THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1163733

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LONG ASHTON PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2015-09-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

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Classification

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

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Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£177,068	£216,612	-	-
2024-12-31	£171,411	£193,031	-	-
2023-12-31	£407,123	£176,422	-	-
2022-12-31	£170,141	£154,116	-	-
2021-12-31	£124,123	£139,269	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev James David Harris	Chair	2020-03-05
ANTHONY CROFTON MILES		2016-04-22
Andrea Muxworthy		2023-03-26
Ann Elizabeth Hodgetts		2021-05-18
COLIN HAVILL		2022-05-10
Clifford Bond		2020-10-11
Collette Miyagawa		2024-04-21
Dr David Mumford		2002-04-19
Elizabeth Karsch		2023-03-26
Fiona Cunningham		2024-04-21
Gill Miles		2017-04-19
John Roger Britton		2021-05-18
Nini Anamah		2017-04-25
Rev Joanna Moule		2023-06-30
Valerie Bond		2020-10-11

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Accounts

Parish of Long Ashton

Our Vision for the Family of Churches in
Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney & Flax Bourton

2025 Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended
31st December 2025

Charity Commission Number 1163733

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton

This is the annual report and accounts of the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Ecclesiastical Parish: Long Ashton – Registered with the Charity Commission Number 1163733

Church Dedications: All Saints Church, Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU
Keedwell Church (Church of the Ascension), Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DR

Rector: Reverend James Harris

Correspondence Church Office, Keedwell Church, 10 Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DR
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Members of the Parochial Church Council:
Revd James Harris (Chair)
Revd Joanna Moule, (Curate)
Revd Dr David Mumford, (Assistant Minister)
Tony Miles (Church Warden)
Fiona Cunningham (Deanery Synod Rep and Deputy Warden)
Colin Havill (Treasurer)
John Britton (Fabric)
Gill Miles (Safeguarding and Health & Safety) (Co-opted 6th April 2025)
Nini Anamah
Cliff Bond
Val Bond
Michael Crabtree
Sheila Crabtree
Annie Hodgetts
Elizabeth Karsch
Collette Miyagawa
Andrea Muxworthy

PCC Secretary: Carolyn Conolly (until 13/11/25) May Wong (from 4/12/25)

Bankers: National Westminster Bank: Portishead; Bristol
Santander UK Plc, Bootle
CCLA Investment Management Limited, London, EC4R 3AB
(now part of Jupiter Investment Management plc)

Independent Examiner: Mark Packham, 3 Ridgeway Rd, Long Ashton, BS41 9EX

Quinquennial Surveyor: George Chedburn, Charted Architect, Chedburn Dudley, Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Rd Bath, BA1 7DE.

Benefice: Our family of churches comprises the two parishes of Long Ashton and of Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton.

Benefice website: www.laflaxandbarrow.org.uk

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. It normally meets monthly, except August and December, with additional meetings if required.

Committees and associated administrations

Ministry Team – benefice-wide group consisting of all licensed Ministers, Ordinands and Churchwardens – has responsibility for co-ordinating the worship and teaching ministry across the benefice.
Standing Committee, consisting of Rector, Curate, Churchwarden, Treasurer and another PCC member, Valerie Bond. It meets monthly and deals with business between full meetings of the PCC. Its remit is to provide strategic oversight and assist the Rector in the management of the parish, bringing recommendations to the full PCC as appropriate.
Health & Safety is coordinated by Gill Miles in conjunction with the Churchwarden and Rector – they meet periodically to ensure policy and procedures are kept up to date.
Buildings for Mission. Re-established by the PCC in October 2025 to keep track of progress on the development of our buildings, liaise with our architect, make decisions (up to £1,000) and report back to PCC on a regular basis. The focus initially is on All Saints but the group is also keeping Keedwell Church in view until such time as a major project can be resourced.

A number of activities are undertaken by working groups which report regularly to the Rector and/or PCC - including Community Lunches, Warm Welcome Cafe, Emerge youth group and Choir.

Church Membership

Following a full revision of the electoral roll, there were 94 members on the roll immediately prior to the APCM on 27th March 2025 (2024: 118). An updated roll will be displayed shortly before the 2025 APCM.

The average adult Sunday attendance in October 2025 was 72 but this excludes those joining us online and at other gatherings during the week.

VISION AND PRIORITIES

Both of the benefices' PCCs met together in October 2024 to begin the process of reviewing, discerning and planning priorities for the next season of the life of our family of churches in Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton. Over the following months, we sought to discern how to build on the foundations of the past to ensure Jesus' promise, of abundant life and that all may flourish (John 10:10), may be more widely realised.

The new vision was launched at an open meeting in Keedwell Church on 4th October and a booklet setting out our vision and priorities, 'That all may flourish', is available on the website. A series of workshops is planned for 2026 to explore how the four foundations of the vision can be embedded within our church life.

- Community; open to encounter – creating a sense of belonging where we can see, hear, know and value everyone across generations, deepening trust and sharing values
- Spirituality; rooted in prayer – lifting our gaze to the horizons of eternity in every situation, connecting to wisdom, imagination and power beyond ourselves
- Wisdom; committed to growth – cultivating habits of study, discussion and challenge: engaging in dynamic conversation with the riches of the Bible and the experiences of Christians past and present
- Action, inspired to serve – recognizing the gifts we have among us: putting them to work generously and with purpose in the service of God and neighbour.

Worship

It is our aim that our church services should be community focused and open to all. In the best tradition of a local, parish church, we endeavour that everyone should feel welcome at any of our services, wherever they are coming from and whatever they bring on their heart or mind. We continue to recognise there are obstacles which may prevent people engaging with the life of the church.

Our worshipping life has evolved to include:

- a greater variety of music
- opportunities to worship outdoors in creation - especially within our Breakfast@9 community
- the prioritisation of children and young families with a children's activity area at the front of the church
- exploring how we encounter with Jesus through sermons and discussion around Bear Grylls' recent book 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'.

It has been encouraging to see these developments bearing fruit and for new people to find ways to encounter the living God through the local church. We believe this will be further enhanced as we live out the vision 'that all may flourish'.

We have enjoyed getting together most months for benefice-wide worship including special occasions such as an outdoor celebration of Rogation - the 'Big Church Day Out'; the annual 'Remembered with love' memorial service and for marking the key milestones of Lent and Holy Week. We held two joint series of talks during Lent exploring the Old Testament and key questions of faith.

The 2025 Statistics for Mission confirm the prominent role that pastoral ministry plays in serving our community, particularly funerals and burials, of which we conducted 21 during the year, either at church, at a crematorium or in the burial ground. We have also celebrated with the families of 6infants and children at their baptisms and with the families and friends of 2 couples at their weddings.

It continues to be a joy and privilege, as the parish church, to provide a sacred space for the marking of life events and community celebrations in this way.

Ministry

We continue to be grateful for the ministry of our Rector, Revd James Harris, Curate, Revd Joanna Moule, our Assistant Ministers, Revd John Andrews, Revd Michael James (who joined us during 2025) and Deacon, Revd David Mumford; as well as the many lay members of the congregation who offer their gifts to enable our worship week by week - notably Tony and Gill Miles with the team who nurture the Breakfast@9 community; and the leaders of our Emerge youth group: Henry and Annabel Moule and Collete Miyagawa.

We were sorry to hear in October that Revd David Mumford has had to withdraw from ministry for the time being while he undergoes treatment for an ongoing illness. We hold him and his family in our prayers.

We were pleased to be joined for a second year by Sophie Duncan, an Ordinand from Sarum College, as part of her training in context. We consider it a privilege to receive the gifts Ordinands bring during their placements and to support those God is calling to serve the Church in this way.

The Choir continues to offer faithful service under Annie Fowler's leadership, ably supported by Val Bond, and we are grateful for the ways they have helped enable the evolving shape and expression of our worship. We give thanks to God for the abundant gifts Colin Smith offers in many and varied ways to provide musical expression to our worship and prayers, on piano and organ, not least at funerals where countless grieving families have found comfort and inspiration in his offering.

Tony Miles and Fiona Cunningham were reappointed Church Warden and Assistant Churchwarden respectively at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The roles of warden are vital in providing lay leadership, prayerful counsel and insight alongside the Rector. We are most grateful to them for their diligent and faithful service.

Mission and outreach

Our partnership with Northleaze Church of England Academy continues to develop and flourish, both through involvement of clergy in the day-to-day teaching and worship at the school and through the commitment of the Governing Body, for which the church provides three Foundation Governors, who monitor and support its distinctively Christian ethos. These posts are currently held by Revd Jo Moule, Nini Anamah and Gill Miles.

Jo leads the termly lunchtime Bible Club, which always attracts an enthusiastic group of children who are keen to explore Bible texts more deeply, and gives pastoral support for staff. We have been delighted to find continued enthusiasm, co-operation and commitment for our partnership in our newly appointed Head teacher, Corinne Clarke who joined the school in September 2025 and has quickly evidenced her belief in the importance of strong church-school links. We look forward to developing new ideas for flourishing together, building on the strong foundations already in place.

The benefice website provides up to date information on our activities and the weekly benefice Church News email newsletter (which now has over 350 subscribers) provides a digest of news, information and resources, both practical and spiritual, for the church family and wider community.

The monthly Parish magazine provides a printed medium to celebrate life and faith in Long Ashton through a variety of articles and pictures. We received over 250 subscriptions during 2025 and it is also available free online from the website. We thank the Editorial Team, now led by Val Bond, for its hard work and creativity. We also give thanks for all those who distribute the magazine and, in particular, the coordinator Richard Pillinger and former distributor John Edwards, who retired after many years of faithful service.

The ministry of prayer is a key area for focus this year and we are currently exploring how to incorporate prayer ministry after every service, as well as providing more and varied opportunities for parishioners to engage in prayer: our Advent 'Soul Space' evenings have provided a good model in which to build. We are very grateful to Collette Miyagawa who provides us with prayer points for the Persecuted Church in different countries each month.

A highlight of 2025 was the Midsummer Magic festival in June and our thanks go to Elizabeth Holford and her team for their inspirational leadership. Over the weekend of 21st/22nd June there were two concerts at All Saints Church, a midsummer lunch, an art exhibition at Keedwell Church, family activities at All Saints and a film-show at the community centre. Worship on the Sunday took place 'among the trees' with a specially designed liturgy exploring faith as a journey through the forest. The funds raised allowed us to send £1,000 for the planting of trees at the Wraxall site of Children's Hospice South West and £2,400 for the provision of a borehole at Ndola School in Zambia.

Our weekly Warm Welcome Cafe at Keedwell, monthly Community Lunch and occasional Cream Teas continue to provide a vital meeting point and source of friendship, care and support for a diverse group of people from across our community, notably reaching a number of people for whom these gatherings are their primary engagement with the local church. We are grateful to Karen Barratt and Fiona Cunningham, who lead the running of Cafe with a dedicated team of volunteers; and to Beth Karsch and members of the team who run the Community Lunches. North Somerset Council, Long Ashton Community Association and the Co-operative Society have all supported these projects with grants and facilities.

The monthly visits to Lampton House are hugely appreciated by the residents and we are grateful to Beverley Crocker for co-ordinating and helping to lead services alongside James and Jo. There is a monthly Communion

service for the community of worshippers at Audley Redwood retirement village, augmented by a homegroup led by members of the community and pastoral visits on request.

The Long Ashton Branch of the Royal British Legion disbanded in November and their Standard was officially received by the Rector for safekeeping at All Saints at the close of the Remembrance Sunday service. We join others in thanking Dave Addis, the branch secretary, for his unstinting work over many years.

Finance and fabric

There is much positive news to report and give thanks for. There was a surplus of £2,500 on the General Fund before transfers – for the first time in several years we did not require legacy income or special gift days to cover day to day running expenses. Regular giving increased by 5% - the increased giving by existing and new members therefore more than offset the impact of the lost income from those no longer with us. Further details of our finances are given in the Accounts and in the Funds and reserves report below.

In June 2025, we completed the sale of Church House. In line with the announcement of the proposed sale, the PCC has decided to transfer the proceeds, totalling £237,900 net of disposal costs, to a designated fund which will be used for the refurbishment of Keedwell Church in due course. The receipt of the proceeds also allowed us to replenish the General Fund which had borne the costs prior to sale, thus enabling us to pay off the arrears of our historical Parish Share commitments

The PCC continued to progress its *Buildings for Mission* objectives, with the aim of ensuring both All Saints Church and Keedwell Church are sustainable and fit for purpose, facilitating accessibility through aesthetics, welcome, worship and hospitality for all.

All Saints Church
The planning for the investment of the Jean Limmer legacy at All Saints has progressed with the PCC agreeing a vision and priorities and an architect has provided options for what can be achieved. The three key priorities determined by the PCC are Aesthetics, Welcome & Hospitality and Worship. The PCC presented its preliminary plans to the congregation in May 2025 and received feedback which is being fed into our future plans. A temporary reordering licence has been obtained in order to experiment with the removal of a number of pews, predominantly from the side aisles, to provide two areas capable of more flexible uses.

A number of fabric improvement, repair and maintenance projects have been undertaken at All Saints following receipt of the 2024 quinquennial inspection report. In particular, work has been undertaken to ensure the roof is watertight so that the side aisles could be re-plastered and redecorated in November. The repainting of the nave and chancel ceilings is currently underway (January 2026).

Keedwell Church
Keedwell is first and foremost a place of worship with regular weekly and monthly services taking place there with many attending who consider it 'their home church' rather than All Saints. Keedwell also provides an expression of God's love in the heart of our community with hospitality, fellowship and support offered through various other outreach and community-building activities. In 2024 the roof was re-felted and in 2025 a number of smaller improvements were made including various overdue electrical works.

Eco-church
We have been liaising with the eco team at Flax Bourton church, who are to be congratulated on achieving a Gold Eco-church award from A Rocha. We received a bronze Eco-church award in January 2026. We have installed our first Swift boxes at All Saints Church in order to encourage the establishment of a new swift colony. The Keedwell Wildlife Garden has also been restocked with a variety of native plants. We are hopeful of making progress towards a silver Eco-church award during 2026 and our sermon series in January is incorporating teaching on our discipleship with Jesus through a sustainable lifestyle.

Church operations

The PCC is grateful to Carolyn Conolly for the administrative support she provided over 21 years prior to her retirement in November. We look forward to appointing a Church Operations Coordinator who will provide a shared resource across the benefice. May Wong has been appointed as interim coordinator for the five months to April 2026.

Funds and reserves

During 2025 the accounts show a reduction across all funds of £39,500 due primarily to the costs incurred as we invested in All Saints and Keedwell Churches along with the remaining costs relating to the Church House disposal.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the income and expenditure of the PCC excluding where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor beyond our normal charitable purpose. The PCC now has three separate unrestricted funds following the closure of the Church House Fund.

At 31st December 2024 total unrestricted funds were £347,200 but this included the Church House Revaluation Fund of £340,000 leaving just £7,200 of other unrestricted reserves. The PCC had therefore deferred payment of 40% (£31,200) of its Parish Share until the Church House disposal proceeds are received.

At 31st December 2025 the unrestricted reserves of £314,500 were all made up of bank balances and money on deposit

General Fund

Our General Fund represents the ongoing day to day income and expenditure. Voluntary income increased 4% from £121,600 to £126,000. Our regular giving income increased by 6% (2024 up 17%) to £98,300, and we received Lump Sum Gifts of £3,800 (2024 £4,500) and Gift Aid of £20,100 (2024 - 19,300).

Overall the surplus on the General Fund is £2,500 (2024 deficit £12,400). The balance on the General Fund is £78,600 (2024 - £5,800). The increase arising following the disposal of Church House and the reimbursement of the General Fund with the expenses of disposal.

Legacy Fund

We are grateful for two unrestricted legacy gifts of totalling £5,700 (2024 - £16,400). These funds are being used in line with the families' wishes.

Keedwell Church Fund

As explained above, the £237,900 net proceeds of the Church House sale were transferred by the PCC to this Fund and will be used for the redevelopment of Keedwell. The PCC authorised preliminary works during 2025 of £10,000 to be undertaken primarily relating to the electrics, noticeboards and external doors. The proceeds are held on deposit, generating £5,700 of income in the second half of the year.

Restricted Funds

Limmer Legacy Fund

The £233,700 balance on this fund comprises the 'restricted' legacy received during 2023 which is available for the upkeep and renewal of Church Fabric (excluding day to day running expenses). £32,700 has been expended during the year and £10,400 of interest has been earned on the monies on deposit. As noted above, £14,600 of 2024 expenditure has been reimbursed to this fund now the Church House disposal proceeds have been received. The PCC intends to continue to utilise this Fund for the upkeep and renewal of All Saints Church.

