**1,336**
Total funds	122,836	143,478	-139,571	0	**126,744**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

Mr James Griffin ACA
Chartered Accountant
4 Bettws Y Coed Road
Cardiff
Wales
Date 08/10/2022
Signed: J.R.GRIFFIN

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162531

Accounts

ST ALBANS FRANT AND HOLY TRINITY ERIDGE
Trustees Annual Report for 2020

The PCC: Aim and Purposes

The primary objective of Frant with Eridge PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Brendan Martin, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities: The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. It makes suggestions and supports the Rector and Ministry Team on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. *Note*: Planning for ministry and mission within the communities has been very different, difficult and challenging this year given the limitations imposed on us by the Covid 19 pandemic, and the day to day changing situation.
When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. The reports contained herein, demonstrate that the year 2020 has been unique for showing the ways in which we have been able to fulfil this role in our communities. The PCC had tried to enable local people to live out their faith as part of our parish community, through:

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

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Albans Frant and Holy Trinity Eridge.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Reverend Brendan Martin
Curate:	The Reverend Imtiaz Trask:
Readers:	Mr Roy Goodship served until his death in December
	Mrs Lesley Lynn
Wardens:	Mr Crawford Burden (Frant) resigned in October
	Mrs Jane Emler (Frant)
	Mr Jonathan Lynn (Eridge)
	Mr Stephen Barnes (Eridge)
Elected Members	Mrs Susan Vincer (Secretary)
	Mr Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer)
	Mr Roy Buchanan
	Mrs Helen Carpenter
	Mrs Gail Cooper
	Mrs Caroline Creedy Smith
	Mrs Rosemary Froud
	Mr Christopher Hall
	Mrs Ann Huggett (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr Nicholas Jones
	Mr Edward Pascoe
	Mrs Anne Pybus (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr David Torr

REVIEW OF THE YEAR FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

PCC: The PCC met 5 times in 2020 and in February 2021. The average attendance was 11. PCC meetings in June, July, September and November were via Zoom conference, which accounts for the relatively low attendance. The Annual Parish Meeting which had to be postponed until October, was held in Frant Church. As several members of the PCC and our congregations were not comfortable to attend a public meeting held inside, attendance was very low. At that meeting Crawford Burden retired as Church warden and Susanna Hall retired as a Deanery Synod representative. Caroline Creedy Smith and Ed Pascoe were appointed to join Anne Pybus and Ann Huggett as representatives to the Deanery Synod. **The Frant Committee** met 3 times in 2020 and in January 2021. **The Eridge Committee** met twice in 2020.

THE STABLES: The Stables being closed for much of the year meant a significant loss of income. Our regular users were keen to restart their meetings in the summer and there was no lack of potential bookings. For a while we were permitted to reopen, only to be closed again in October. However, while the Stables was not being used the main hall was redecorated by the Pascoe family. We also saw the completion of a new office building in the Stable yard.

ELECTORAL ROLL: At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 130 in Frant and 94 in Eridge.

MINISTRY:

Parish share: We have always paid what has been asked of us towards keeping a fulltime ministry in the parish, and despite our depleted income this year, the Finance Committee confirmed that we are still able to do that. Our proposed share for 2021 is £69,340, which represents approximately 93% of our running costs (an increase of £2,614 on the previous year).

The Alpha course got off to a good start in January with 35 people from both communities signing up, these were not all members of our congregations or church goers. An average of 30 turned up to each session. The last session in March had to be cancelled when the first lockdown came into effect, but the response to the course was appreciative and positive with several requests for some kind of 'follow up', perhaps a new house group.

In a year when the church buildings were closed for half of the year, one might think that the ministry and mission of the church would have diminished, but when we look back it is amazing what an awful lot did happen, and what is more, how during the year we have seen growth. Things didn't happen in the way we're used to, but through the super creative and imaginative work of our ministry team everyone embraced enthusiastically different ways to worship and to evangelise. The excellent all age online services were conducted from various locations apart from in the church, including the top of the tower, the Rectory garden, the Stables and the paddock. With members of our congregations both young and not so young reading lessons and leading prayers, these services proved to be popular and were viewed by

greater numbers than is usual for Sunday services in church. On 9th August the church re opened and 'social distancing' services in the church began. These were short services of Morning Prayer with no singing and no sermon. A survey showed that people were still reluctant to attend services in the church building and would favour open air services, so in September '**Festival Church'** was launched.

These outdoor services, held in the Rectory paddock, included our children's church or 'Sunday Club', for which the Forest School site in the paddock was used. All of these services were very well attended and attracted several new families. There came a point when we were unable to sign up any more children as we were restricted to 2 'bubbles' totalling 30 children, so we actually had a waiting list. Although home groups could no longer meet, Roy Buchanan continued the Wednesday morning bible study and prayer group online, and our Lay Reader, Roy Goodship continued to send thought provoking scriptural reflections on line until his sad and sudden death in December.

Devising and organising services within the existing restrictions, while completing endless risk assessments and trying to keep in touch with as many people as possible now that home and hospital visiting was not possible, meant that life for the ministry team became busier and more challenging as the year progressed.