Other restricted funds

The balance on the Future Facilities Fund has reduced from £19,200 to £17,300 following the repayment of a £2,000 historical loan from the Bells Fund. It is anticipated that much of this fund will be used, in combination with the Limmer Legacy Fund, on improvements to All Saints Church. The Bells Fund, for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church stands at £3,200 (2024 - £1,300). The Churchyard Fund for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard, stands at £8,300 (2024 - £8,300).

Looking ahead to 2026

We enter 2026 with a small projected deficit which we hope and pray will be covered by increased giving from across the congregation. Much of the increased giving in recent years has come from a relatively small number of households and our prayer for this year is to see a broader spread as we focus on our use of the talents and money God has given us.

We hope to finalise and obtain further approvals for the refurbishment and proposed developments at All Saints Church so that the work can proceed shortly thereafter. We will then start to focus on the options for the redevelopment of Keedwell Church using the funds provided from the sale of Church House

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a priority for the Church of England nationally and there is much good practice to commend locally. The PCC continues to give significant time and attention to this vital area of ministry and governance. We have embraced the diocesan 'dashboard' system, which facilitates monitoring of progress against requirements; and safeguarding remains a standing item on the PCC's agenda.

All PCC members are required to have valid DBS certificates and to complete the Basic, Foundation and Domestic Abuse diocesan training modules. For those leading particular activities, leadership-level training has been completed where necessary under our Safer Recruitment guidelines.

We remain committed to developing a culture where worshippers, volunteers and visitors in our church are affirmed, equipped and protected from harm to the best of our ability - a reflection of the care God has for all his children. We are hugely grateful to Gill Miles for the diligent way in which she undertakes the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.

We confirm that there have been no safeguarding incidents reported under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure during 2025.

Associated trusts

The PCC is represented on two independent trusts which are registered with the Charity Commission:

- **The Long Ashton Churchyard and War Memorial Trust:** The Rector *(ex officio) NB: the trustees agreed during 2025 that the Churchyard element of the Trust would be wound up and the relatively small amount of remaining funds disbursed on a churchyard interpretation project. The Trust will therefore in future focus solely on the upkeep of the Village War Memorial.*
- **The Long Ashton Parochial Charity,** with responsibility primarily for care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens (*ex officio).*

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The PCC, as trustees, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance
with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In conclusion, we look forward to 2026, encouraged by all we have seen of God's faithfulness in the past and enthused by God's promise to continue to walk closely with us. With all God's people in this place, we stand committed, by God's grace, to continue to discern and serve his mission in this parish in the year to come.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd James Harris	Tony Miles
Rector	Churchwarden

21st January 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
	INCOMING RESOURCES						
(1)	Donations and legacies	132,007	262	132,269	137,907	240	138,147
(2)	Other trading activities	22,559	-	22,559	14,216	-	14,216
(3)	Investments	7,092	11,354	18,446	2,803	13,205	16,008
(4)	Church Fees	3,794	-	3,794	3,040	-	3,040
	Total Incoming Resources	**165,452**	**11,616**	**177,068**	**157,966**	**13,445**	**171,411**
	RESOURCES EXPENDED:						
(5)	Church activities	148,336	33,165	181,501	147,050	17,589	164,639
(7)	Costs of generating income	35,111	-	35,111	28,392	-	28,392
	Total Resources Expended	**183,447**	**33,165**	**216,612**	**175,442**	**17,589**	**193,031**
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	(17,995)	(21,549)	(39,544)	(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)
	Transfers between funds	(14,652)	14,652	-	-	-	-
		(32,647)	(6,897)	(39,544)	(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)
(8)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	(793)	(793)	340,000	489	340,489
	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**(32,647)**	**(7,690)**	**(40,337)**	**322,524**	**(3,655)**	**318,869**
	Reconciliation of funds:						
(9)	Total funds brought forward	347,158	272,248	619,406	24,634	275,903	300,537
	Total funds carried forward	**314,511**	**264,558**	**579,069**	**347,158**	**272,248**	**619,406**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
Balance sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2025	(8)		18,643		359,436
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		4,644		5,748	
Cash at Bank and in hand		14,222		19,549	
Cash on Deposit		549,659		282,389	
		568,525		307,686	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Charities control	(10)	1,667		1,143	
Church general creditors		6,432		46,573	
		8,099		47,716	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			560,426		259,970
NET ASSETS			**579,069**		**619,406**
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds	(12)				
Legacy		3,695		395	
Church House		-		934	
Keedwell/Property revaluation fund		232,225		340,000	
General Fund		78,591		5,829	
			314,511		347,158
Restricted Funds	(13)				
Future facilities		17,326		19,208	
Limmer legacy		233,727		241,428	
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		3,179		1,303	
Churchyard		8,320		8,303	
			264,558		272,248
TOTAL FUNDS			**579,069**		**619,406**

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris

21st January 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Note		2025			2024		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
(1)	**Voluntary income**						
	Giving	98,268	262	98,530	92,853	240	93,093
	Lump sum gifts (excluding Gift Aid)	3,800	-	3,800	4,500	-	4,500
	Other non-recurring donations		-	-	424	-	424
	Other charitable giving/donations	2,780	-	2,780	1,582	-	1,582
		104,848	262	105,110	99,359	240	99,599
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	20,099	-	20,099	19,258	-	19,258
	Total giving (excluding legacies)	124,947	262	125,209	118,617	240	118,857
	Grants	1,383	-	1,383	2,937	-	2,937
	Legacies	5,677	-	5,677	16,353	-	16,353
		132,007	262	132,269	137,907	240	138,147
(2)	**Trading activities**						
	Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	3,951	-	3,951	4,378	-	4,378
	Keedwell - hall lettings	6,020	-	6,020	5,359	-	5,359
	MidsummerMagic(MSM) ticket sales/donations	6,810	-	6,810	-	-	-
	Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,539	-	1,539	1,427	-	1,427
	Other activities	4,239	-	4,239	3,052	-	3,052
		22,559	-	22,559	14,216	-	14,216
(3)	**Investment income**						
	Deposit interest	7,092	10,972	18,064	1,307	12,728	14,035
	Dividend income	-	382	382	-	477	477
	Church House - hall lettings and other income	-	-	-	1,496	-	1,496
		7,092	11,354	18,446	2,803	13,205	16,008
(4)	**Fees**						
	Statutory PCC Fees	2,773	-	2,773	2,389	-	2,389
	Heating of the Church and other fees	1,021		1,021	651		651
		3,794	-	3,794	3,040	-	3,040
	RESOURCES EXPENDED						
(5)	**Church activities**						
	Diocesan Parish share	80,200	-	80,200	79,200	-	79,200
	Clergy expenses (net of recharges)	676	-	676	1,430	-	1,430
	PCC staff salary and cleaning costs Note 6	26,448	-	26,448	25,197	-	25,197
	Church office costs	5,344	-	5,344	3,778	-	3,778
	Utilities and insurance						
	All Saints	8,936		8,936	11,521	-	11,521
	Keedwell	3,334		3,334	3,679	-	3,679
	Maintenance						
	All Saints	3,411	33,165	36,576	5,477	2,937	8,414
	Keedwell	10,914		10,914	9,258	14,652	23,910
	Church Services and evangelism	6,023		6,023	5,878		5,878
	Charitable giving (Note 11)	3,050	-	3,050	1,632	-	1,632
		68,136	33,165	101,301	67,850	17,589	85,439
		148,336	33,165	181,501	147,050	17,589	164,639

(6A) The PCC employed a part-time administrator until her retirement in November 2025. In addtion the PCC pays for cleaning services, an organist and a choir leader. No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2025 or 2024. Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £588 in 2025 (£559 in 2024).

(6B) In December 2025, the PCC appointed May Wong as interim part-time church operations coordinator on a fixed contract to 30th April 2026. May Wong is a 'connected person' as she is married to the Chairman of the trustees, Rev James Harris. Her employment is on the same terms as the previous administrator and she received total remuneration of £1,062 in 2025.

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Note		2025			2024		
	INCOMING RESOURCES	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals

Note		2025			2024		
		£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals
(7)	**Costs of generating income**						
	Church House:						
	Utilities, business rates and insurance	1,717	-	1,717	12,302	-	12,302
	Repairs and maintenance	1,354	-	1,354	1,375	-	1,375
	Professional fees	17,468	-	17,468	9,297	-	9,297
			-	-		-	-
		20,539	-	20,539	22,974	-	22,974
	MSM expenses and charitable donations	6,846		6,846	-	-	-
	Lunch Club, Warm Café and sundry costs	4,366		4,366	1,660		1,660
	Parish magazine - printing	3,360	-	3,360	3,758	-	3,758
		35,111	-	35,111	28,392	-	28,392

(8) **Gains/(losses) on investment assets**		2025	2024	
	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
Restricted - Churchyard				
222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	4,927	5,147	(220)
347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	533	517	16
	1,878	5,460	5,664	(204)
Restricted - Future facilities				
2023 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	13,183	13,772	(589)
Unrestricted - General				
2022 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	-			
	2,338	18,643	19,436	(793)
Church House (investment property)	see note		340,000	
		18,643	359,436	

During 2025 Church House was disposed for £340,000 being the valuation at 31st December 2024. The PCC decided to retain £237,900 in a designated Keedwell reserve being the proceeds net of the costs of disposal and development costs already incurred at Keedwell Church.

(10) **CHARITIES - control account**	2025 £	2024 £
Creditor balance at 1st January	1,143	350
Receipts:-		
Donations (Note 11)	6,450	1,632
Payments:-		
Charities	(5,926)	(839)
Creditor balance at 31st December	**1,667**	**1,143**

(11) **Charities - Donations raised and received**	2025 £	2024 £
Sisters of the Church	1,017	289
Christian Aid	671	-
Disasters Emergency Committee Middle East	-	1,143
Childrens Society	395	-
Ripple Effect	166	-
Other (individually under £150)	362	50
	3,050	1,632
St Pauls School, Ndola, Zambia (MSM)	2,400	-
Childrens Hospice South West (MSM)	1,000	-
	6,450	**1,632**

Other donations include £100 to Bristol Schools Connection of which PCC member, Tony Miles, is Chair of the Trustees

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(12) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Incoming Resources:-	**General 2025**	*General 2024*	**Church House 2025**	*Church House 2024*	**Keedwell Fund 2025**	*Revaluation Reserve 2024*	**Legacy Fund 2025**	*Legacy Fund 2024*	**Total 2025**	*Total 2024*
Donations and legacies	**126,330**	*121,554*					**5,677**	16,353	**132,007**	*137,907*
Other trading activities	**22,559**	*14,216*					**-**	**-**	**22,559**	*14,216*
	-	*-*					**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
Investment income	**3013**	*1307*		*1496*	***4079***			**0**	**7092**	*2,803*
Church Fees	**3,794**	*3,040*	**-**	*-*			**-**	**-**	**3,794**	*3,040*
Total Incoming Resources	**155,696**	*140,117*	**-**	*1,496*	**4,079**	*-*	**5,677**	16,353	**165,452**	*157,966*
Resources expended:-										
Church activities	**(138,582)**	*(147,050)*			***(9,754)***				**(148,336)**	*(147,050)*
Costs for generating income	**(14,572)**	*(5,418)*	**(20,539)**	*(22,974)*			**-**	-	**(35,111)**	*(28,392)*
			-	*-*			**-**	-	**-**	*-*
Total Resources Expended	**(153,154)**	*(152,468)*	**(20,539)**	*(22,974)*	**(9,754)**	*-*	**-**	-	**(183,447)**	*(175,442)*
Net incoming/(outgoing)	**2,542**	*(12,351)*	**(20,539)**	*(21,478)*	**(5,675)**	*-*	**5,677**	16,353	**(17,995)**	***(17,476)***
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	**-**			*-*		*340,000*		-	**-**	*340,000*
Fund transfers	**70,220**	*6,000*	**19,605**	*10,000*	***(102,100)***		**(2,377)**	(16,000)	**(14,652)**	*-*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**72,762**	*(6,351)*	**(934)**	*(11,478)*	**(107,775)**	*340,000*	**3,300**	353	**(32,647)**	*322,524*
Fund balance at 01/01/2025	**5,829**	*12,180*	**934**	*12,412*	***340,000***		**395**	*42*	**347,158**	*24,634*
Fund balance at 31/12/2025	**78,591**	*5,829*	**-**	*934*	**232,225**	*340,000*	**3,695**	395	**314,511**	*347,158*
Represented by:										
Investments at market value	**-**	*-*	**-**	**-**	**-**	*340,000*	**-**	**-**	**-**	*340,000*
Debtors and prepayments	**4,644**	*5,748*			**-**	*-*	**-**	-	**4,644**	*5,748*
Cash at Bank and on deposit	**82,046**	*40,097*	**-**	*8,634*	**232,225**	*-*	**3,695**	395	**317,966**	*49,126*
Creditors	**(8,099)**	*(40,016)*		*(7,700)*	**-**	*-*	**-**	-	**(8,099)**	*(47,716)*
Fund Value	**78,591**	*5,829*	**-**	*934*	**232,225**	*340,000*	**3,695**	*395*	**314,511**	*347,158*
Fund Value excluding Investments	**78,591**	*5,829*	**-**	*934*	**232,225**	*-*	**3,695**	*395*	**314,511**	*7,158*

On sale, the £340,000 revaluation reserve in respect of Church House became realised and the reserve renamed as the Keedwell Fund

Following the disposal, £19,605 was transferred from the General Fund to clear the deficit on the Church House Fund and the General Fund was reimbursed with the £87,448 costs to disposal

The £237,900 net proceeds of the Church House sale have been designated by the PCC for the redevelopment of Keedwell Church. Works to date include the refelting of the roof and electrical improveme

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(13) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Future facilities Fund**	Limmer legacy	Bells	Churchyard	Lighting	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
Donations,grants and legacies	-		262			262	*240*
Activities for generating funds	-					-	-
Investment income	**707**	10,386	40	221		11,354	*13,205*
Total Incoming Resources	**707**	**10,386**	**302**	**221**	**-**	**11,616**	**13,445**
Resources expended:-							
Church activities		32,739	426			33,165	*17,589*
Total Resources Expended	**-**	**32,739**	**426**	**-**	**-**	**33,165**	**17,589**
Net incoming/(outgoing)	707	(22,353)	(124)	221	-	(21,549)	(4,144)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	**(589)**			(204)		(793)	*489*
Fund transfers	**(2,000)**	14,652	2,000	**-**		14,652	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**(1,882)**	**(7,701)**	**1,876**	**17**	**-**	**(7,690)**	**(3,655)**
Fund balance at 01/01/2025	19,208	241,428	1,303	8,303	2,006	272,248	*275,903*
Fund balance at 31/12/2025	**17,326**	**233,727**	**3,179**	**8,320**	**2,006**	**264,558**	***272,248***

**** The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279**

Represented by:							
Investments at market value	13,183		-	5,460	-	18,643	*19,436*
Debtors and prepayments	-		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	4,143	233,727	3,179	2,860	2,006	245,915	*252,812*
Fund Value	**17,326**	**233,727**	**3,179**	**8,320**	**2,006**	**264,558**	***272,248***
Fund Value excluding Investments	**4,143**	**233,727**	**3,179**	**2,860**	**2,006**	**245,915**	***252,812***

	2025	2024	2023
Total restricted and unrestricted	**579,069**	*619,406*	*68,214*

£14,652 was transferred from unrestricted funds to reimburse the Limmer Fund for expenditure on Keedwell Church incurred in 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of . Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.
The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2024.
The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds
The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
The unrestricted revaluation fund is in respect of the market value of Church House.
Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources
All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.
Income from gifts
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.
Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.
Gift aid is accrued on donations received.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for based on the net receipts to the PCC. Accrual is made for outstanding expenditure

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for in the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended
Activities directly related to the work of the Church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs
All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note 5.

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

Governance
These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements. Professional fees in respect of the disposal of Church House are disclosed separately.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC
Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.
Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid, fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions
The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.
Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out in the financial statements for 2025.

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

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011);
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts offer a 'true and fair view' and my opinion is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Mark Packham
3 Ridgeway Road
Long Ashton
BS41 9EX
Independent Examiner

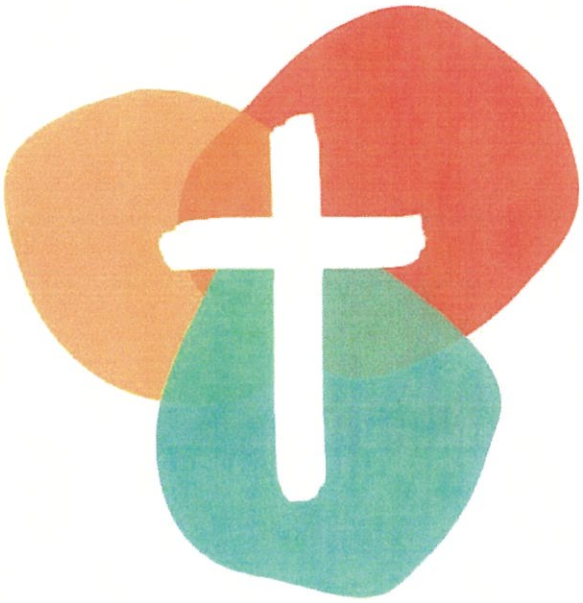
..... signed 21st January 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1163733

Accounts

Parish of Long Ashton



2024 Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2024

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton

This is the annual report and accounts of the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton, for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Ecclesiastical Parish:	Long Ashton - Charity Commission Number 1163733
Church Dedications:	(1) All Saints (2) Keedwell Church (Church of the Ascension)
Locations:	(1) Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU (2) Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DR
Rector:	Reverend James Harris
Correspondence Address:	Church Office, Keedwell Church, 10 Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DR
Members of the Parochial Church Council:	Revd James Harris (Chair) Revd Dr David Mumford, (Non-Stipendiary Minister) Revd Joanna Moule, (Curate) Tony Miles (Church Warden) Colin Havill (Treasurer) Fiona Cunningham (Deanery Synod Rep and Deputy Warden - Elected 21/4/24) John Britton (Fabric) Gill Miles (Safeguarding and Health & Safety) Nini Anamah Annie Hodgetts Val Bond Cliff Bond Michael Crabtree Sheila Crabtree Elizabeth Karsch Andrea Muxworthy Collette Miyagawa (Elected 21/4/24)
PCC Secretary:	Carolyn Conolly
Bankers:	(1) National Westminster Bank: Portishead; Bristol (2) Santander UK Plc, Bootle (3) CCLA Investment Management Limited, London, EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner:	Mark Packham, 3 Ridgeway Rd, Long Ashton, BS41 9EX
Church Surveyor:	George Chedburn, Chedburn Dudley, Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Rd, Bath, BA1 7DE.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No 1163733)

The PCC is represented on two independent trusts, both of which are registered with the Charity Commission:

The Long Ashton Churchyard and War Memorial Trust: The Rector *(ex officio)*

The Long Ashton Parochial Charity, whose main responsibility is care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens *(ex officio).*

The PCC provides three Foundation Governors for the Local Governing Body of Northleaze Church of England Primary School. These posts are currently held by Revd Joanna Moule, Nini Anamah and Gill Miles.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. Full meetings are normally monthly with the exception of August and December, with additional meetings as necessary.

Committees and associated administrations
Ministry Team – benefice-wide group consisting of all licensed Ministers, Ordinands and Churchwardens – has responsibility for co-ordinating the worship and teaching ministry of the parish and makes recommendations to the PCCs.
Standing Committee, consisted of Rector, Curate, Churchwarden, Treasurer and another PCC member, Valerie Bond. It meets monthly and deals with business between full meetings of the PCC. Its work is to provide oversight and management of the parish.
Health & Safety Committee. The H&S committee consists of Gill Miles, the Churchwarden and John Britton – meets periodically to review policy and procedures.
Parish Safeguarding Officer - Gill Miles. The Rector and PSO serve on the interviewing panel set up for the purpose of fulfilling our obligations under the Children's Act.

A number of projects are undertaken by working groups which report regularly to the Rector and/or PCC - including Social Committee (Lunch Club), Warm Welcome Cafe, Emerge youth group and Choir.

Church Membership
There were 118 electoral roll members on 7th March 2024 (2023: 120). A full revision of the Electoral Roll is currently underway and a revised roll will be displayed in Church on 11th March 2025, in advance of the APCM on 27th March 2025.

The average adult Sunday attendance in October 2024 was 101 (2023 was 100) but this excludes those joining us online and at other gatherings during the course of the week.

Report on the proceedings of the Parish in 2024

Vision and Priorities

As a benefice, we have continued to work towards our vision, originally set out in 2020, of 'Growing FIT for Christ's Kingdom' - that is, growing in 'faith and influence together' - so that we are more open to the possibility of, and ready to nurture, the green shoots of the Kingdom when we observe them. This vision has served us well for the last five years and opened up many new opportunities, particularly during and following the experience of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In October 2024, however, the PCCs of both Long Ashton and Barrow Gurney & Flax Bourton met together to begin the process of reviewing, discerning and planning priorities for the next season of the life of our churches.

Although still at an early stage, we will soon be sharing ideas with the wider church family and communities around how we build on the foundations of the past to ensure Jesus' promise of abundant life and flourishing for all (John 10:10) may be more widely realised.

Worship

It is our stated aim that our church services should be community focused and open to all. In the best tradition of a local, parish church, we endeavour that everyone should feel welcome at any of our services, wherever they are coming from and whatever they bring on their heart or mind.

Even so, we also recognise the variety of significant obstacles that may prevent people engaging with the life of the church and we continue to be vigilant to the need to build bridges into our wider communities, to establish relationships of trust, and to balance the needs of existing and new worshippers of all ages and stages of faith in a 'mixed economy' rooted in hospitality and welcome.

In practice, our worshipping life has evolved to include, for example:

- a greater variety of music
- opportunities to worship outdoors in Creation - especially within our Breakfast@9 community
- refreshed liturgies with new musical settings, space for silence and creative responses, and invitational prayers
- the prioritisation of children and young families with the movement of the children's activity area to the front of the church from the back
- the involvement of the Northleaze School Choir in contributing to musical worship within the main patterns of worship (not only at dedicated 'school services')

It has been so encouraging during 2024 to see these intentional developments begin to bear fruit and for new people to find ways to encounter the living God through the local church.

We have continued getting together with friends from Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton for benefice-wide worship on at least a monthly basis, and for special occasions such as an outdoor celebration of Rogation - the 'Big Church Day Out'; the annual memorial service and for marking the key milestones of Lent and Holy Week.

The compilation of our 2024 Statistics for Mission confirmed the prominent role that pastoral ministry plays in serving our community, particularly funerals and burials, of which we conducted 25 during the year, either at church, at a crematorium or in the burial ground. We have also celebrated with the families of 27 infants and children at their baptisms as well as a young adult who was baptised by full immersion and whose testimony of faith encouraged the whole congregation.

It continues to be a joy and privilege, as the parish church, to provide a sacred space for the marking of life events and community celebrations in this way.

Ministry

We continue to be grateful for the ministry of our Curate, Revd Joanna Moule, who was ordained Priest in July 2024; our Associate Priest, Revd John Andrews and Deacon, Revd David Mumford; as well as the many lay members of the congregation who offer their gifts to enable our worship week by week - notably Tony and Gill Miles who have faithfully built up a team to nurture the Breakfast@9 community; and the leaders of our Emerge youth group: Henry and Annabel Moule, and Collete Miyagawa.

Having spent two years among us an Ordinand in training, we said goodbye to Charlotte Stansfield in July as she was ordained Deacon and moved to Swindon to take up her Curacy. In September, however, we were pleased to welcome Sophie Duncan, also an Ordinand from Sarum College, to spend a year training in context here. We consider it a privilege to receive the gifts these Ordinands bring during their placements and to support those God is calling to serve the Church in this way.

The Choir continues to offer faithful service week by week under the leadership of Annie Fowler, ably supported by Val Bond, and we are grateful for the ways they too are responding to the evolving shape and expression of our worship. We give thanks to God for the abundant gifts Colin Smith offers in many and varied ways to provide musical expression to our worship and prayers, on piano and organ, not least at funerals where countless grieving families have found comfort and inspiration in his offering.

Tony Miles was reappointed Church Warden and Fiona Cunningham was appointed as Assistant Churchwarden at the Annual Meeting in 2024. The role of Churchwarden is vital in providing lay leadership, prayerful counsel and insight alongside the Rector, and never more so than during challenging times for the established patterns and hierarchies of the national Church. We are most grateful to them for their diligent and faithful service in changing times.

Mission and outreach

Our partnership with Northleaze Church of England Academy continues to develop and flourish, both through involvement of clergy in the day-to-day teaching and worship at the school and through the commitment of the Governing Body, for which the church provides three Foundation Governors, who monitor and support its distinctively Christian ethos.

Revd Jo Moule has established a particularly strong link through the termly lunchtime Bible Club which always attracts an enthusiastic group of children who are keen to explore Bible texts more deeply; and through pastoral support for staff.

It has been a year of change for Northleaze as Headteacher Victoria Reyes moved on to a new post at the end of the summer term, but we have been delighted to find continued enthusiasm, co-operation and commitment for our partnership in our relationship with Executive Head, Jenny Campbell and Associate Head, Joe Thompson.

We have continued to develop and keep up to date the benefice website originally launched in Autumn 2023. It focuses on our identity as a community of those who are 'growing FIT (in faith and influence together) and on 'outward looking' content of interest to those in the communities we serve. There has been a notable upturn in the number of enquiries for baptism, weddings and other pastoral support which have been generated via the website contact form. Similarly the weekly Church News email newsletter has now reached 300 subscribers and provides a digest of news, information and resources, both practical and spiritual, for the church family and wider community.

The monthly Parish magazine, which provides a printed medium to celebrate life and faith in Long Ashton through a variety of articles and pictures, was recognised in a national award scheme for local church publications during 2024. Although subscription rates decreased during 2024, we are taking steps to understand the reasons for this and to explore ways in which the magazine can evolve to remain relevant. We continue to support the role of a publication of this sort in our overall mix of communications and outreach and thank the Editorial Team, led by David Mumford, for their hard work and creativity in producing it month by month.

Our weekly Warm Welcome Cafe at Keedwell, monthly Lunch Club and occasional Cream Teas continue to provide a vital meeting point and source of friendship, care and support for a diverse group of people from across our community, notably reaching a number of people for whom these gatherings are their primary engagement with the local church. We are grateful to Karen Barratt and Fiona Cunningham, who lead the running of Cafe with a dedicated team of volunteers; and to Beth Karsch and members of the Social Committee who run Lunch Club. North Somerset Council, Long Ashton Community Association and the Co-operative Society have all supported these projects with grants and facilities.

Sheila Crabtree continued to lead the development of a Pastoral Support group during 2024, with a remit to coordinate visiting and befriending services for church members or others following referral from the Ministry Team.

The monthly visits to Lampton House are hugely appreciated by the residents there who look forward to singing their favourite hymns, participating in seasonal quizzes, listening to poetry and praying together. We are hugely grateful to Beverly Crocker for co-ordinating and helping to lead these services alongside James and Jo.

There is also a growing community of worshippers at Audley Redwood retirement village, where we hold a monthly Communion service, augmented by a home group led by members of the community itself, and pastoral visits on request.

Finance and fabric

A full report on our finances is given in the accounts and the Treasurer's report but we note here how we have been most encouraged by the increased generous giving during 2024 and the particular blessing of a legacy from our former Lay Reader, Janet Turp. Together they enabled us to meet our ongoing expenditure. There was, however, an overall deficit after taking into account costs incurred prior to the disposal of Church House and roof repairs at Keedwell Church.

The PCC continued to progress its *Buildings for Mission* objectives during the course of the year, with the aim of ensuring our portfolio of buildings is sustainable and fit for purpose for the demands of mission in today's (and tomorrow's) church.

A particular focus in 2024 has been the disposal of Church House which was vacated at the end of 2023. Following extensive marketing by Maggs & Allen on our behalf an offer, subject to contract, was accepted in August and the PCC remains optimistic a contract will be exchanged shortly. The disposal of Church House will reimburse the costs of disposal and permit the PCC to pay its remaining 2024 Parish Share contribution.

It has been encouraging to see the increased use of Keedwell Church following the transfer of many activities from Church House. Keedwell remains first and foremost a place of worship - with regular weekly and monthly services taking place there, many of which are attended by those who consider it 'their church' and do not attend All Saints on a regular basis. However, it also provides an expression of God's love in the heart of our community through the hospitality, fellowship and support offered through various other outreach and community-building activities that take place there (see above).

The planning for the investment of the Jean Limmer legacy at All Saints has progressed with the PCC agreeing a vision and priorities and an architect briefed to provide options for what can be achieved within our budget. The three key priorities determined by the PCC are Aesthetics, Welcome & Hospitality and Worship. The PCC is currently working with the architect with a view to being able to present plans to the congregation for feedback in early summer 2025.

A number of fabric improvement, repair and maintenance projects have been undertaken at All Saints, co-ordinated on behalf of the PCC by John Britton, and we were pleased that the latest Quinquennial Inspection Report did not reveal any significant issues of which we were unaware. A programme of refurbishments and repairs has been formulated, to run alongside the investments above.

At Keedwell Church, the long outstanding work to repair the guttering and rainwater goods was completed. The work had to be extended to replace the roofing felt which was found to be in very poor condition. This additional work was originally paid for from legacy funds but these costs will be replenished from the Church House disposal proceeds. The remainder of the funds from the disposal of Church House (after the costs of disposal) will be available for the refurbishment of Keedwell - a project that we will turn our attention to, in consultation with those who regularly use the building, once the investment in All Saints has been progressed.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, the PCC is satisfied that the buffer created by the retention of Parish Share prior to the disposal of Church House will be sufficient to enable the PCC to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the year ahead.

The PCC remains grateful to Carolyn Conolly for the administrative support she provides.

Safeguarding

2024 has not been an easy year for the Church of England with regard to safeguarding, as the publication of the Makin Review and the subsequent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury shone a spotlight on just how significant is the cultural and procedural change needed to ensure the institution fulfils its responsibilities to protect the most vulnerable.

At a local level, however, there is such good practice to commend. Indeed the PCC had already given significant time and attention to this vital area of ministry and governance, having devoted the whole of its June 2024 meeting to refreshing training and awareness for PCC members and reviewing our safeguarding policies and practice. All PCC members had the opportunity to scrutinise our approach and to ask any

questions to aid understanding. The session was filmed and transmitted to those unable to be at the meeting in person.

We have embraced the diocesan 'dashboard' system, which facilitates monitoring of progress against requirements; and safeguarding remains a standing item on the PCC's agenda. All PCC members have valid DBS certificates and we regularly review and refresh compliance with the Basic and Foundation level diocesan training as required. For those leading projects, leadership-level training has been completed where necessary under our Safer Recruitment guidelines.

We are hugely grateful to Gill Miles for the diligent way in which she undertakes the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.

We remain committed to developing a culture where worshippers, volunteers and visitors in our church are affirmed, equipped and protected from harm to the best of our ability - a reflection of the care God has for all his children.

We confirm that there have been no safeguarding incidents reported under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure during 2024.

In conclusion, we look forward to 2025, encouraged by all we have seen of God's faithfulness in the past and enthused by God's promise to continue to walk closely with us. With all God's people in this place, we stand committed, by God's grace, to continue to discern and serve his mission in this parish in the year to come.

Revd James Harris
Rector

Tony Miles
Churchwarden

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council
4th March 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd James Harris
Rector

Tony Miles
Churchwarden

4th March 2025

Portishead Deanery Report 2024

We met, as usual, four times in 2024; two of the meetings (June and November) were deanery-wide meetings, open to anyone to attend, while the March and September meetings were full Synods.
March – This Synod was held at the Church of the Ascension, Keedwell, and saw the approval of the 2023 Deanery accounts as well as a talk on "Caring for Creation & Net Zero, by Dan Wills, the Net Zero Enabler for the Diocese.
June – The venue for this Deanery-wide meeting was St Mary's, Walton. It was a very well-attended meeting and we heard a fascinating talk from Bishop Mike Hill on "A letter to the Church today", which gave much food for thought and was followed by an interesting Q&A session.
September – The September Synod took pace at St George's Church Hall, Easton, and was on the subject of Neurodiversity when the speakers were Mike Haslam, at the time the Diocese's Chaplaincy Adviser, and our own Lindsay Smith. This was a very useful talk with group work designed to make us think about those attending our churches with neurodiverse needs.
November – The venue for the November Deanery-wide meeting was St Peter's Portishead and saw a presentation by Sean Doherty, the Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, called "Money, Money, Money, is it a 'Rich Man's World?", which made us think hard about world economics.
We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) meetings and Synods. Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser, has also been very helpful. The DMPG has met every two months throughout 2024 while the Deanery Leadership Team has met every month.
We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year, especially to those churches which have been in vacancy.

Rob Norman (Lay Dean)
Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean)
Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean)

February 2025

Review of Financial Activities 2024 – Treasurer's Report

We continue to have much to give thanks for in 2024. We had a very generous response to our autumn 2023 Stewardship Appeal which resulted in total giving income being up 19% in 2024 to £119,000. We were again blessed with a significant legacy gift, without which we would not have been able to meet our ongoing expenditure from total income.

The disposal of Church House was agreed subject to contract in August 2024, and the disposal will be reflected in the accounts when the disposal is completed. The property has been revalued in the accounts for the first time at its anticipated disposal value of £340,000, and the accounts include professional and other Church House costs in 2024 totalling £23,000 (2023 £30,700).