FESTIVAL SERVICES AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES: About 20 people attended a service of Holy Communion on **Ash Wednesday**. The first online service went out on **Mothering Sunday**, it was conducted by the Rector on his own in church, but with contributions from youth worker Ed and family. On line services for **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday** were all very special and uplifting, ending with our church family wishing each other a happy Easter from their own homes and in many different and original ways. The number of people who watched these services was amazing and surprised us all. For **Harvest Festival** we were back in church, but there was also an online service for those who still didn't feel comfortable with being inside. In November many members of our two churches participated in the online **Service of Remembrance**. It was a moving moment when a trumpeter, standing at the heart of the community outside the Memorial Hall, sounded the last post. In December, in spite of the rain, about 100 people, wrapped in warm layers and carrying flasks of hot drinks, attended the open air **Service of Lessons and Carols.** The paddock was divided into 'pens' for groups of 6 separated by strings of lights and torches, there were also 2 blazing fire pits which gave the impression of warmth! An excellent brass quintet playing arrangements of a good selection of well known carols certainly lifted the spirits, and a scratch choir of 9 provided some singing which was encouraging after nine months without any live

singing. We heard the well known bible readings, and Rev Brendan gave three short reflections on Christmas. He spoke of the first Christmas with the child born to suffer, then the traditional Christmas and how very different it would be for everyone this year, and finally how this Christmas would be a time of suffering, sadness and anxiety for those who have been grievously affected by covid 19. As they were leaving everyone said how much they had enjoyed this unusual but truly uplifting Carol service.
In Christmas week Rev Brendan had to do some quick rethinking when we heard that due to the escalating number of virus cases, no one from Kent was permitted to attend church in another area. This brought home to us how many of our congregation, including Imtiaz our curate, live 'over the border'. After much thought, the difficult decision was taken to cancel the Christmas Eve Crib Service which was to have been held in the paddock, and put it online. The result was a charming presentation of the Christmas story done outside by our children and young people which was watched on Face Book and YouTube by about 300 households. For the first time in living memory there was no midnight communion service held in the Parish as most of the advanced bookings were cancelled. On **Christmas morning** services were held in both of our churches. As Imtiaz, who was to have led morning services on 27th December was unable to 'cross the border', Lesley Lynn stepped in to lead a joint service of Morning Prayer in Eridge church. Thanks to our ministry team who met all these challenges with quick thinking and imagination, Christmas was celebrated in both of our churches.

FUND RAISING: The situation this year imposed severe limitations on fund raising events. Concerts which in past years have been a major source of fund raising were reduced to one event held in February just before the first lock down. As well as losing income from not being able to hire out the Stables, we were unable to use it for our own regular events. We lost the regular income from weekly Coffee Mornings, Little Fishes toddler group, Ignite after school club and Encounter youth group.

Other events which couldn't be held were the Village barbecue in the summer and the Harvest Supper. The absence of all these events meant not only loss of income, but loss of very valuable opportunities for fellowship and outreach in the community. We have relied very much on people being faithful in direct giving, either through the Parish Giving Scheme, the bank or regular giving envelopes. We were also very grateful to all those whose generous donations enabled us to build our new office.

CHARITABLE GIVING: This year as part of our Harvest giving and our Christmas giving, we supported the *The Diocese of Chichester Family Support Work*, a charity which provides help to all kinds of families in Sussex, those of all faiths or none. Families which are struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break up and domestic abuse. We were able to send gifts of food and also items suitable to give as Christmas gifts for all ages. For

Family Support Work
THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN SINCE 1890

many years now we have, as a Parish supported the West Kent Women's Refuge, a report on which is included below. The sending of shoe boxes to eastern Europe which we have done for many years had to be suspended this year, instead we were asked to send money. The response was as always good and we sent £300 to enable families with very little to receive a little Christmas joy.

Early in the year, before the first lock down, it was clear that there were those in our communities who for whatever reason would be unable to cope during the long periods of lockdown without support and assistance, so from our existing Pastoral Care Group a 'Coronavirus Community Care Group' was formed. A report on the activities of this group is included below.

Another thing that has been missed in the village over the past year is the sound of the bells. Hopefully now before too long the bells will be heard again on Sunday mornings and for lots of weddings.

THE CHURCHYARD: This is the one area of church life which has been almost unaffected by the Covid virus. There was a minor and temporary disruption by a badger (probably), but the grass has been cut, saplings have been cleared, leaves have been swept and our churchyard looks as lovely as ever thanks to our faithful team of volunteers.

The horrors of 2020 will be remembered for years to come, but we must remember to give thanks for the good things which happened.

- People helping out neighbours they didn't know before, with lifts, food and help. At Christmas we were able to give more to charities to help families in need.
- We have increased the number of people who connect with church through online services (over 10,000 views of our services during the year).
- We started Festival Church and experienced the joy and fun of outdoor worship. Furthermore, we hope to be able to build on this and to inspire other rural churches.
- We built a new office which was in use early in 2021
- New people gave towards the work of the church, and established members of our congregation stepped forward to help us financially through this crisis
- Youth Worker, Ed, completed Forest School Instructor Training, leading to our outdoor children's groups and to expanding our work with Frant School.
- We established our Forest School area in our woodland.
- We maintained our ability to pay towards our running costs to the Diocese despite the huge loss of funds we have suffered.
  We are indeed blessed!