The accounts show a deficit across all funds of £21,600 (2023 surplus £230,700) due primarily to the costs of disposal relating to Church House. The deficit is offset by the revaluation of Church House to give a net increase in funds of £319,000. The surplus in 2023 arose principally from total legacy income of £267,100.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the income and expenditure of the PCC excluding where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor. The PCC historically established three separate unrestricted funds, which are detailed below, and in 2024 a new Fund has been established to show separately the revaluation of Church House. While the total Unrestricted Funds at 31st December 2024 were £347,200 (2023 - £24,600) this includes the new Revaluation Fund of £340,000 leaving just £7,000 of other unrestricted reserves. The PCC has therefore been deferring payment of 40% (£31,200) of its Parish Share until the Church House disposal proceeds are received.

General Fund

Our General Fund voluntary income increased 18% from £102,900 to £121,600. Our regular giving income increased by 17% (2023 up 2%) to £92,900, and we received Lump Sum Gifts of £4,500 (2023 £1,000) and Gift Aid of £19,300 (2023 - £16,800).

Our other unrestricted church income was up from £10,100 to £14,200, with a full year of Keedwell Church lettings following the transfer of many activities from Church House. We received grants from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, North Somerset Council, for heating the Warm Cafe, and a grant from the Co-op for the Lunch Club.

The accounts provide for the full 2024 Parish Share of £79,200 (2023 £72,000) but, as noted above, £31,200 of this remained unpaid at 31st December 2024 while we await the disposal proceeds from Church House. While Parish Share is not a legal liability, the PCC intends to pay its Share once funds become available. The Diocese is introducing a new method of calculating Share, calculated by benefice rather than by Parish, and we expect Long Ashton's Parish Share to reduce before inflation by up to £10,000 over the next five years.

Our General Fund other costs rose to £67,800 (2023 £56,400) due to a combination of inflation, higher heating costs, long outstanding repairs to the Keedwell roof and increased activity. Church services and evangelism expenditure includes the cost of the new pew bibles paid for from a special collection in November.

Overall the deficit on the General Fund is £12,300 (2023 deficit £17,200). This has again been offset by legacy income received into the Legacy Fund. The balance on the General Fund is £5,800 (2023 - £12,200). This will be increased by approximately £60,000 following the disposal of Church House in order to reimburse the General Fund with the expenses of disposal.

Legacy Fund

We are grateful for an unrestricted legacy gift of £16,400 from the estate of Janet Turp (2023 Pam Horler £25,000) most of which has been used to offset the shortfall of income against expenditure on the General Fund.

Church House Fund

Church House was vacant throughout 2024. In 2024 this Fund therefore reflects the costs incurred during the year comprising professional fees relating to disposal and its running costs (£21,500 net of sundry proceeds from sale of contents etc.) There were no Hall lettings or rental income, which totalled £17,000 in 2023 prior to the vacation of the building.

Following a transfer of £10,000 to the Fund, it had a balance of £900 at 31st December 2024. This balance, less any further costs, will be transferred to the General Fund when the disposal is completed.

Revaluation Fund

This represents the PCC's valuation of Church House based on the offer received, subject to contract. On disposal, the proceeds will be unrestricted income. The PCC has agreed that the General Fund should be 'reimbursed' with the total costs prior to disposal (which by 31 December 2024 totalled £65,600) and that the Limmer legacy fund should be reimbursed with £14,600 of Keedwell Church repair costs incurred during 2024. This will therefore leave a balance of approximately £260,000 which the PCC intends to designate for the refurbishment of Keedwell Church.

Restricted Funds

Limmer Legacy Fund (Balance £241,400) We received a 'restricted' legacy of £242,130 during 2023 which is available for the upkeep and renewal of Church Fabric (excluding day to day running expenses). £17,000 has been expended during the year and £12,000 of interest has been earnt on the monies on deposit. As noted above, £14,600 of the expenditure will be reimbursed to this fund when the Church House disposal proceeds are received. The PCC intends to utilise this Fund for the upkeep and renewal of All Saints Church.

Future Facilities Fund The balance on the Fund has increased from £18,000 to £19,200 with investment income. It is anticipated that much of this fund will be used, in combination with the Limmer Legacy Fund, on improvements to All Saints Church.

Bells Fund. This fund is specifically for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church. The fund value stands at £1,300.

Graveyard Fund. This fund is for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard. The fund is mainly held as investments with CCLA. The fund valuation of £8,300 (2023 - £8,000) includes the value of the investments at £5,700 (2023 - £5,500).

Looking ahead

We entered 2025 facing an ongoing deficit of almost £20,000. We have had a very encouraging response to the Stewardship Appeal launched in January following which we anticipate increased giving of £15,000 (including Gift Aid). The remaining shortfall could largely be met from interest to be earnt on the sale proceeds of Church House.
However, at 4th March 2025, a contract had not been exchanged on the disposal of Church House and leaves the PCC responsible for the ongoing costs of owning the fully vacated building. Until such time as the sale is concluded we have had to hold back the outstanding £31,200 Parish Share contributions to the Diocese for 2024. We are also holding back an additional £2,000 per month in respect of 2025 as we fund the ongoing costs of retaining Church House. As noted above, Parish Share is not a legal liability but it remains the PCC's intention to paying its Share when funds permit.

We are most grateful to the Diocese for its understanding while we navigate these difficult times. The PCC is satisfied that the buffer created by the holding back of Parish Share will be sufficient to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to remain a 'going concern' in the year ahead.

Colin Havill, Treasurer 4th March 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
	INCOMING RESOURCES						
	Income and endowments from:						
(1)	Donations and legacies	137,907	240	138,147	127,889	242,147	370,036
(2)	Other trading activities	14,216	-	14,216	10,144	-	10,144
(3)	Investments	2,803	13,205	16,008	18,401	5,223	23,624
(4)	Church Fees	3,040	-	3,040	3,319	-	3,319
	Total Incoming Resources	**157,966**	**13,445**	**171,411**	**159,753**	**247,370**	**407,123**
	RESOURCES EXPENDED:						
(5)	Church activities	147,050	17,589	164,639	128,445	2,304	130,749
(7)	Costs of generating income	28,392	-	28,392	45,673	-	45,673
	Total Resources Expended	**175,442**	**17,589**	**193,031**	**174,118**	**2,304**	**176,422**
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)	(14,365)	245,066	230,701
	Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(17,476)	(4,144)	(21,620)	(14,365)	245,066	230,701
(8)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	340,000	489	340,489	1,161	461	1,622
	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**322,524**	**(3,655)**	**318,869**	**(13,204)**	**245,527**	**232,323**
	Reconciliation of funds:						
(9)	Total funds brought forward	24,634	275,903	300,537	37,838	30,376	68,214
	Total funds carried forward	**347,158**	**272,248**	**619,406**	**24,634**	**275,903**	**300,537**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2024	(8)		359,436		18,947
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		5,748		1,450	
Cash at Bank and in hand		19,549		21,443	
Cash on Deposit		282,389		271,428	
		307,686		294,321	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Charities control	(10)	1,143		350	
Church general creditors		46,573		12,381	
		47,716		12,731	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			259,970		281,590
NET ASSETS			**619,406**		**300,537**
Represented by:					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	(12)				
Legacy		395		42	
Church House		934		12,412	
Property revaluation fund		340,000		-	
General Fund		5,829		12,180	
			347,158		24,634
Restricted Funds	(13)				
Future facilities		19,208		17,945	
Limmer legacy		241,428		246,294	
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		1,303		1,656	
Churchyard		8,303		8,002	
			272,248		275,903
TOTAL FUNDS			**619,406**		**300,537**

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris 29th January 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Note		2024			2023		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
(1)	**Voluntary income**						
	Giving	92,853	240	93,093	79,303	-	79,303
	Lump sum gifts (excluding Gift Aid)	4,500	-	4,500	1,000	-	1,000
	Other non-recurring donations	424	-	424	380	-	380
	Other charitable giving/donations	1,582	-	1,582	1,970	-	1,970
		99,359	240	99,599	82,653	-	82,653
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	19,258	-	19,258	16,806	-	16,806
	Total giving (excluding legacies)	118,617	240	118,857	99,459	-	99,459
	Grants	2,937	-	2,937	3,430	-	3,430
	Legacies	16,353	-	16,353	25,000	242,147	267,147
		137,907	240	138,147	127,889	242,147	370,036
(2)	**Trading activities**						
	Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	4,378	-	4,378	3,975	-	3,975
	Keedwell - hall lettings	5,359	-	5,359	1,641	-	1,641
	Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,427	-	1,427	1,309	-	1,309
	Other activities	3,052	-	3,052	3,219	-	3,219
		14,216	-	14,216	10,144	-	10,144
(3)	**Investment income**						
	Deposit interest	1,307	12,728	14,035	952	5,086	6,038
	Investment income		477	477	367	137	504
	Church House - tenancies		-	-	11,005	-	11,005
	Church House - hall lettings and other income	1,496	-	1,496	6,077	-	6,077
		2,803	13,205	16,008	18,401	5,223	23,624
(4)	**Fees**						
	Statutory PCC Fees	2,389	-	2,389	2,629	-	2,629
	Heating of the Church and other fees	651		651	690		690
		3,040	-	3,040	3,319	-	3,319
	RESOURCES EXPENDED						
(5)	**Church activities**						
	Diocesan Parish share	79,200	-	79,200	72,000	-	72,000
	Clergy expenses	1,430	-	1,430	1,316	-	1,316
	PCC staff salary and cleaning costs Note 6	25,197	-	25,197	22,247	-	22,247
	Church office costs	3,778	-	3,778	2,640	-	2,640
	Utilities and insurance						
	All Saints	11,521	-	11,521	10,159	-	10,159
	Keedwell	3,679	-	3,679	2,950	-	2,950
	Maintenance						
	All Saints	5,477	2,937	8,414	6,351	2,345	8,696
	Keedwell	9,258	14,652	23,910	5,071	-	5,071
	Church Services and evangelism	5,878		5,878	3,692	- 41	3,651
	Charitable giving	1,632	-	1,632	2,019	-	2,019
		67,850	17,589	85,439	56,445	2,304	58,749
		147,050	17,589	164,639	128,445	2,304	130,749

(6) The PCC employs an administrator who is part time. In addtion the PCC pays for cleaning services, an organist and a choir leader. No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2024 or 2023. Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £595 in 2024 (£541 in 2023).

Note		2024			2023		
	INCOMING RESOURCES	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals
Note			2024			2023	
(7)	**Costs of generating income**						
	Church House:						
	Utilities, business rates and insurance	12,302	-	12,302	5,911	-	5,911
	Repairs and maintenance	1,375	-	1,375	1,088	-	1,088
	Professional fees	9,297	-	9,297	30,718	-	30,718
	Caretaker and cleaning costs		-	-	1,500	-	1,500
		22,974	-	22,974	39,217	-	39,217
	Sundry costs	1,660	-	1,660	1,880	-	1,880
	Parish magazine - printing	3,758	-	3,758	4,576	-	4,576
		28,392	-	28,392	45,673	-	45,673

Note		2021			2020		
		£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Totals

			2024	2023	
(8)	**Gains/(losses) on investment assets**	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
	Restricted - Churchyard				
	222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	5,147	5,018	129
	347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	517	502	15
		1,878	5,664	5,520	144
	Restricted - Future facilities				
	2023 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	13,772	13,427	345
	Unrestricted - General				
	2022 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	-			
		2,338	19,436	18,947	489
	Church House (investment property)	see note	340,000	-	340,000
			359,436	18,947	340,489

During 2024, the PCC received an offer, subject to contract for the disposal of Church House which has been used at the basis for the property's valuation. The PCC was previously unable to attribute a value to the property.

		2024	2023
(10)	**CHARITIES - control account**	£	£
	Creditor balance at 1st January	350	928
	Receipts:-		
	Donations (Note 11)	1,582	2,020
	Payments:-		
	Charities	(789)	(2,598)
	Creditor balance at 31st December	**1,143**	**350**

(11) **Charities - Donations raised and received**

	2024	2023
	£	£
St Pauls School, Ndola, Zambia	-	402
The Heart Institute	-	215
Sisters of the Church	289	489
Royal British Legion	150	160
Disasters Emergency Committee Middle East	1,143	-
Disasters Emergency Committee Syria/Turkey	-	430
Other (under £150)		324
	1,582	**2,020**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Incoming Resources:-	General 2024	*General 2023*	Church House 2024	*Church House 2023*	Revaluation Reserve 2024	Legacy Fund 2024	*Legacy Fund 2023*	Total 2024	*Total 2023*
Donations and legacies	121,554	*102,889*				16,353	25,000	137,907	*127,889*
Other trading activities	14,216	*10,144*				-	-	14,216	*10,144*
Investments - letting	-	-		*17,082*		-	-	-	*17,082*
Investments - other income	1,307	*1,319*	1,496			-	-	2,803	*1,319*
Church Fees	3,040	*3,319*	-	-		-	-	3,040	*3,319*
Total Incoming Resources	140,117	*117,671*	1,496	*17,082*		16,353	25,000	157,966	*159,753*
Resources expended:-									
Church activities	(147,050)	*(128,445)*						(147,050)	*(128,445)*
Costs re voluntary income	(5,418)	*(6,456)*	(22,974)	*(39,217)*		-	-	(28,392)	*(45,673)*
Other - Building costs			-	-		-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	(152,468)	*(134,901)*	(22,974)	*(39,217)*		-	-	(175,442)	*(174,118)*
Net incoming/(outgoing)	(12,351)	*(17,230)*	(21,478)	*(22,135)*		16,353	25,000	(17,476)	*(14,365)*
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	*1,161*		-	340,000		-	340,000	*1,161*
Fund transfers	6,000	*18,000*	10,000	*30,000*		(16,000)	(48,000)	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(6,351)	*1,931*	(11,478)	*7,865*	340,000	353	(23,000)	322,524	*(13,204)*
Fund balance at 01/01/2024	12,180	*10,249*	12,412	*4,547*		42	*23,042*	24,634	*37,838*
Fund balance at 31/12/2024	5,829	*12,180*	934	*12,412*	340,000	395	42	347,158	*24,634*
Represented by:									
Investments at market value	-	-	-	-	340,000	-	-	340,000	-
Debtors and prepayments	5,748	*1,450*		-	-	-	-	5,748	*1,450*
Cash at Bank and on deposit	40,097	*19,761*	8,634	*16,112*	-	395	42	49,126	*35,915*
Creditors	(40,016)	*(9,031)*	(7,700)	*(3,700)*	-	-	-	(47,716)	*(12,731)*
Fund Value	5,829	*12,180*	934	*12,412*	340,000	395	*42*	347,158	*24,634*
Fund Value excluding Investments	5,829	*12,180*	934	*12,412*	-	395	*42*	7,158	*24,634*

Note

(13) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Future facilities Fund**	Limmer legacy	Bells	Churchyard	Lighting	Total 2024	*Total 2023*
Donations,grants and legacies	-		240			240	*242,147*
Activities for generating funds	-					-	
Investment income	**918**	12,090	40	157		13,205	*5,223*
Total Incoming Resources	**918**	**12,090**	**280**	**157**	**-**	**13,445**	**247,370**
Resources expended:-							
Church activities		16,956	633			17,589	*(2,304)*
Total Resources Expended	**-**	**16,956**	**633**	**-**	**-**	**17,589**	**(2,304)**
Net incoming/(outgoing)	918	(4,866)	(353)	157	-	(4,144)	245,066
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	**345**			144		489	*461*
Fund transfers	-			-		-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**1,263**	**(4,866)**	**(353)**	**301**	**-**	**(3,655)**	**245,527**
Fund balance at 01/01/2024	17,945	246,294	1,656	8,002	2,006	275,903	*30,376*
Fund balance at 31/12/2024	**19,208**	**241,428**	**1,303**	**8,303**	**2,006**	**272,248**	***275,903***

** **The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279**

Represented by:							
Investments at market value	13,772		-	5,664	-	19,436	*18,947*
Debtors and prepayments	-		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	5,436	241,428	1,303	2,639	2,006	252,812	*256,956*
Fund Value	**19,208**	**241,428**	**1,303**	**8,303**	**2,006**	**272,248**	***275,903***
Fund Value excluding Investments	**5,436**	**241,428**	**1,303**	**2,639**	**2,006**	**252,812**	***256,956***

	2024	2023	2022
Total restricted and unrestricted	**619,406**	*300,537*	*68,214*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of . Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.
The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2024.
The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds
The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
The unrestricted revaluation fund is in respect of the market value of Church House.
Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources
All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.
Income from gifts
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.
Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.
Gift aid is accrued on donations received.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for based on the net receipts to the PCC. Accrual is made for outstanding expenditure

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for in the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended
Activities directly related to the work of the Church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs
All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note 5.