HOLY TRINITY ERIDGE

It is rather a massive understatement to say that a year with three Covid lockdowns was a difficult time, but nonetheless church life continued as best it could.
Every Sunday during lockdown (when it was legal) Lesley Lynn said Morning Prayer to maintain the continuity of worship. In between the first lockdowns we were blessed with sunny weather and outdoor services were held in the Garden of Remembrance. The outdoor services always attracted good congregations and made us realise the advantages that we enjoy with our well maintained churchyard. Volunteers cut the churchyard hedges in October and also worked on the Garden of Remembrance, so we are looking forward this year, while pandemic restrictions continue, to more outdoor services.

Two events which did take place were particularly appreciated in this year of restrictions on social activities.

- A takeaway Harvest supper which was prepared by a team led by Dawn Redman was held in Anthony and Christine Freeman's barn.
- Stephen and Alison Barns organised a virtual bridge drive.

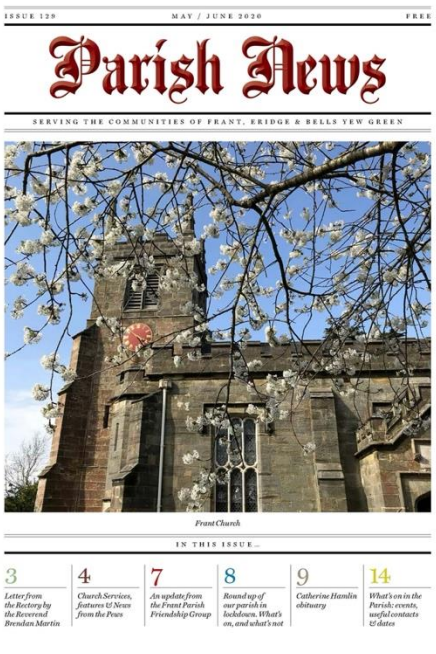
Both of these events made very significant contributions to church funds.

The church financial situation has deteriorated because of the loss of collections during lockdown and the cancellation of the planned extra fund raising event that we often have in a non Fair year. The redecoration of the interior of the church has been postponed until the financial situation is clearer.

The Eridge Fair will take place on Sunday July 4th, which, God willing, will be just after the end of the Covid restrictions.

PARISH NEWS:

I imagine all annual reports this year will be slightly different from previous years! Parish News is no different.
It does, however come with some positive news. Firstly, lockdown did not prevent Parish News from being distributed. Technology played its part and the magazine was prepared in the usual way but those issues that could not be distributed through doors due to the restrictions were distributed digitally. As ever, in a community with so many volunteers doing their bit, the magazines were sent out on platforms including the "Friends of Bells Yew Green" newsletter, "Eridge Round Up/WhatsApp Group" and also accessible as usual on the church parish websites.


ISSUE 129 MAY / JUNE 2020 FREE

Parish News

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF FRANT, ERIDGE & BELLS YEW GREEN

Frant Church

IN THIS ISSUE...

3 Letter from the Rectory by the Reverend Brendan Martin
4 Church Services, features & News from the Pews
7 An update from the Frant Parish Friendship Group
8 Round up of our parish in lockdown. What's on, and what's not
9 Catherine Hamlin obituary
14 What's on in the Parish: events, useful contacts & dates

At such a difficult time for many, I feel that keeping this going helped with connecting with the residents, not just the contributors to the magazine but also the readers. Some wrote in thanking those in the community for being so supportive.

On the advertising/financial front, here is Sue Piccioni's summary for the year:
"The ads position last year was I think quite satisfactory. We had 3 spaces available at the start of the year but these were filled.
There were 30 advertisers and the amount invoiced was £3362. In addition, the Parish Council gave £650 towards the cost of printing. Two issues were not printed but distributed digitally which resulted in a saving on printing costs of £840".

So, what lies ahead for 2021? Here is some more good news! Having produced the digital magazines in full colour, it has been agreed to continue with the colour throughout for future editions. We must give huge thanks to Colin Webb, our printer at LR Online Print Services who has looked after us so well for over a decade. He has kept his costs to a minimum and will produce the colour versions for only a fraction more than we have been paying for part colour. Thank you, Colin.
More thanks, as always to our designer, Jonathan Christie. His incredible skill never lets us down when he transforms my word document to beautifully produced pages. Susan Piccioni has done a sterling job in overseeing the advertising - this is a significant amount of work. She is also a member of the delivery team covering many households in Frant. Thank you, Sue, and all of the delivery team for your much appreciated efforts.
Last but not least all those who take the time to write in and share their information/stories.

Carmel Kinley

FABRIC REPORT:

Collapsed Harriet Georgiana Grace Wall Memorial: On New Year's Day the wall memorial to Harriet Georgiana Grace fell from the wall. The brunt of the fall was taken by an oak pedestal table which saved the marble tablet with the inscription; just one corner broke off, but the heavy slate backing stone was smashed into many pieces and could not be saved. Our insurance provided by Ecclesiastical agreed to cover the cost of repairing the monument but not its re-installation and, in addition, agreed to pay for a replacement oak table. Peter Pritchett, the Church Architect, was instructed to seek tenders for the work which was subsequently awarded to the stonemason Jon Tilley.
Concern was raised about the safety of other wall-mounted memorials, and four others were identified as requiring some form of stabilisation as a precautionary measure. These memorials were included in the scope of work provided to Jon Tilley. Inevitably the process was delayed by Covid 19 and then we received notice from the Chancellor that a Faculty would be required unless we were able to successfully trace the heirs-at-law to the persons memorialised. Given the size of that task for five memorials, a Faculty Application was duly submitted in October with approval finally granted on 1st March 2021.

New office building: Having received enough donations to substantially match the cost, an 'Elite Garden Office' with a 20ftx10ft footprint and fully insulated was ordered from Skinners Sheds in Paddock Wood in August. This was installed in November on the patio outside the Stables and with the help of volunteers the exterior was painted with three coats between first and second fixes. There was a delay in the provision of the sliding doors but these eventually arrived and were installed in the second week of December.

Felling of a sycamore tree: A sycamore tree was felled on the southern boundary of the Churchyard on 4th May at no cost to the Church. Not only was this tree damaging the stone boundary wall, but it was taking away the light from neighbouring properties as well as being a potential danger to them if left unchecked . Unlike the yews and other conifers, this tree was self seeded and considered by the team who look after the Churchyard as a weed. Our attention has now moved to a number of other sycamores in the south-west corner of the Churchyard for which planning permission would be required to fell. *David Torr*

WEST KENT WOMEN'S REFUGE

2020 was particularly tough for the West Kent Women's Refuge, as it was for many charitable organisations.
From the first lockdown in March and throughout the year the Refuge was unable, due to risk of infection from covid, to accept donations of second-hand items. It was sad to have to decline offers of bedding etc which were made throughout the year. During the summer however we were able to donate a sandpit/paddling pool for the garden.
Following our Harvest Festival in October we delivered all donations received to the Refuge. Again at Christmas, following a collection for toiletries, we were able to provide a good selection of items together with a £90.00 cash donation, from a collection at the December Church Service. At Easter we were able to give them Sainsburys vouchers for £100.00.
We have new contacts at the Refuge as staff move on, and look to being able to develop a good relationship, when conditions allow. *Philippa Mumford*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS AT RISK:

There have been no "**Safeguarding incidents**" to report.
However, in September 2020, we received a letter which included a number of questions. The whole letter was vague and did **not** include any specific allegations. So, I was unable to give specific answers to any of the questions, in the interests of being accurate, not being misleading in any way and ensuring that I did not divulge any information that could be misconstrued or misapplied to any one person.
I replied to the writer by

- asking for clarification;
- giving my assurance that we are not trying to put the writer off;
- confirming that we will address any specific concerns that the writer has; and
- expressing our willingness to arrange any help and support that may be appropriate.

The writer responded to my letter, expressing the desire to take up the offer to arrange help and support. This letter also included the name of a person who they wished to have investigated. Neither the writer of the letter, nor the person about whom they wrote, is (or was) a member of either of our churches, nor a resident of this parish. I referred the matter to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, who confirmed that he would deal with the matter in its entirety, including responding to the writer. He advised me not to enter into any further correspondence on this matter, but to pass anything that might be forthcoming to him for attention.
I received a further letter from the complainant. As arranged with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, I passed this letter over to him, without responding in any way to the writer of the letter.

DBS checks and Safeguarding Training:

Currently there are 42 people who have key positions in our parish, who are, therefore, subject to consideration for undergoing DBS checks and Safeguarding Training.
All Self-declarations and **DBS checks**, where necessary, are up to date.
4 people still have to complete the **Safeguarding training** that they are required to undertake.

Festival Church - Youth and Kids:

During the summer/autumn, there was a flurry of activity as Festival Church was being organised. We received a number of offers of help from volunteers. The paperwork for these was completed, so that we were able to comply with the "leader/young people" required ratios for youth activities. All that remains to be done is for the 4 people, referred to above, to complete the Safeguarding Training. I will be encouraging this once we come out of the "limbo" we are in at present.

Past Cases Reviews (PCR)

The Past Cases Review is a major national project, being conducted across the Church of England, as one part of our ongoing determination to ensure that children and adults are safe in our churches and communities. The PCR involves providing independent safeguarding experts with full access to what is known about allegations of abuse or neglect across the Church.
The purpose of the PCR is to ensure that all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults have been dealt with appropriately. In order to achieve this, incumbents have been asked to check that all known instances within their

parish(es), both historically and currently, have been reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and to ensure that any that have not, are now reported immediately.
It is recognised that this is a sensitive task which may require looking at parish files and making some discreet enquiries. For instance, it may be appropriate to consult a previous incumbent or other church officer, where possible, in order to clarify the details of a case of which we, the current Rector and Safeguarding Officer, have only limited knowledge or none at all. We all recognise the importance of being as sure as possible that all known instances of concern have been properly addressed.
The main purpose of PCR is to ensure that any allegation against current or former church officers has received a proper response. Additionally, it is an opportunity to ensure that all safeguarding casework across the Diocese is being properly managed.
PCR is a major undertaking, but it is a crucial step in ensuring safety and building confidence within our church community. It is a project that requires and demands our diligent attention.
The bulk of the work on this has been completed. We will be submitting our formal Declaration Form in March 2021.

Safeguarding Information on Church Website:
There is a requirement that *"there should be a safeguarding link on the home page of our church website, with clear directions about whom to contact in case of concern".*
The information, contacts and links on our website are exactly as recommended by the Diocese. The website is under constant review and all appropriate changes are made as and when any new guidelines or instructions are received.