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

Governance
These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements. Professional fees in respect of the disposal of Church House are disclosed separately.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC
Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.
Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid, fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions
The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.
Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the financial statements for 2024.

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

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011);
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts offer a 'true and fair view' and my opinion is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Mark Packham
3 Ridgeway Road
Long Ashton
BS41 9EX
Independent Examiner

Mark Packham 11 March 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

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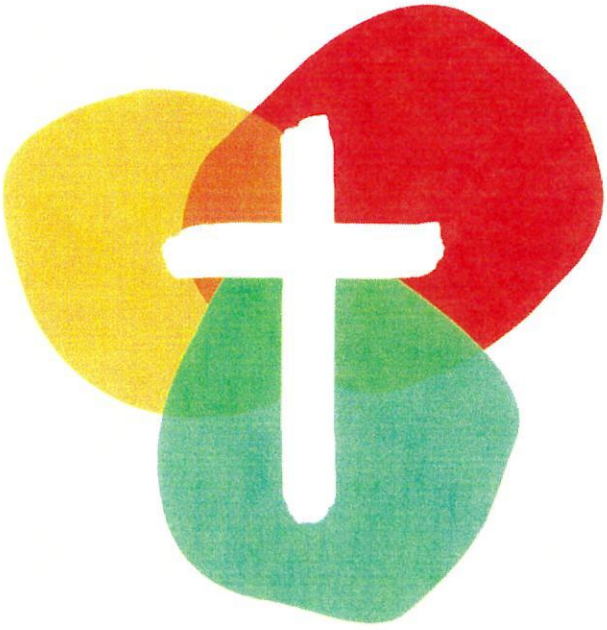


2023 Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2023

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton

This is the annual report and accounts of the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Long Ashton, for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Ecclesiastical Parish:	Long Ashton - Charity Commission Number 1163733
Church Dedications:	(1) All Saints (2) Church of the Ascension (Keedwell Church)
Locations:	(1) Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU (2) Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DR
Rector:	The Reverend James Harris
Correspondence Address:	Church Office, Keedwell Church, 10 Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DR
Members of the Parochial Church Council:	The Revd James Harris (Chair) The Revd Dr David Mumford, (Non-Stipendiary Minister) The Revd Joanna Moule, (Curate) From June 2023 Janet Turp (Deanery Synod Representative, & Reader) -Deceased 28/1/24 Tony Miles (Church Warden) Colin Havill (Treasurer) John Britton (Fabric) Gill Miles (Safeguarding and Health & Safety) Nini Anamah Annie Hodgetts Val Bond Cliff Bond Michael Crabtree Sheila Crabtree Elizabeth Karsch Andrea Muxworthy
PCC Secretary:	Carolyn Conolly
Bankers:	(1) National Westminster Bank: Portishead; Bristol (2) Santander UK Plc, Bootle (3) CCLA Investment Management Limited, London, EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner:	Lynette Morgan, 2 Woodhill Avenue, Portishead, BS20 7EX
Church Surveyor:	George Chedburn, Chedburn Dudley, Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Rd, Bath, BA1 7DE.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission

The PCC is represented on two independent trusts, both of which are registered with the Charity Commission:

The Long Ashton Churchyard and Memorial Trust: The Rector *(ex officio)*

The Long Ashton Parochial Charity, whose main responsibility is care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens *ex officio.*

The Rector is an ex *officio* Foundation Governor of Northleaze C of E Primary School. The PCC also provides two Foundation Governors. These posts are currently held by Caroline Gimber until April 2023 and Nini Anamah. Gill Miles, a PCC member, also sits on the Governing Body as a Community Governor. In September 2023 transferred to a Foundation Governor.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. Full meetings are normally monthly with the exception of April, August and December, with additional meetings as necessary.

Committees and associated administrations

Ministry Team – benefice-wide group consisting of all licensed Ministers, Ordinands and Churchwardens – has responsibility for co-ordinating the worship and teaching ministry of the parish and makes recommendations to the PCCs.

Standing Committee, consisted of Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer & Janet Turp. It meets monthly and deals with business between full meetings of the PCC. Rev Joanna Moule and Valerie Bond were appointed to the Standing Committee in February 2024.The work is to provide oversight and management of the parish.

Health & Safety Committee. The H&S committee consists of Gill Miles, Churchwardens and John Britton – meets to review policy and procedures.

Safeguarding Person. The Rector and Gill Miles serve on the interviewing panel set up for the purpose of fulfilling our obligations under the Children's Act.

Social Committee: responsible for the organization of social and fundraising events, including the monthly Lunch Club.

Church Membership

There were 118 electoral roll members on 7th March 2024 (2023: 120).

Report on the proceedings of the Parish in 2023

'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' (John 12:24)

Whilst it is probably true in every year, it seems to have been a particularly dominant theme during 2023 that we have been called as a church to lay down and say goodbye to certain people and certain ways of doing things, and to embrace the new life and opportunities which God provides in their stead. It is no accident that Jesus so often uses the symbolism of the natural world, and plant life in particular, to illustrate this truth and to convey a vision of God's Kingdom of flourishing and abundance for all. As a benefice, we have continued during 2023 to work towards our vision of 'Growing FIT for Christ's Kingdom' - that is, growing in faith and influence together - so that we are more open to the possibility of, and ready to nurture, the green shoots of the Kingdom when we observe them.

You can read more fully of the examples we have observed of this growth in the *Celebrating Life and Faith* document which complements this report, including:

- A weekend summer camp for our Emerge youth group
- Investment in 'family friendly' worship and establishment of a church band
- Special services to celebrate the King's Coronation and the musical gifts and talents in our community
- Continued development of our Warm Welcome Cafe and Lunch Club outreach
- Launch of a new visual identity and website for the whole benefice

Worship

The weekly and monthly pattern of worship across the benefice in 2023 has continued to offer a variety of expressions to meet the needs of existing and new worshippers of all ages and stages of faith.

A consultation with young families at the beginning of the summer identified a number of ways in which we could adapt our worship to make it accessible and engaging for them. We recognise that this is an under-represented group within our wider congregation and want to ensure there is a genuine place for them in our community of faith. The Ministry Team used this and other feedback to develop an 'ethos' for all of our worship, regardless of the 'style' or expression, focused around four priorities of community, encounter, creativity and joy. We are gradually seeing the fruits of putting these principles into practice and noting in particular the growth in numbers and engagement at those services where there is intentional space for discussion, exploration and fellowship.

The establishment of a church band has broadened the variety of music we are able to offer, particularly at the monthly family service, whilst the choir has continued to grow in numbers and confidence through the year, supporting our worship week by week as well as performing at wider community events.

We have enjoyed getting together with friends from Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton for benefice-wide worship on a monthly basis, as well as for special occasions such as an outdoor celebration of Rogation, the annual memorial service and for marking the events of Holy Week.

The compilation of our 2023 Statistics for Mission confirmed the prominent role that pastoral ministry plays in serving our community, particularly funerals, of which we conducted 21 during the year, either at church or at a crematorium. In common with reported trends across the country, worshipping numbers at the Easter and Christmas festivals showed a significant increase in 2023. It continues to be a joy and

privilege, as the parish church, to provide a sacred space for the marking of life events and community celebrations in this way.

Ministry

It became increasingly clear in the second half of 2023 that Janet Turp would not be in a position to return to active ministry as a Lay Reader in the benefice due to the progression of her terminal illness and indeed, at the time of writing, we have recently held her funeral and memorial service. The PCC records here its gratitude for Janet's faithful and generous ministry to church and community over many years and offers its prayers for her family in their grief.

In July, we were delighted to celebrate the Ordination of Joanna Moule as Deacon and to welcome her formally as a self-supporting Curate in the benefice. Together with Revd John Andrews, who was commissioned as an Associate Minister at the 2023 APCM, we are grateful to God for the variety of gifts we are able to call upon, both lay and ordained, to resource the ministry in our parishes.

The PCC bade farewell with grateful thanks to Francesca Elloway and Ian Skerratt who stood down as members during 2023 but were delighted to welcome Andrea Muxworthy and Beth Karsch, both of whom bring commitment, vision and expertise to our decision-making.

Fiona Cunningham also stood down as Churchwarden, having completed her term, and Tony Miles has served diligently and faithfully in the role throughout the year. We continue prayerfully to re-imagine the role of Churchwarden, and the organisation of responsibilities inherent in it, in order to make it a role others may feel able to take on.

Mission and outreach

Our partnership with Northleaze Church of England Academy continues to develop and flourish, both through involvement in the day-to-day teaching and worship at the school and through the commitment of the Governing Body, for which the church provides three Foundation Governors, who monitor and support its distinctively Christian ethos.

We were delighted to welcome the Northleaze community to worship at All Saints at various points during the year and especially for our inaugural Celebration of Music in October, where the school Choir stole the show.

A new logo and website for the benefice was launched in the Autumn, which conveys our identity as a community of those who are 'growing FIT (in faith and influence together) and focuses on 'outward looking' content of interest to those in the communities we serve. The site is dynamic, visual and easy to keep up-to-date with information about services and events.

A new Pastoral Support group was established towards the end of the year with a remit to coordinate visiting and befriending services for church members or others following referral from the Ministry Team. A monthly service of hymns and occasional Communion at Lampton House has now been resurrected following the Covid years and our Warm Welcome cafe and Lunch Club continue to provide a vital meeting point and source of friendship, care and support on a regular basis. The Cafe at Keedwell is developing a reputation as an advice hub, with regular visits from local organisations; and Lunch Club celebrated its Christmas gathering for the first time in its new home at the Community Centre, with the generous co-operation and support of the Long Ashton Community Association.

Finance and resources

From a financial perspective, the 2023 accounts represent another challenging year but one in which, by God's grace, expressed particularly in the form of generous legacies, we demonstrate a significant surplus across all funds, albeit much of it is restricted for certain purposes. Regular planned giving for day-to-day operations remained static in 2023 but a stewardship campaign during October resulted in an uplift in giving which will have an effect in 2024. We continue to pray for the breakthrough in generous giving which will enable us truly to invest in fundamental strategic priorities rather than maintain the status quo. See the Treasurer's report and financial statements for the detailed picture of our finances.

The PCC continued to progress its Buildings for Mission objectives during the course of the year, with particular focus on the future of Church House. In July, we announced that we were actively seeking a new future for Church House, which would release the PCC from its responsibility for the building (both financial and managerial) and enable us to focus resources at Keedwell Church and All Saints, both of which we believe hold great potential for our mission and ministry in line with our vision. All users and tenants of Church House had been able to relocate to new premises by the end of the calendar year, a number of them transferring to Keedwell. A new office space was created at Keedwell during December so that the Church Office would be ready to transfer in January. With vacant possession of Church House achieved in this way, the PCC is now able to enter into formal discussions with agents and interested parties who may have the vision and funding to take on the next chapter of the building's life.

As trustees of the parish's resources and mission, the PCC will continue to pursue this work with prayerfulness and diligence as we seek God's purposes for the future.

Fabric

On a day-to-day basis, a number of fabric improvement, repair and maintenance projects have been undertaken at All Saints during the year, including:

- installation of cycle stands in the churchyard
- replacement of the gable cross at the east end of the chancel
- repairs to the drainage moat wall
- cleaning of the solar panels to increase efficiency
- fault-finding and optimisation of the air-sourced heat pump to enable continuous operation of the heating system through the winter

We are grateful to members and leaders of the Long Ashton Scout Group - both Scouts and Beavers - who have given of their time on several evenings during the year to come and undertake maintenance and cleaning tasks in the church and churchyard.

At Keedwell Church, planned work during 2023 to repair the guttering and rainwater goods was delayed due to supplier issues but is ongoing at the time of writing in early 2024. The creation of the new Church Office brought the additional benefit of a permanent internet connection in the building and a much-needed rationalisation of contents and reorganisation of storage space. Outside, a new picnic bench was installed thanks to a grant for the Warm Welcome cafe, and a new partnership was established with the Long Ashton Nature Conservation and Environment Trust (Lance Trust) to take on responsibility for the community garden space to the rear.

The work to plan for the investment of the Jean Limmer legacy at All Saints got underway during 2023, with a small group meeting twice to identify vision and priorities which could be shared with the wider PCC.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC's agenda and all members have valid DBS certificates and have completed the Basic and Foundation level diocesan training as required. For those leading projects, leadership-level training has been completed where necessary under our Safer Recruitment guidelines.

We remain committed to developing a culture where both volunteers and service-users in our church are affirmed, equipped and protected from harm to the best of our ability - a reflection of the care God has for all his children.

We confirm that there have been no safeguarding incidents reported under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure during 2023.

In conclusion, we look forward to 2024, encouraged by all we have seen of God's faithfulness in the past and enthused by God's promise to continue to walk closely with us. With all God's people in this place, we stand committed, by God's grace, to continue to discern and serve his mission in this parish in the year to come.

Christ yesterday and today,
The beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega:
All time belongs to him and all ages.
To Him be glory and power
Through every age and forever.
Amen.

Revd James Harris	Tony Miles
Rector	Churchwarden

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council
March 2024

Portishead Deanery Report 2024

We met, as usual, four times in 2023; two of the meetings (June and November) were deanery-wide meetings, open to anyone to attend, while the February and September meetings were full Synods.
There were 2 additional meetings in 2023. One, in April, was a full Synod meeting where the only agenda item was the presentation of the Deanery Stipendiary Deployment Plan, which had been worked on by the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group (DMPG) since May 2022. This showed how Portishead Deanery could lose 2 posts, from a total of 15 down to 13, and the final deployment plan was approved at that Synod meeting by a majority vote.
The other meeting, in November, was one arranged by Bishop Michael to which clergy, DMPG, readers and churchwardens were invited, and was intended to introduce the Deanery to the Bishop and encourage attendees by giving examples of mission initiatives within the Deanery.

February – This Synod was held at Christchurch Clevedon and saw the approval of the 2022 Deanery accounts as well as group work on the Deanery Plan with a "Your Church & Mission" exercise.
June – The venue for this Deanery-wide meeting was St Peter's Portishead, and the subject was Chaplaincy, Mission and the local Church. The meeting had a presentation from Mike Haslam, the Diocese's Chaplaincy Advisor, and also heard from a panel of local Chaplains.
September – The September Synod took pace at St George's Church Hall, Easton, and saw the re-election of the Lay Dean, the election of a new DMPG, and the re-appointment of the Deanery Treasurer as well as the final approval and adoption of the Portishead Deanery Plan 2023-26. Bishop Michael was also present for this Synod and gave a presentation entitled "A year of being the Bishop of Bath & Wells", which was much appreciated by all those present.
November – The venue for the November Deanery-wide meeting was St Andrew's Church Hall, Clevedon and saw a presentation by Tony Cook, Head of Growing Faith & Everyday Faith, Bath and Wells Diocese, on Growing Faith and Everyday Faith. This deanery-wide meeting was very well attended and Tony agreed to come to individual churches in response to invitations to talk more about either one of these subjects.
We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most DMPG meetings and Synods. Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser, has also been very helpful.
We want to express our gratitude to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year, especially to those churches which have been in vacancy.

Rob Norman (Lay Dean)
Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (Co-Area Dean)
Rob Eastwood Dewing (Co-Area Dean)

Review of Financial Activities – Treasurer's Report 2023
We have much to thank God for in 2023. The accounts show a surplus across all funds of £230,700 (2022 £16,000) due primarily to the £267,100 of legacies received during the year. Without these there would have been a significant deficit. Our regular giving remained at the same level as in 2022 and we give thanks for the encouraging response to the Autumn 2023 Stewardship Appeal, the benefits of which will be seen in 2024. During the year we incurred costs of £30,700 as we prepared Church House for disposal.
Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds represent all the income and expenditure of the PCC except where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor. The PCC established three separate unrestricted funds, which are detailed below. Although unrestricted reserves have been split in three, the PCC retains full discretion over their future use. The total Unrestricted Funds at 31st December 2023 were £24,600 (2022 £37,800).
General Fund
Our regular giving income increased by 2% to £79,300 but, together with Lump Sum Gifts of £1,000 and Gift Aid of £16,800, our total income fell to £97,100 (2022 - £104,200). The reduction of 7% is primarily due to fewer lump sum gifts during the year.
We received grants from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, the local authority for heating the Warm Cafe which together totalled £3,400 (2022 - £3,700). Our other unrestricted church income was down from £11,400 to £10,100 as it included an insurance claim in 2022.
The accounts include the 2023 Parish Share of £72,000 (2022 £69,800). The £69,800 was reduced by the release of an accrual of £6,400 in respect of the 2021 Share.
Our other costs rose with inflation and the costs of the office move to Keedwell to £56,400 (2022 £52,600). Last year's expenditure included one-off repairs to the piano and the Jubilee lunch which were offset by an insurance claim and grant respectively.
Overall, the deficit on the General Fund before the investment gain is £17,200 (2022 £2,800 surplus). This has been offset by making a £18,000 transfer from the Legacy Fund.