Annual Report:

There is a requirement that "*The annual report shall include a statement as to whether the council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)."*
All relevant people, i.e. members of our Parochial Church Council (as Trustees), everyone who works with children and young people and those who visit people, who are "at risk", in their homes, have been made aware of their responsibilities. These are set out in the following documents:

- "Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Church",
- "Best Practice Guidelines for Leaders of Young People", and
- "Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care".

We continually review our responses to the guidelines that are issued and identify the training that is required, so that we maintain a high awareness and compliance in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities.

Roy Buchanan. Safegurding Officer and Recruiter for the Parish of Frant with Eridge
Tel. No. 01892 750791. Email: roybuchanan1102@hotmail.co.uk

PASTORAL CARE GROUP:

Our report for 2019 included the following:

Role and Purpose of the Pastoral Care group (PCG):
Following the arrival of Brendan as our Rector, and guided by him, we identified the role of this Group as being:

- The eyes and ears tuned into the congregation and community, so that we did not miss anything of a "pastoral" nature;
- Having an on-going perspective of what we should be doing to support anyone who needed it;
- Being a friend, a "neighbour", a listener;
- Our pastoral care should be part of our outreach.

2020 was an "interesting" year!!

It seemed to start off so well…… as we began to plan for the implementation of the work and method of operation of the group, with the promise of good and exciting things being outlined……

Ministry Team
At the beginning of January we had a very thought-provoking discussion about how we "do" Pastoral Care, including Prayer Ministry. We agreed that we need to recognise that good "Pastoral Care" is not only about visiting **OR** chatting **OR** offering prayer - it is more than any one of these - it is about the possibility of **ALL** of them, engaging with the "whole" person in the way that is right for each individual - meeting them where they are.
We further agreed that we need a Team which will be able to offer this, as and when needed. Our Pastoral Care Group could develop into a Ministry Team.

In addition, our aim should be to encourage people in the community to feel "comfortable" about being able to pop into the church for a chat and for prayer if desired, during a pre-advertised time/period - say an hour or so on a particular day during the week.

Brendan also suggested that we should have a time of prayer, say about 10 minutes or so, in the vestry before all services. This could involve two people from the Ministry Team on duty that day.

Pastoral Care, and all that is involved in it, including visiting and prayer, must be owned by the PCC and be made know to everyone in the congregation every week. We discussed a number of other ways in which we would develop and "deliver" the new arrangements, including strengthening the Pastoral Care Group, so that it did become a Ministry Team, and that, within the team, we had people who could relate to a range of age groups. We even had a timetable for introducing the plan……
That was right at the beginning of the year……

And then along came Coronavirus !! - and all that that involved.

So, the plans to set up and develop a Ministry Team had to be shelved.
We concentrated our efforts into making all the necessary arrangements to comply with the Government's guidance and planning our response as to how we could/would respond to needs of the community within the restrictions.

Coronavirus Community Care Group

We set up, and publicised, this Group which offered:

……friendly people eager to help in the community, including helping people who were self-isolating

- Keeping in touch with the community or church
- Friendly phone calls
- Picking up and delivering urgent supplies, i.e. medication, etc.
- Picking up and delivering shopping
- Sending mail
- For those who would like it, offering to bring the latest church news or offering to read psalms or prayers.

We invited people to contact us if they were willing to be a Community Supporter, as follows:

"We would like to 'buddy' people up to help and support each other, particularly for those isolated. We want to try to prevent people feeling cut off from the community and other people, to encourage them to follow government guidance, to help them to be able to isolate safely, and (where appropriate) to encourage one another to look to God for his help and guidance through these difficult times."

We also invited people to contact us if they would like to take up offers of support.

We received **offers of help** from 17 individuals/couples.
We received **requests for help** from 12 individuals/families.

We ascertained and publicised local shops willing to make home deliveries within the parish.
The majority of requests were to pick up and deliver prescriptions/medication.

However, during the Lockdown, we received a request on behalf of a family who live in our Parish, and who had many needs. We were able to respond to the original request to provide transport for medical appointments. As time went on, it became clear that there was also a need for food and provisions for every-day living, and that there was an urgency about meeting this newly identified need. With thanks to some kind individuals, we were able to meet the immediate need.

Requests for more help followed. So, we made a referral to one of the local food banks. They delivered provisions suitable for the family for quite a number of weeks spread over 5 months, to help the family to get back on their feet again. Subsequently, we referred the family to the Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work for on-going support. This seems to be working well.
We were able to provide quite a large delivery of suitable food and supplies, including a few small presents, to this family for Christmas. We received the following letter:

"To Everyone who Helped
I Would Just like to Thank everyone involved in Gathering Food for over Christmas. Been a very hard couple of months for me and my Little Daughter and I know if no one had Gathered & Donated such great amount of stuff we wouldn't off had anything over Christmas. You have all made me and my Daughter very happy and I really appreciate everything every single one of you have done for us in such hard times like this. I can't even begin to explain how thankful I am but I hope this gets to everyone that helped. This has meant so much to us and we will never forget it.
I hope everyone has a Fantastic Christmas & New Year
Thank you everyone"

A second family came to our attention. There was an urgent need to provide some funding, which was addressed by the Rector and the Treasurer.

We have established a good working relationship with Nourish Community Foodbank in Tunbridge Wells. We also have had very positive conversations with the co-ordinator of the Community Storehouse (the food bank in Paddock Wood). So, through the co-operation of the foodbanks, we can arrange for food to be provided to needy people.

In addition to these practical needs being addressed, we have kept in touch with people by phone and email. The Rector issues periodic Newsletters to the Church Family. We follow those up with phone calls to ensure that people, especially those who live on their own, are receiving this information and just having chats with them about how they are, to ensure that we become aware of any particular need that we could help with, and to let people know that we are there for them when they do need us.

Safeguarding and DBS Checks:
All members of the existing Pastoral Care Group have completed training to the required level. In addition, Self- declarations and DBS checks have been completed for all members of this group.

Roy Buchanan Co-ordinator, Pastoral Care Group 01892 750791 *roybuchanan1102@hotmail.co.uk*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

This has been an unprecedented year for our Children's and Youth Work. We have been limited, due to restrictions in what we do and have had to either temporally stop groups or find other ways to run and interact with our young people and their families.

Pre-School

LITTLE FISHES – This is our parents and toddlers' group and was going from strength to strength before having to stop because of Covid. During the club there are plenty of toys to play with, a snack time which is very popular, and then the highlight continues to be a time of singing accompanied by Brian Gill or Ros Burgess on the piano! Jill Clark and Jenny Searle kindly come to make refreshments for the parents each week.

The overall leader is Julie Pascoe, supported by Margaret Wickens and Jenny Buchanan, and the group has 40 children on register. This group has not been running since March 2020 due to lockdown restrictions. We hope that it can start again as soon as possible.

Primary School

IGNITE - This is our after-school kids club which stopped just before lockdown. Ignite has been developed to best achieve the aim of bringing school aged children to know Christ and develop an atmosphere which reflects a loving community where the children feel safe enough to ask questions and develop their character.

It focuses on children in school years 3-6 and runs each week as a Church based afterschool club. We operated a walking bus from the school to The Stables and had a Bible based talk, along with individual and group games and we are seeing a positive community with the children developing.

We are currently looking at the best form of after school club, whether the same, other initiatives or a combination.

SCHOOL - Every Week Brendan or I have led an assembly at Frant School, which is such a blessing especially as more and more schools in this country are turning away from Christian based assemblies. We also speak at or lead special school services, such as at Easter and Christmas.

During the pandemic, we have continued this in a virtual way, online. Even when children were working from home, our assemblies were still sent out by the school for the children to watch. We were asked a while ago if they could send our assemblies out to ALL four schools in the federation which we were happy to have happen.

During the lockdown period when the children were not attending school, the teachers asked if I could offer up any material for other Christian assemblies during the week so I put them in contact with CrossTeach and I have heard that CrossTeach are not only going to supply material for now, but when restrictions are lifted, they are going to come to Frant School each week to take an assembly. This is really encouraging, as then we and CrossTeach will be going into school each week, helping the staff with Christian assemblies.

I have now helped on two school residential trips and they had invited me back for this last year. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, this had to be cancelled but they are keen to book me for this year's residential, having already given me the dates.

The school has now proposed that after Easter I might go into school and take assemblies in person. This will be a great chance to reconnect with the children and staff.

FOREST SCHOOL – When the children have been at school, I have run a weekly Forest School for an intervention group. This group of children were identified as needing more practical, out of the classroom based educational activities, and Forest School has had a positive impact on behaviour and social skills, as well as developing practical abilities like hand-eye coordination, memory enhancement and creativity.

This has gone very well, receiving very good feedback from the headteacher and I hope to start it again when the school allows.

Secondary School

ENCOUNTER – This is our youth group for secondary school aged young people. During lockdown we have taken this group onto zoom, creating 6 mini groups, each of between 2-3 young people. We had 3 young people leave us for university last September, and 4 young people join us, mainly as they became old enough to join the group. We currently have 13 young people who join us each week, we praise God for all of them! My wife, Julie, and myself have also met with the young people on a one-to-one basis.

All the groups have Bible based teaching, from myself, and discussions as well as socialising together. It has been great to see them grow spiritually, and I am really grateful to the leaders who help me each week, namely Mary Fisher, Karen Murdoch and Julie Pascoe. Rev. Brendan has joined each group twice now to discuss Church with them and gather thoughts and ideas, as well as getting to know them better.

Frant & Eridge Churches

FESTIVAL CHURCH KIDS – This is our Sunday school at Festival Church which uses the template of 'Forest School'. Forest School is an alternative way for children to learn and develop using natural surroundings, including activities such as fire lighting, woodwork, den building, natural craft and exploring. We split the group into 2 smaller groups in order to make the teaching, games etc age appropriate. Before the second lockdown, we had 30 kids on our list, and had a small waiting list.

I could not do this venture without our great volunteers, including Penny Kift (who is also a Forest School instructor), along with Uju Esalomi, Mary Fisher, Kris Torr, Carmel Kinley, Roo Froud, Nicole Harris, Juliet Nightingale, Jane Emler and Jayne Crookshank. They give their time and effort to Bible teaching, leading the group and so much more! I thank God for all of them!