Church House Fund

Hall letting and rental income reduced to £17,000 (2022 - £25,200) following the vacation of the building. Routine running costs of £8,500 were much reduced as we minimised the spend on maintenance. As noted above, we incurred costs of £30,700 as we obtained vacant possession and prepared the building for disposal.

The accounts do not include an accrual for any future 'catch up' repair works. The Church House Fund balance is £12,400 following the transfer in of £30,000 from the Legacy Fund to provide for future costs prior to disposal.

Legacy Fund

We are grateful for an unrestricted legacy of £25,000 received during the year which brought the total of accumulated legacies up to £48,000. The PCC has discretion over how these monies are spent and has transferred £18,000 to the General Fund and £30,000 to the Church House Fund leaving no balance in the Legacy Fund at 31st December 2023.

Restricted Funds

We received a 'restricted' legacy of £242,130 during the year which is available for expenditure on Church Fabric. Interest of £4,500 has been earnt on the monies on deposit.

Future Facilities Fund. We received a grant of £6,900 for external repairs at All Saints Church in 2022 of which £4,500 was spent last year. The remaining stonework repairs were undertaken in 2023. The balance on the Fund is £18,000.

Bells Fund. This fund is specifically for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church. The fund value remains £1,600.

Graveyard Fund. This fund is for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard. The fund is mainly held as investments with CCLA. The interest and dividends are accumulated in church bank accounts. Income was £137 in the year. The fund valuation of £8,000 (2022 - £7,400) includes the value of the investments at £5,500 (2022 - £5,100).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the

charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd James Harris	Tony Miles
Rector	Churchwarden

5 April 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	INCOMING RESOURCES				
	Income and endowments from:				
(1)	Donations and legacies	127,889	242,147	370,036	129,513
(2)	Other trading activities	10,144	-	10,144	11,435
(3)	Investments	18,401	5,223	23,624	26,174
(4)	Church Fees	3,319	-	3,319	3,019
	Total Incoming Resources	**159,753**	**247,370**	**407,123**	**170,141**
	RESOURCES EXPENDED:				
(5)	Church activities	128,425	2,304	130,729	121,107
(7)	Costs of generating income	45,673	-	45,673	33,009
	Total Resources Expended	**174,098**	**2,304**	**176,402**	**154,116**
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	(14,345)	245,066	230,721	16,025
	Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
		(14,345)	245,066	230,721	16,025
(8)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,161	461	1,622	(2,310)
	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**(13,184)**	**245,527**	**232,343**	**13,715**
	Reconciliation of funds:				
(9)	Total funds brought forward	37,838	30,376	68,214	54,499
	Total funds carried forward	**24,654**	**275,903**	**300,557**	**68,214**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2021	(8)		18,947		17,325
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		1,450		3,810	
Cash at Bank and in hand		21,443		41,224	
Cash on Deposit		271,428		26,872	
		294,321		71,906	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Charities control	(12)	350		928	
Church general creditors		12,381		20,089	
		12,731		21,017	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			281,590		50,889
NET ASSETS			**300,537**		**68,214**
Represented by:					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	(13)				
Legacy		42		23,042	
Church House		12,412		4,547	
General Fund		12,180		10,249	
			24,634		37,838
Restricted Funds					
Future facilities		17,945		19,351	
Limmer legacy		246,294			
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		1,656		1,615	
Churchyard		8,002		7,404	
			275,903		30,376
TOTAL FUNDS			**300,537**		**68,214**

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris

13 February 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Note		2023			2022
		£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals
(1)	**Voluntary income**				
	Giving	79,303	-	79,303	77,620
	Lump sum gifts (excluding Gift Aid)	1,000	-	1,000	8,525
	Other non-recurring donations	380	-	380	1,714
	Other charitable giving/donations	1,970	-	1,970	1,898
		82,653	-	82,653	89,757
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	16,806	-	16,806	18,126
	Grants	3,430	-	3,430	10,630
	Legacies	25,000	242,147	267,147	11,000
		127,889	242,147	370,036	129,513
(2)	**Trading activities**				
	Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	3,975	-	3,975	4,307
	Keedwell - hall lettings	1,641	-	1,641	545
	Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,309	-	1,309	1,223
	Insurance claim receivable	-	-	-	3,015
	Other activities	3,219	-	3,219	2,345
		10,144	-	10,144	11,435
(3)	**Investment income**				
	Deposit interest	531	5,086	5,617	385
	Investment income	788	137	925	501
	Church House - tenancies	11,005	-	11,005	12,240
	Church House - hall lettings	6,077	-	6,077	13,048
		18,401	5,223	23,624	26,174
(4)	**Fees**				
	Statutory PCC Fees	2,629	-	2,629	2,869
	Heating of the Church and other fees	690		690	150
		3,319	-	3,319	3,019
	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
(5)	**Church activities**				
	Diocesan Parish share	72,000	-	72,000	69,800
	Adjustment to 2021 Parish Share (see below)		-	-	- 6,360
		72,000	-	72,000	63,440
	Clergy expenses	1,316	-	1,316	935
	PCC staff salary and cleaning costs Note 6	22,247	-	22,247	19,828
	Church office costs	2,640	-	2,640	4,971
	Utilities and insurance				
	All Saints	10,159	-	10,159	7,435
	Keedwell	2,950	-	2,950	1,688
	Maintenance				
	All Saints	6,351	2,345	8,696	12,002
	Keedwell	5,071	-	5,071	3,010
	Livestreaming equipment	-	-	-	-
	Church Services and evangelism	3,672	- 41	3,631	4,421
	Jubilee lunch		-	-	1,429
	Charitable giving	2,019	-	2,019	1,948
		128,425	2,304	130,729	121,107

The 2022 Parish Share payments were reduced by £6,360 following a late adjustment to the 2021 Parish Share.

(6) The PCC employs an administrator who is part time. In addtion the PCC pays for cleaning services, an organist and a choir leader. No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2022 or 2021. Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £541 in 2023 (£489 in 2022).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Note		2023			2022
		£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals
(7)	**Costs of generating income**				
	Church House:				
	Utilities and insurance	5,911	-	5,911	5,829
	Repairs and maintenance	1,088	-	1,088	9,173
	Professional fees	30,718	-	30,718	9,880
	Caretaker and cleaning costs	1,500	-	1,500	2,100
		39,217	-	39,217	26,982
	Sundry costs	1,880	-	1,880	1,238
	Parish magazine - printing	4,576	-	4,576	4,789
		45,673	-	45,673	33,009

(8) **Gains/(losses) on investment assets**		2023	2022	
	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
Restricted - Churchyard				
222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	5,018	4,584	434
347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	502	475	27
	1,878	5,520	5,059	461
Restricted - Future facilities				
2023 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	13,427	-	-
Unrestricted - General				
2022 - 594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	-		12,266	1,161
	2,338	18,947	17,325	1,622

Note 1: The basis for the valuation of Church House has not been established. Its insured value in 2023 was £1.5 million

Note 2: The investments held by the General Fund were transferred to the Future Facilities Fund on 31st December 2023

BALANCE SHEET

(10) **CHARITIES - control account**	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditor balance at 1st January	928	100
Receipts:-		
Donations (Note 11)	2,020	1,898
Payments:-		
Charities	(2,598)	(1,070)
Creditor balance at 31st December	**350**	**928**

(11) **Charities - Donations raised and received**	2023	2022
	£	£
St Pauls School, Ndola, Zambia	402	-
The Heart Institute	215	-
Sisters of the Church	489	749
Christian Aid Pakistan	-	355
Royal British Legion	160	274
Disasters Emergency Committee Pakistan	-	236
Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine	-	187
Disasters Emergency Committee Syria/Turkey	430	-
Other (under £150)	324	97
	2,020	**1,898**

Note

(13) FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Incoming Resources:-	General 2023	*General 2022*	Church House 2023	*Church House 2022*	Legacy Fund 2023	*Legacy Fund 2022*	Total 2023	*Total 2022*
Donations and legacies	102,889	*109,919*		1,000	25,000	11,000	127,889	*121,919*
Other trading activities	10,144	*11,435*	-		-	-	10,144	*11,435*
Investments - letting	-	-	17,082	*25,288*	-	-	17,082	*25,288*
Investments - other income	1,319	*484*	-		-	-	1,319	*484*
Church Fees	3,319	*3,019*	-	-	-	-	3,319	*3,019*
Total Incoming Resources	117,671	*124,857*	17,082	*26,288*	25,000	11,000	159,753	*162,145*
Resources expended:-								
Church activities	(128,425)	*(115,994)*					(128,425)	*(115,994)*
Costs re voluntary income	(6,456)	*(6,027)*	(39,217)	*(26,982)*	-	-	(45,673)	*(33,009)*
Other - Building costs			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	(134,881)	*(122,021)*	(39,217)	*(26,982)*	-	-	(174,098)	*(149,003)*
Net incoming/(outgoing)	(17,210)	*2,836*	(22,135)	*(694)*	25,000	11,000	(14,345)	*13,142*
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,161	*(1,628)*		-		-	1,161	*(1,628)*
Fund transfers	18,000		30,000		(48,000)		-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	1,951	*1,208*	7,865	*(694)*	(23,000)	11,000	(13,184)	*11,514*
Fund balance at 01/01/2023	10,249	*9,041*	4,547	*5,241*	23,042	*12,042*	37,838	*26,324*
Fund balance at 31/12/2023	12,200	*10,249*	12,412	*4,547*	42	23,042	24,654	*37,838*
Represented by:								
Investments at market value	-	*12,266*	-	-	-	-	-	*12,266*
Debtors and prepayments	1,450	*1,310*		*2,500*	-	-	1,450	*3,810*
Cash at Bank and on deposit	19,761	*9,490*	16,112	*10,247*	42	23,042	35,915	*42,779*
Loans			-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	(9,031)	*(12,817)*	(3,700)	*(8,200)*	-	-	(12,731)	*(21,017)*
Fund Value	12,180	*10,249*	12,412	*4,547*	42	*23,042*	24,634	*37,838*
Fund Value excluding Investments	12,180	*(2,017)*	12,412	*4,547*	42	*23,042*	24,634	*25,572*

Note

(14) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Future facilities Fund**	Limmer legacy	Bells	Churchyard	Lighting	Total 2023	*Total 2022*
Donations,grants and legacies	-	242,147	-			242,147	*7,594*
Activities for generating funds	-					-	
Investment income	939	4,147		137		5,223	*402*
Total Incoming Resources	**939**	**246,294**	**-**	**137**	**-**	**247,370**	**7,996**
Resources expended:-							
Church activities	(2,345)		41			(2,304)	*(5,113)*
Total Resources Expended	**(2,345)**	**-**	**41**	**-**	**-**	**(2,304)**	**(5,113)**
Net incoming/(outgoing)	(1,406)	246,294	41	137		245,066	2,883
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-			461		461	*(682)*
Fund transfers	-			-		-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**(1,406)**	**246,294**	**41**	**598**	**-**	**245,527**	**2,201**
Fund balance at 01/01/2023	19,351		1,615	7,404	2,006	30,376	*28,175*
Fund balance at 31/12/2023	**17,945**	**246,294**	**1,656**	**8,002**	**2,006**	**275,903**	*30,376*

**** The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279**

Represented by:

Investments at market value	13,427		-	5,520	-	18,947	*5,059*
Debtors and prepayments	-		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	4,518	246,294	1,656	2,482	2,006	256,956	*25,317*
Loans			-	-	-	-	
	17,945	246,294	1,656	8,002	2,006	275,903	*30,376*
Fund Value	**17,945**	**246,294**	**1,656**	**8,002**	**2,006**	**275,903**	**30,376**
Fund Value excluding Investments	**4,518**	**246,294**	**1,656**	**2,482**	**2,006**	**256,956**	**25,317**

	2023	2022	2021
Total restricted and unrestricted	**300,557**	*68,214*	*54,499*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of . Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.
The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2023.
The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds
The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources
All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.
Income from gifts
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.
Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.
Gift aid is accrued on donations according to the year to which the giving relates.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended
Activities directly related to the work of the Church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs
All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note 5.

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

Governance
These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and are depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC
Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.
Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid,fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions
The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.
Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiners Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the financial statements for 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011).
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiners Statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

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.

Mrs Lynette Morgan FCCA CTA
2 Woodhill Avenue
Portishead
BS20 7EX
Independent Examiner

Signiture. L A Morgan .

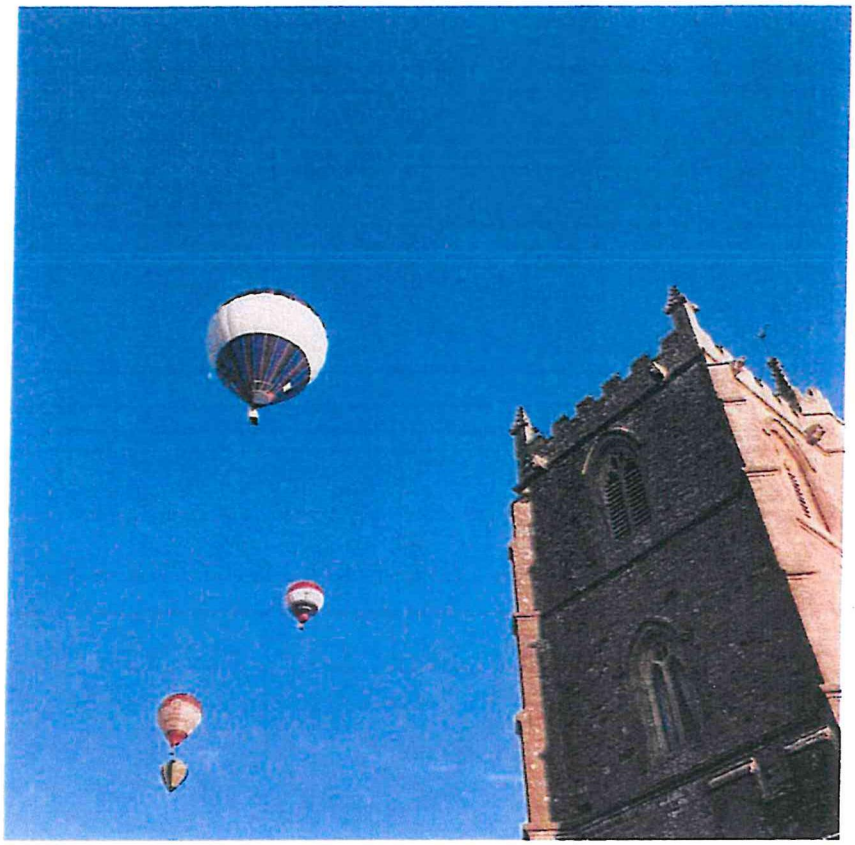
Date. 25/3/2024 .

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1163733

Accounts

Parish of Long Ashton



Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2022

Parish of Long Ashton

This is the annual report and financial statements of the Parish of Long Ashton, Bristol for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Ecclesiastical Parish:	Long Ashton - Charity Commission Number 1163733
Church Dedications:	(1) All Saints (2) Church of the Ascension
Locations:	(1) Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU (2) Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DP
Rector:	The Reverend James Harris
Correspondence Address:	The Parish Office, Church House, 74 Long Ashton Rd, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9LE
Members of the Parochial Church Council:	The Revd James Harris (Chair) The Revd Dr David Mumford, (Non-Stipendiary Minister) Janet Turp (Deanery Synod Representative, & Reader) Francesca Elloway (Deanery Synod Representative) Fiona Cunningham (Church Warden) Tony Miles (Church Warden) Colin Havill (Treasurer) John Britton (Fabric) Gill Miles (Safeguarding and Health & Safety) Nini Anamah Annie Hodgetts Ian Skerratt Angela Neale (Resigned October 2022) Val Bond Cliff Bond Michael Crabtree Sheila Crabtree
PCC Secretary:	Carolyn Conolly
Bankers:	(1) National Westminster Bank: Portishead; Bristol (2) Santander UK Plc, Bootle (3) CCLA Investment Management Limited, London, EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner:	Lynette Morgan, 2 Woodhill Avenue, Portishead, BS20 7EX
Church Surveyor:	George Chedburn, Chedburn Dudley, Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Rd, Bath, BA1 7DE.

The PCC is a charity which is not exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC is represented on two independent trusts, both of which are registered with the Charity Commission:

The Long Ashton Churchyard and Memorial Trust: The Rector *(ex officio)*

The Long Ashton Parochial Charity, whose main responsibility is care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens *ex officio.*

The Rector is ex *officio* Foundation Governor of Northleaze C of E Primary School. The PCC also provides two Foundation Governors. These posts are currently held by Caroline Gimber and Nini Anamah. Gill Miles, a PCC member, also sits on the Governing Body as a Community Governor.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. Full meetings are held monthly with the exception of August and December, with additional meetings as necessary.