SUNDAY CLUB – This is our Sunday school during our church morning services. It consisted of 2-3 groups, depending on ages and number of children, and taught the young people about the Bible using games, discussions, teaching, music and craft. This has not been able to take place during the last year because of restrictions but we are keen to start it again once we feel able.

Other Churches

HARTFIELD & COLEMAN'S HATCH – I have been doing Hartfield and Coleman Hatch's weekly youth online services for Sundays, involving youth talks, challenges and songs. I have also been organising and running their online zoom meetings for their young people. They are short on volunteers to help run these at this time so asked us for help.

They also have asked us to help them to set up Forest School type activities for their young people when restrictions allow. The idea is to help with initial set up and planning, then help them run a 6-week programme, by the end of which I will hand over to volunteers from their churches to run, and I can be on hand to offer advice in the future.

ST MARY'S, CROWBOROUGH – Brendan and I met with St Mary's as they asked us to help them set up Forest School type activities for the young people at their village school. They are in communication with us for advice, and look to run a 'forest school day' for their year 6 class in June, which they have asked us to help run. This looks to be a great new initiative for their church and school combined.

Future Initiatives

ARCHERY – In June, I am booked on an Archery Instructors course, by the end of which I will be fully trained as an archery instructor and licenced to teach beginners archery. Brendan is in the process of clearing a site behind his house, which is an ideal place in which to operate this type of activity. We hope to start this from September 2021 as either a stand-alone after school club, dad's and kid's group, or as part of something wider like Festival Church.

Eridge Church Forest School – We are looking to set up a Forest School at Eridge Church, either in the form of a holiday club or after school club or Sunday School. The church has some land in the churchyard and the car park area, and there are many members of the church who have land, some of whom have even offered to loan us some. This would mean that we could interact more with the young people in Eridge and even make it a focus point of the community for children.

Prayer Points for Youth and Children's Work

- ✓ Praise God for all that He has done, does, and will do
- ✓ Thank God for Rev. Brendan and that he has a heart for young people
- ✓ Praise God for all our wonderful leaders and helpers
- ✓ Pray that God will give wisdom to the leaders
- ✓ Pray God will grow all the young people spiritually
- ✓ Pray for new initiatives, especially helping other churches
- ✓ Praise God for all the young people and their families
- ✓ Pray for the glory of God to be revealed in all we do

ST ALBANS Frant and HOLY TRINITY Eridge

Financial Statements 2020

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Endowment Funds 2020	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020**	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
		£	£	£	**£**	£
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income	**2a**	74,118	25,518	0	**99,636**	98,075
Activities for generating funds	**2b**	2,145	2,933	0	**5,078**	20,521
Investment income	**2c**	223	0	0	**223**	562
Income from Church Activities	**2d**	10,351	3	0	**10,354**	14,680
Other incoming resources	**2e**	2,091	0	0	**2,091**	5,179
Total incoming resources		88,928	28,454	0	**117,383**	139,017
Resources expended						
Grants	**3a**	300	0	0	**300**	616
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	**3b**	103,167	16,945	0	**120,112**	118,060
Management and administration	**3c**	1,638	750	0	**2,388**	2,006
Costs of generating funds	**3d**	2,594	195	0	**2,789**	3,304
Total resources expended		107,700	17,890	0	**125,589**	123,986
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments	**5b**	0	0	0	**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**(18,771)**	**10,564**	**0**	**(8,206)**	**15,031**
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		82,360	47,382	1,300	**131,042**	116,011
Adjustments To Funds	**10**	9,241	(9,241)		**0**	
Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2020		**72,830**	**48,706**	**1,300**	**122,836**	**131,042**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Frant/Eridge 2020	Total 2020	Frant/Eridge 2019	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	17,651	**17,651**	0	0
Investments	5b	1,300	**1,300**	1,300	1,300
Total fixed assets		18,951	**18,951**	1,300	1,300
Current assets					
Debtors	7	0	**0**	0	0
Inter Church account		0	**0**	0	0
Short term deposits		37,630	**37,630**	37,470	37,470
Cash at bank and in hand		66,931	**66,931**	92,271	92,271
		104,561	**104,561**	129,741	129,742
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(676)	**(676)**	0	0
Net current assets		103,885	**103,885**	129,741	129,742
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	**0**	0	0
NET ASSETS		122,836	**122,836**	131,042	131,042
CHURCH FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds		72,830	**72,830**	82,360	82,360
Restricted funds		48,706	**48,706**	47,382	47,382
Endowment funds		1,300	**1,300**	1,300	1,300
		122,836	**122,836**	131,042	131,042

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

26.4.21

26.4.21

and signed on its behalf

(Rector)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

(b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

General fund - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

Designated funds - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

Endowment funds - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received
Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross
Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross

Other income

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

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) ***Resources used***

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Activities relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) ***Tangible fixed assets***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**

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

(f) ***Adjustment to fuds***

The 2020 accounts includes a adjustment of £9.3k from restricted to unrestricted.
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving	50,469	3,560	**54,029**	50,267
Collections at all services	5,290	0	**5,290**	13,259
Sundry donations and appeals	10,354	21,958	**32,312**	18,475
Legacies	0	0	**0**	0
Income tax recoverable	8,005	0	**8,005**	16,074
	74,118	25,518	**99,636**	98,075
2b Activities for generating funds				
Fetes and other fund raising events	2,145	2,933	**5,078**	20,321
Bookstall	0	0	**0**	200
	2,145	2,933	**5,078**	20,521
2c Investment income				
Dividends and interest	223	0	**223**	562
	223	0	**223**	562
2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC				
Stables income	2,592	3	**2,595**	6,074
Fees from weddings etc.	4,757	0	**4,757**	4,752
Parish magazine	3,002	0	**3,002**	3,854
	10,351	3	**10,354**	14,680
2e Other incoming resources				
Grants	2,091	0	**2,091**	0
Insurance	0	0	**0**	5,179
VAT Recovered		0	**0**	0
	2,091	0	**2,091**	5,179
Total incoming resources	**88,928**	**28,454**	**117,383**	139,017

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £**	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
3a Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	300	0	**300**	616
	300	0	**300**	616
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	66,726	0	**66,726**	64,823
clergy expenses	7,873	0	**7,873**	4,544
youth worker	1,435	13,660	**15,095**	13,320
other support costs	315	0	**315**	1,520
Church running expenses	14,332	0	**14,332**	14,006
Church maintenance	3,724	1,560	**5,284**	7,107
Upkeep of service	805	0	**805**	1,528
Parish magazine	1,817	0	**1,817**	2,520
Stables running costs/project	3,205	0	**3,205**	3,636
Upkeep of churchyard	105	1,725	**1,830**	2,230
Mission and Outreach	0	0	**0**	0
Depreciation	1,022	0	**1,022**	0
Organist & Locums	1,808	0	**1,808**	2,826
	103,167	16,945	**120,112**	118,060
3c Church management and administration				
Parish office costs	1,638	750	**2,388**	2,006
3d Costs of generating funds	0	0	**0**	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	2,594	195	**2,789**	3,304
Total resources expended	107,700	17,890	**125,589**	123,986

4 Staff costs

	Total 2019 £	Total 2020 £
Wages and salaries	17,757	18,726

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists. Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2020			
Additions	17,273	1,400	18,673
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2020	**17,273**	**1,400**	**18,673**
Depreciation			
Provided in the year	789	233	1,022
Disposals			
At 31 December 2020	**789**	**233**	**1,022**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2020	**16,484**	**1,167**	**17,651**

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2020	**1,300**
Disposals at carrying value	**0**
Net gains and revaluation	**0**
Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2020	**1,300**

6 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	**TOTAL FUNDS 2020**
	£	£	£	**£**
Fixed assets for church use	17,651	0	0	**17,651**
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,300	**1,300**
Current assets	55,855	48,706	0	**104,561**
Current liabilities	(676)	0	0	**(676)**
				0
	72,829	48,706	1,300	**122,836**

7 Debtors

	Frant/Eridge 2020	**Total 2020**
	£	**£**
Income tax recoverable	0	**0**
Vat refund	0	**0**
Other Debtors	0	**0**
Prepayments	0	**0**
	0	**0**

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Frant/Eridge 2020	**Total 2020**
	£	**£**
Sundry creditors	(676)	**(676)**
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	**0**
Charitable giving accrual	0	**0**
General accrual	0	**0**
	- 676	- **676**

9 Adjustments To Funds

	Unrestricted 2020	Restricted 2020
	£	£
Frant General fund	9,778	
Eridge General fund	(537)	
General		(16,210)
Office Fund		1,399
Youth Worker Fund		5,570
	9,241	(9,241)

The transfer to the youth worker and office fund made up for the shortfall in these restricted funds- £5,570 and £1,399 respectively. The short fall was due to the closure of the Church in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. The general fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	**Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2020**
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
Frant General fund	52,963	70,544	-79,271	9,778	**54,014**
Eridge General fund	10,246	18,385	-27,506	-537	**588**
Frant Designated Maintenance	10,837	0	-923	0	**9,914**
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,380	0	0	0	**5,380**
Insurance settlement	2,934	0	0	0	**2,934**
	82,360	88,929	-107,700	9,241	**72,830**
Restricted Fund					
Frant Restricted Funds					
General	400	2,264	14,587	-16,210	**1,041**
Stables Project	1,051	0	0	0	**1,051**
Office Fund	0	13,938	-15,337	1,399	**0**
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	**5,251**
Fabric fund	16,185	2,933	-1,755	0	**17,364**
Churchyard	1,997	420	0	0	**2,417**
Youth Worker Fund	1,088	7,003	-13,660	5,570	**0**
					0
Eridge Restricted Funds					**0**
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	**10,912**
Friends of Eridge	10,499	1,896	-1,725	0	**10,670**
	47,382	28,454	-17,890	-9,241	**48,706**
Endowment Fund					
Frant Clegg fund	1,300	0	0	0	**1,300**
	1,300	0	0	0	**1,300**
Total funds	131,042	117,383	-125,589	0	**122,836**

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

Mr James Griffin ACA
Chartered Accountant
4 Bettws Y Coed Road
Cardiff
Wales

James Rhys Griffin

Date 29/10/2021

29/10/2021

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
   - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

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

Mr James Griffin ACA
Chartered Accountant
4 Bettws Y Coed Road
Cardiff
Wales

James Rhys Griffin

Date 29/10/2021

29/10/2021