Committees and associated administrations
Ministry Team – benefice-wide group consisting of all licensed Ministers, Ordinands and Churchwardens – has responsibility for co-ordinating the worship and teaching ministry of the parish and makes recommendations to the PCCs.
Standing Committee, consists of Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer & Janet Turp. It meets monthly and deals with business between full meetings of the PCC. The work is to provide oversight and management of the parish.
Health & Safety Committee. The H&S committee consists of Gill Miles, Churchwardens and John Britton – meets to review policy and procedures.
Safeguarding Person. The Rector and Gill Miles serve on the interviewing panel set up for the purpose of fulfilling our obligations under the Children's Act.
Social Committee: responsible for the organization of social and fundraising events, including the monthly Lunch Club.

Church Membership
There were 120 electoral roll members on 7th March 2023 (2022: 121).

Report on the proceedings of the Parish

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland...to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

(Isaiah 43: 1-2; 20-21)

If the previous two years had been marked by the privations and restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, then 2022 signalled the year when the life of our parish and benefice began to be released, to unfurl and to expand again as our new-found freedom gave rise to new opportunities and projects, and new ways of serving God's mission.

As we look back on our life as the church here in 2022, we give thanks to God for the provision and guidance through the 'flood and fire'; and we rejoice in the new growth that we see springing up all around us - growth for which we give all the glory to God, and which causes us indeed to 'proclaim his praise'.

You can read more fully of the examples we have observed of the growth in God's Kingdom in the Annual Celebration document which accompanies this report, including:

- the formation of a youth group for young people of secondary school age
- the reinstatement of the hugely popular Come & See toddler group, in partnership with friends from Hebron Church
- and the opening of weekly Warm Welcome Cafe at Keedwell Church, drawing in a mix of volunteers and guests from both community and church.

From the perspective of the Parochial Church Council, 2022 began with the very welcome and hugely generous response to our Epiphany stewardship appeal, which resulted in a 30 per cent increase in giving on 2021, including regular pledges and one-off gifts. This, together with the generous legacies received, has made a huge difference to our ability to budget and plan and we are truly grateful to God that we ended the year with a small surplus. See the Treasurer's report and financial statements for a more detailed picture of our finances.

The pattern of weekly worship has been thankfully stable and it has been encouraging to see growth in attendance at 'traditional' services at All Saints as well as at the midweek Communion service at Keedwell, and the monthly Breakfast @9 service where growth has been notable not only numerically but also in the willingness and confidence of those who attend to contribute to the discussion, prayers and music; and to get involved in serving the life of the church in different ways. We have enjoyed getting together with friends from Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton for benefice-wide worship on a monthly basis, including for outdoor celebrations of e.g. Harvest and Rogation.

During the year, we were privileged to host nine baptisms, fifteen funerals or memorial services and four weddings. All of these give us opportunity to welcome families from our community and share something of God's love with them at the milestones of their lives, in both joy and sorrow. The permanent installation and expansion of our live-streaming capability has proved particularly fruitful in enabling these events to be shared with friends and family around the world.

Our partnership with Northleaze Church of England Academy continues to develop and flourish both through involvement in the day-to-day teaching and worship at the school and also through the commitment of the Governing Body, whose three Foundation Governors, together with the Rector, monitor and support its distinctively Christian ethos. It has been particularly good during 2022 to hold joint ethos committee meetings with Foundation Governors from Flax Bourton School, to share experience and good practice, and to pool resources for joint projects, such as the establishment of a three-way school link with the newly constructed St Paul's School in Ndola, Zambia.

The PCC continued throughout the year to work on a comprehensive review of the buildings for which it is responsible in the parish, looking at their condition, their repair and maintenance needs, their suitability

for our current work and mission in the community, and their capacity for adaptation. This review has included a range of legal, financial, professional surveying and other perspectives with the aim of informing a proposal for the future. At the time of writing, there remains a great deal of uncertainty about the way forward but it is clear that both Church House and Keedwell Church would require a huge amount of investment in the near future to make them suitable and sustainable for our purposes in today's world. The decision facing the PCC in 2023 is how best to align the resources at our disposal to achieve the right balance of useable space in the right places, in a form we are confident we can maintain.

As trustees of the parish's resources and mission, the PCC will continue to pursue this work with prayerfulness and diligence as we seek God's purposes for the future.

On a day-to-day basis, the newly formed 'Gutter Gang' has addressed a number of more routine maintenance and repair needs during the course of the year, not least the clearing of the parapet gutters on the south aisle of All Saints and amendments to the solar panel installation, work which has made a significant improvement to the problems with water ingress.

A generous grant from the Chorley Charitable Trust also made possible repairs to the exterior stonework in the south-west corner of the building, and various repairs to the lead and rainwater goods on the north side.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC's agenda and all members had valid DBS certificates and had completed the Basic and Foundation level diocesan training by the end of the year. We have also taken the opportunity during 2022 to embed a safer recruitment policy and culture. All new projects or initiatives - including for example the youth group and cafe - have been set up on this basis and we are proud to be taking steps towards a culture where both volunteers and service-users in our church are affirmed, equipped and protected from harm to the best of our ability - a reflection of the care God has for all his children.

We confirm that there have been no safeguarding incidents reported under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure during 2022.

We look forward to 2023, encouraged by all we have seen of God's faithfulness in the past and enthused by God's promise to continue to walk closely with us. With all God's people in this place, we stand committed, by God's grace, to continue to discern and serve his mission in this parish in the year to come.

Portishead Deanery report

The deanery met four times during the year; as usual, two of the meetings (June & November) were deanery-wide meetings which anyone could attend while the March & September meetings were full Synods.

March – at Holy Trinity Nailsea and the main item was a presentation by Charlie Peer, the Diocesan Head of Mission Support & Ministry Development, on Enabling Ministries. This was followed by a lively discussion in breakout groups and then a plenary. We also said goodbye to our Deanery Youth Worker, Neil Wylie, who had been in post since 2008.

June – at St Andrew, Backwell and the subject for our June Deanery-wide meeting was Exploring your Calling when our main speaker was Helen Weld, the Diocesan Vocations Adviser, and we also heard from a

local panel of people who spoke of their experience of God calling them. Also in June, Astrid Tiesema-Samsom and Rob Eastwood Dewing were commissioned as Co-Area Deans and Rob Norman was commissioned as Lay Dean, forming the Deanery Leadership Team.

September –at Walton St Mary Church Hall where we divided up into groups to look at a new Deanery plan to replace the one agreed by Synod in 2017. We also heard a presentation from Suzy Kirkham on the Good Grief Project and the Memory Project, both of which had been part-funded from the Deanery Mission Fund. We also commissioned Sharon Matthews as a Lay Pioneer.

November – The November Deanery-wide meeting had the slightly provocative title of "What has Bath & Wells Diocese ever done for us?" and the main presentation was given by Julia Hill (Diocesan Head of Deanery & Parish Support) & Claire Horton (Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Development Adviser). This full presentation was followed by many questions from the floor! We have enjoyed having Assistant Diocesan Secretary Peter Evans as our Deanery Accompanier. He has been present at most Mission and Pastoral Group meetings and Synods. From September, Claire Horton, the Bath Archdeaconry Deanery & Parish Adviser was also a guest at Synods and deanery-wide meetings.

During 2022 we were told by the Diocese that our Deanery had to lose three Stipendiary clergy posts over the next five years and that has been a subject at every meeting of the DMPG since. In 2023 we shall hold a special consultation Synod in April.

Thanks were expressed to the clergy and officials of all the deanery churches for their hard work and commitment during this difficult year.

Financial review

We have much to thank God for in 2022. The accounts show a surplus across all funds of £16,000 (2021 £15,100 deficit) which was partly offset by a £2,300 reduction (2021 £2,700 increase) in the value of our investments. We give particular thanks for the encouraging response to the Epiphany Stewardship Appeal in January 2022 and the legacies received during the year.

As explained further below, this year's surplus includes a £6,400 reduction to the 2021 Parish Share and a restricted gift of £2,300 without which the 2022 surplus would have been £7,300 (2021 - £8,700 deficit).

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds represent all the income and expenditure of the PCC except where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor. The PCC established three separate unrestricted funds, which are detailed below. Although unrestricted reserves have been split in three, the PCC retains full discretion over their future use. The total Unrestricted Funds at 31st December 2022 were £37,800 (2020 £26,300).

General fund - Following the Stewardship Appeal in January, our regular giving income increased by 30% to £77,600 which, together with Lump Sum Gifts of £8,500 and Gift Aid of £18,100, totals £104,200 (2021 - £78,800). It was particularly encouraging to receive additional giving pledges from across the congregation, longstanding church members and those who had joined more recently. We thank everyone who has given so generously this year.

We received unrestricted grants totalling £3,700 from the Diocese and local authority for heating and the Jubilee which were offset by corresponding expenditure. Our other church income increased to £11,400 following receipt of an insurance claim to cover the cost of repairing the piano.

The accounts include the 2022 Parish Share of £69,800 (2021 £68,000 as adjusted). The £69,800 has been reduced by the release of an accrual of £6,400 in respect of the 2021 Share following the identification of an error in the data used in the original 2021 calculation.

Our other costs rose by £15,100 from £37,400 to £52,500. Almost half of this increase was offset by the grant income and insurance claim with the remainder of the increase relating primarily to additional staff costs and maintenance.

Overall the surplus on the General Fund before the investment loss is £2,800 (2021 £19,100 deficit). In 2021 the deficit was partly offset by making a transfer of £10,000 from the Legacies Fund. The balance on the General Fund is £10,200 (2021 £9,000).

Church House fund - Hall letting and rental income was up £2,800 to £23,100 reflecting the impact of increased hire rates and the opening up for the full year. We also received a £1,000 donation from the dance classes following a fundraising event. Running costs were broadly in line with last year with the additional cost of heating being offset by lower overall maintenance costs. The accounts include professional fees of £9,900 (2021 £2,400).

The accounts do not include an accrual for any future 'catch up' repair works at Church House. The Church House Fund balance is £4,500 (2021 £5,200).

Legacy fund - We are grateful for the two legacies totalling £11,000 received during the year which brought the total fund value of accumulated legacies up to £23,000. The PCC has discretion over how these monies are spent.

Restricted Funds
There has been very relatively little movement on the Restricted Funds during the year.

Future Facilities fund - We received a grant of £6,900 for external repairs at All Saints Church of which £4,500 was spent during the year. The remaining stonework repairs are to be undertaken in 2023. The balance on the Fund is £19,400.

Bells fund - This fund is specifically for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church. The fund value was £1,600 at 31st December 2022.

Graveyard Fund - This fund is for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard. The fund is mainly held as investments with CCLA. The interest and dividends are accumulated in church bank accounts. Income was £136 in the year. The fund valuation of £7,400 (2021 - £8,000) includes the value of the investments at £5,100 (2021 - £5,700).

Reserves policy
The PCC endeavours to break even on the General Fund each year and to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to cover any anticipated deficit in the following year and unplanned expenditures. The PCC considers the 2022 total unrestricted funds of £37,800 sufficient for this purpose.

Outlook for 2023
We are thankful to all those who have continued the giving they pledged for 2022 into the current year. However, our costs continue to rise and we currently anticipate a deficit on the General Fund in 2023 which will need to be met from the Legacy Fund.

We are most grateful for two legacies which we expect to receive in 2023 and will enable us to undertake refurbishment work at All Saints Church. As noted in the report on the proceedings of the parish, the PCC is also very conscious of the repair arrears at Church House and the need to enhance the facilities at Keedwell.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd James Harris
Rector

Tony Miles
Churchwarden

Fiona Cunningham
Churchwarden

7th March 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
	INCOMING RESOURCES				
	Income and endowments from:				
(1)	Donations and legacies	121,919	7,594	129,513	91,914
(2)	Other trading activities	11,435	-	11,435	8,387
(3)	Investments	25,772	402	26,174	20,835
(4)	Church Fees	3,019	-	3,019	3,007
	Total Incoming Resources	**162,145**	**7,996**	**170,141**	**124,143**
	RESOURCES EXPENDED:				
(5)	Church activities	115,994	5,113	121,107	114,813
(7)	Costs of generating income	33,009	-	33,009	24,456
	Total Resources Expended	**149,003**	**5,113**	**154,116**	**139,269**
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	13,142	2,883	16,025	(15,126)
	Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
		13,142	2,883	16,025	(15,126)
(8)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(1,628)	(682)	(2,310)	2,692
	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**11,514**	**2,201**	**13,715**	**(12,434)**
	Reconciliation of funds:				
(9)	Total funds (restated) brought forward	26,324	28,175	54,499	66,933
	Total funds carried forward	**37,838**	**30,376**	**68,214**	**54,499**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2021	(8)		17,325		19,635
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		3,810		5,691	
Cash at Bank and in hand		41,224		15,290	
Cash on Deposit		26,872		39,397	
		71,906		60,378	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Loans due in 1 year	(10)	-		1,000	
Charities control	(12)	928		100	
Church general creditors		20,089		24,414	
		21,017		25,514	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			50,889		34,864
NET ASSETS			**68,214**		**54,499**
Represented by:					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	(13)				
Legacy		23,042		12,042	
Church House		4,547		5,241	
General Fund		10,249		9,041	
			37,838		26,324
Restricted Funds	(14)				
Future facilities		19,351		16,740	
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		1,615		1,479	
Churchyard		7,404		7,950	
			30,376		28,175
TOTAL FUNDS			**68,214**		**54,499**

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris

7th March 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Note		2022 £ Unrestricted	2022 £ Restricted	2022 £ Totals	2021 £ Totals
	INCOMING RESOURCES				
(1)	**Voluntary income**				
	Giving	77,620	-	77,620	57,906
	Lump sum gifts (excluding Gift Aid)	8,525	-	8,525	7,242
	Other non-recurring donations	1,000	714	1,714	3,240
	Other charitable giving/donations	1,898	-	1,898	2,545
		89,043	714	89,757	70,933
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	18,126	-	18,126	13,690
	Grants	3,750	6,880	10,630	291
	Legacies	11,000	-	11,000	7,000
		121,919	7,594	129,513	91,914
(2)	**Trading activities**				
	Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	4,307	-	4,307	4,613
	Keedwell - hall lettings	545	-	545	710
	Job Retention Scheme furlough grants	-	-	-	374
	Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,223	-	1,223	1,636
	Insurance claim receivable	3,015	-	3,015	-
	Other activities	2,345	-	2,345	1,054
		11,435	-	11,435	8,387
(3)	**Investment income**				
	Deposit interest	119	266	385	44
	Investment income	365	136	501	485
	Church House - tenancies	12,240	-	12,240	12,240
	Church House - hall lettings	13,048	-	13,048	8,066
		25,772	402	26,174	20,835
(4)	**Fees**				
	Statutory PCC Fees	2,869	-	2,869	2,811
	Heating of the Church and other fees	150		150	196
		3,019	-	3,019	3,007
	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
(5)	**Church activities**				
	Diocesan Parish share	69,800	-	69,800	68,040
	Adjustment to 2021 Parish Share (see below)	(6,360)	-	(6,360)	6,360
		63,440	-	63,440	74,400
	Clergy expenses	935	-	935	535
	PCC staff salary and cleaning costs Note 6	19,828	-	19,828	16,885
	Church office costs	4,971	-	4,971	3,332
	Utilities and insurance				
	All Saints	7,435	-	7,435	5,980
	Keedwell	1,688	-	1,688	1,386
	Maintenance				
	All Saints	6,889	5,113	12,002	4,051
	Keedwell	3,010	-	3,010	-
	Livestreaming equipment	-	-	-	3,646
	Church Services and evangelism	4,421	-	4,421	2,030
	Jubilee lunch	1,429	-	1,429	-
	Charitable giving	1,948	-	1,948	2,568
		115,994	5,113	121,107	114,813

The PCC reduced its 2021 Parish Share by £6,360 to £68,040 after the 2021 accounts had been approved.

(6) The PCC employs an administrator who is part time. In addtion the PCC pays for cleaning services, an organist and a choir leader. No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2022 or 2021. Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £489 in 2022 (£467 in 2021).

Note		2022			2021
		£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals
(7)	**Costs of generating income**				
	Church House:				
	Utilities and insurance	5,829	-	5,829	3,767
	Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	9,173	-	9,173	12,055
	Professional fees	9,880	-	9,880	2,400
	Caretaker and cleaning costs	2,100	-	2,100	2,097
		26,982	-	26,982	20,319
	Sundry costs	1,238	-	1,238	963
	Parish magazine - printing	4,789	-	4,789	3,174
		33,009	-	33,009	24,456

(8) **Gains/(losses) on investment assets**		2022	2021	
	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
Restricted - Churchyard				
222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	4,584	5,193	(609)
347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	475	548	(73)
	1,878	5,059	5,741	(682)
Unrestricted - General				
594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	12,266	13,894	(1,628)
	2,338	17,325	19,635	(2,310)

Note: The basis for the valuation of Church House has not been established. Its insured value in 2022 was £1.5 million

BALANCE SHEET

(10) **CHARITIES - control account**	2022 £	2021 £
Creditor balance at 1st January	100	641
Receipts:-		
Donations (Note 11)	1,898	2,540
Payments:-		
Charities	(1,070)	(3,081)
Creditor balance at 31st December	**928**	**100**

(11) Charities - Donations raised and received

	2022 £	2021 £
St Pauls Church, Athens	-	1,296
Trussel Trust	-	580
St Peters Hospice	-	270
Sisters of the Church	749	138
Christian Aid Pakistan	355	-
Royal British Legion	274	201
Disasters Emergency Committee Pakistan	236	-
Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine	187	-
Other (under £150)	97	60
	1,898	**2,545**

(12) **LOANS**	2022	2021
Creditor balance at 01/01/2022	1,000	2,000
Loans repaid in year	(1,000)	(1,000)
Creditor balance at 31/12/2022	-	**1,000**
Repayable in less than 1 year	-	1,000
Repayable in more than 1 year	-	-

Note

(13) FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	General 2022	General 2021	Church House 2022	Church House 2021	Legacy Fund 2022	Legacy Fund 2021	Total 2022	Total 2021
Incoming Resources:-								
Donations and legacies	109,919	84,414	1,000	-	11,000	7,000	121,919	91,414
Other trading activities	11,435	8,387	-		-	-	11,435	8,387
Investments - letting	-	-	25,288	20,306	-	-	25,288	20,306
Investments - other income	484	370	-		-	-	484	370
Church Fees	3,019	3,007	-	-	-	-	3,019	3,007
Total Incoming Resources	124,857	96,178	26,288	20,306	11,000	7,000	162,145	123,484
Resources expended:-								
Church activities	(115,994)	(111,167)				(646)	(115,994)	(111,813)
Costs re voluntary income	(6,027)	(4,137)	(26,982)	(20,319)	-	-	(33,009)	(24,456)
Other - Building costs	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	(122,021)	(115,304)	(26,982)	(20,319)	-	(646)	(149,003)	(136,269)
Net Incoming/(outgoing)	2,836	(19,126)	(694)	(13)	11,000	6,354	13,142	(12,785)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(1,628)	1,990	-	-	-	-	(1,628)	1,990
Fund transfers		10,000				(10,000)	-	-
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources	1,208	(7,136)	(694)	(13)	11,000	(3,646)	11,514	(10,795)
Fund balance at 01/01/2022	9,041	16,177	5,241	5,254	12,042	15,688	26,324	37,119
Fund balance at 31/12/2022	10,249	9,041	4,547	5,241	23,042	12,042	37,838	26,324
Represented by:								
Investments at market value	12,266	13,894	-	-	-	-	12,266	13,894
Debtors and prepayments	1,310	3,191	2,500	2,500	-	-	3,810	5,691
Cash at Bank and on deposit	9,490	8,270	10,247	10,941	23,042	12,042	42,779	31,253
Loans			-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	(12,817)	(16,314)	(8,200)	(8,200)	-	-	(21,017)	(24,514)
Fund Value	10,249	9,041	4,547	5,241	23,042	12,042	37,838	26,324
Fund Value excluding Investments	(2,017)	(4,853)	4,547	5,241	23,042	12,042	25,572	12,430

Note

(14) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Future facilities Fund**	Bells	Churchyard	Lighting	Total 2022	*Total 2021*
Incoming Resources:-						
Donations,grants and legacies	6,880	714			7,594	*500*
Activities for generating funds	-				-	
Investment income	**266**		136		402	*159*
Total Incoming Resources	**7,146**	**714**	**136**	**-**	**7,996**	**659**
Resources expended:-						
Church activities	(4,535)	(578)			(5,113)	*(3,000)*
Total Resources Expended	**(4,535)**	**(578)**	**-**	**-**	**(5,113)**	**(3,000)**
Net incoming/(outgoing)	2,611	136	136		2,883	(2,341)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-		(682)		(682)	*702*
Fund transfers	-		-		-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**2,611**	**136**	**(546)**	**-**	**2,201**	**(1,639)**
Fund balance at 01/01/2022	16,740	1,479	7,950	2,006	28,175	*29,814*
Fund balance at 31/12/2022	**19,351**	**1,615**	**7,404**	**2,006**	**30,376**	*28,175*

**** The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279**

Represented by:						
Investments at market value	-	-	5,059	-	5,059	*5,741*
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	19,351	1,615	2,345	2,006	25,317	*23,434*
Loans	-	-	-	-	-	*(1,000)*
	19,351	1,615	7,404	2,006	30,376	*28,175*
Fund Value	**19,351**	**1,615**	**7,404**	**2,006**	**30,376**	**28,175**
Fund Value excluding Investments	**19,351**	**1,615**	**2,345**	**2,006**	**25,317**	**22,434**

	2022	2021	2020
Total restricted and unrestricted	**68,214**	*54,499*	*66,933*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.
The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2021.
The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds
The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming Resources
All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.
Income from gifts
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.
Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.
Gift aid is accrued on donations according to the year to which the giving relates.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended
Activities directly related to the work of the Church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs
All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note 5.

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

Governance
These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and are depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC
Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.
Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid,fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions
The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.
Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiners Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out in the financial statements for 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011).
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiners Statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

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.

Mrs Lynette Morgan FCCA CTA
2 Woodhill Avenue
Portishead
BS20 7EX
Independent Examiner

Signature LA Morgan Date 1.3.2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1163733

Accounts

Parish of Long Ashton

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2021

Parish of Long Ashton

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
To fulfil the requirements of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting &
incorporating affairs up to March 2022

Ecclesiastical Parish:	Long Ashton - Charity Commission Number 1163733
Church Dedications:	(1) All Saints (2) Church of the Ascension
	Locations: (1) Church Lane, Long Ashton, BS41 9LU (2) Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DP
Rector:	The Reverend James Harris
Correspondence Address:	The Parish Office, Church House, 74 Long Ashton Rd, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9LE
Members of the Parochial Church Council:	The Reverend James Harris Revd Dr David Mumford, Non-Stipendiary Minister Revd Richard Greatrex, Associate Minister – up to July 2021 Janet Turp (Deanery Synod Representative, & Reader) Francesca Elloway (Deanery Synod Representative) Jill Watkins, (Reader Emeritus & PCC Representative) Fiona Cunningham (Church Warden) Tony Miles (Church Warden) Gill Miles (Safeguarding Officer) Nini Anamah (Health and Safety Offer) Annie Hodgetts Ian Skerratt Angela Neale Val Bond Cliff Bond Michael Crabtree Sheila Crabtree John Britton
PCC Secretary:	Carolyn Conolly
Acting Treasurer:	Colin Havill
Bankers:	(1) National Westminster Bank: Clevedon; Queens Road, Clifton (2) Santander UK Plc, Bootle (3) Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, London
Independent Examiner:	Lynette Morgan, 2 Woodhill Avenue, Portishead, BS20 7EX
Church Surveyor:	George Chedburn, Chedburn Dudley, Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Rd, Bath, BA1 7DE.

The P.C.C. is a charity which is not exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.

The P.C.C. is represented on two independent trusts, both of which are registered with the Charity Commission:

The Long Ashton Churchyard and Memorial Trust: The Rector *(ex officio)*

The Long Ashton Parochial Charity, whose main responsibility is care of the Almshouses: The Rector and Church Wardens *ex officio.*

All Saints Long Ashton Ringers: President - The Rector *(ex officio)*

Northleaze School: The Rector is ex *officio* Governor of Northleaze C of E VC Primary School. The PCC is represented by two Foundation Governors. These posts is currently held by Caroline Gimber and Nini Anamah. From December 2021, Gill Miles (PCC Member) was co-opted as a Governor.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for keeping the buildings in good order. Full meetings are held at least every two months, with additional meetings if necessary.

Committees and associated administrations
Standing Committee, consists of Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer & Janet Turp. It deals with business between PCC Meetings and makes proposals and recommendations to the full PCC.
Safeguarding Person. The Rector and Gill Miles serve on the interviewing panel set up for the purpose of fulfilling our obligations under the Children's Act.
Social Committee: responsible for the organisation of social and fundraising events. The Co-ordinator is Angela Neale.
Scout Group Executive. Heather Clark is the Chairperson.
Lunch Club. The Lunch Club is co-ordinated by Beth Karsch and Stasia Moss. Lunches are held monthly except during Lent and Harvest.

Church Membership
There were 121 members of the electoral roll in April 2022 (119 in 2021).

2021: rejoice and keep going!

St Paul, writing to the early Christian believers in Philippi, summons them to 'rejoice in the Lord always'. 'Easier said than done!' we might cry in response, particularly after a year like 2021.

But St Paul is someone who would have understood well what it was like to live and worship and minister as the community of Christ's church, through a year such as 2021 AD. And his message to us in the parish of Long Ashton, as to the church in Philippi, could be summarised as 'rejoice - and keep going!' Or perhaps: 'keep calm and carry on!'

Paul's joy in the Lord came from a deep experience of the peace of God - a peace which 'surpasses all understanding' and enables the recipient to 'do all things through him who strengthens me'. *

In this spirit of hopeful realism and joyful perseverance, we reflect on the year gone by with thanksgiving and a deep sense of God's presence with us.

Worship and prayer

Services in the churches across our benefice continued in lockdown mode through the first part of the year until the end of April when we joyfully, but cautiously, opened the doors of our buildings again and embraced a 'hybrid' pattern of in-person, online and outdoor services, continuing to work closely with the other churches in the benefice to ensure accessible worship week by week and opportunities to grow in faith and commitment.

Highlights of the year included:

- sustaining our monthly Breakfast@9 cafe-church gatherings throughout the year, whether online or in person
- a huge papier mache globe hovering in the chancel throughout our 'Season of Creation' to focus our worship and prayers on COP 26 and the crisis facing our shared home
- an outdoor Harvest Festival followed by an afternoon of sports and games in which the Rector's competitive streak was exposed.
- the Confirmation of seven of our young people at a joyful Patronal Festival on All Saints Day, with an inspiring message from Bishop Ruth
- the 'joyful noise' of an augmented Christmas Choir for the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols.

Audiovisual innovation continued to flourish as we learned how to work with livestock (Palm Sunday), film in darkness (Easter Eve) and worship together across international boundaries (notably for weddings, funerals and baptisms!). We express our deep thanks to the small team, led by Phil Hodgson and David Mumford, whose skill, creativity and perseverance made it all possible.

Partnerships and presence

Our focus was not entirely inwards during 2021 - far from it. In line with our vision to do more together with partners and to increase our visibility and influence beyond our own walls, we have enjoyed going out to find ways to serve the community, meet needs where we find them and expand our horizons through encounters with Christians in other places.

- A 'Summer of Service' enabled a number of our young people to volunteer their time and effort to serve the church and community in a variety of ways - from delivering magazines to decluttering buildings and garden maintenance.
- We continued to support the Sisters of the Church with car boot-loads of gifts for their Easter, Harvest and Christmas appeals, and with many volunteer hours spent serving at their central Bristol food bank.
- A new worshipping community was established at Audley Redwood retirement village during 2021, with a monthly service for residents, culminating in a joyful Christmas carol service. It's heartening to see this community growing in faith and witness.
- We marked Zambia Sunday on 4th July, learning more about life and church in that country and being prompted to explore a formal link between our local CofE schools and a community there.
- In October, we inaugurated a link with St Paul's Anglican Church in Athens by hosting 'Athens to LA' - an evening of Greek-themed food and drink, with shared reflections on the links between our two churches. Members of St Paul's joined in via Zoom (although sadly couldn't enjoy the food!) and we were able to send a significant sum to support their ministry among refugees in Athens.
- It was a privilege to host members of the UK's Polish community at the end of November to mark the 74th anniversary of the air crash in a field close to the church, in which seven Polish airmen lost their lives.

People

As ever, 2021 was a year of comings and goings. We delighted to welcome new worshippers into our congregation, and indeed to begin to welcome back those whom the pandemic had kept at home.

We have been particularly thankful for the faithful, warm and humorous ministry among the churches in our benefice of the Revd John Andrews - and we express our thanks formally for all he has generously given of his time, prayer and wisdom to support our services.

It was exciting to support Jo Moule, a member of our congregation, as she started her training for Ordination in September. Jo is already making a valuable contribution to the Ministry Team by sharing the gifts and calling God has given her.

We also said goodbye and Godspeed, however, to the Revd Richard Greatrex, who moved on from his post as Associate Priest here in July to become Rector of the Chew Valley East benefice. We thank Richard for all he contributed to the worshipping life of our benefice, particularly during the vacancy which preceded James' appointment. At least we can still see one of his churches at Dundry!

We marked the end of Heather Jenne's time as Choir Leader with a beautifully sunny outdoor churchyard service at which the choir did her proud with a sung blessing for the way.

No review of 2021 in Long Ashton could of course fail to mention the death in September of Ron Chorley, whose gentle, smiling presence, undergirded by a steely faith and commitment to service, has left an enduring imprint on both church and community.

Practical

The paragraphs above describe a rich programme of mission, ministry, community and care. This is all supported and enabled, however, by the practical infrastructure of parish life and the generous gifts of many, many people across our community who give of their time, skills and money in a variety of ways. We are particularly encouraged by the uplift in financial commitment to the life of the church (see Treasurer's report) - evidence of God's goodness and faithfulness, and of the joyful, open-handed response of God's people in this place. We are assured God is in this with us!

We particularly thank all the members of the PCC who have served faithfully through challenging times, ensuring that all our activities continue to be safe and welcoming, financially responsible and in line with our stated mission and vision. Many hours have been spent scrutinising risk assessments, policies and procedures as well as making prayerful decisions about the best use of the resources entrusted to our parish.

Our buildings remain a focus for much prayer and discussion as we discern the best ways to use them in support of our mission to the community.

- All Saints remains largely in good repair although we look forward to the opportunity an expected legacy will offer to invest more substantially in securing the fabric for the long term, and enhancing its potential to provide a first class environment for worship. We are grateful to Phil Hodgson and Colin Havill for many hours spent understanding and improving the operation of the heating system such that it is now working more efficiently in terms of heat and cost!

- Church House has received significant investment in 2021 to deal with the water ingress in the basement. That work was completed within budget and timescale, and with minimum disruption, by Cannon Clarke Ltd, making a huge difference to the ability of our tenant to operate his business.

- Keedwell (Church of the Ascension) continues to offer huge potential as a centre for worship, outreach and connection with the community in a variety of ways and we are particularly excited at the emerging prospect of making the building available more readily as a space for listening and pastoral care in response to the problems posed by isolation and loneliness, exacerbated by the pandemic.

We marked the retirement in September of Richard Duggan from his role as Caretaker and were able to thank him in a service at All Saints for his faithful service in that job over many years.

The Parish Office continues to be a vital hub at the centre of our life and activity. It has been good to be able to regularise and reflect the importance of the role of Parish Adminstrator with a fit-for-purpose contract and terms of employment, together with a programme of regular one-to-one supervision and investment in office equipment and training opportunities as required. We thank Carolyn Conolly for all she does in this role to support the smooth operation of the parish.

Conclusion

We end our review of 2021 where we started, with St Paul's words ringing in our ears: rejoice and carry on! A year of challenges, no doubt, but also of opportunities and great hope for the work God is doing among us and to which he graciously invites us to join in.

'I (we) can do all things through him who strengthens me (us)'.

Revd James Harris	Fiona Cunningham	Tony Miles
Rector	Churchwarden	Churchwarden

** PS: You can read St Paul's words for yourself in the fourth chapter of the Letter to the Philippians, in the latter part of the New Testament.*

Review of Financial Activities – Treasurer's Report 2021

2021 was a challenging year financially and the accounts show a deficit across all funds of £15,100 which was partly offset by a £2,700 increase in the value of our investments. We praise God for the really encouraging response to the Epiphany Stewardship Appeal in January 2022 which should allow us to return close to balancing our income and expenditure in 2022.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent all the income and expenditure of the PCC except where the use of any income is legally restricted by the donor. The PCC established three separate unrestricted funds, which are detailed below. Although unrestricted reserves have been split in three, the PCC retains full discretion over their future use. The total Unrestricted Funds at 31st December 2021 were £26,300 (2020 - £37,100)

General Fund

2021 started with receipts of £7,200 in January and early February from the 2020 Advent Appeal and along with two other gifts, our 'one-off' gifts including Gift Aid totalled £10,000 (2020 - £6,200) – including Gift Aid £11,600. Our regular giving of £57,900 was maintained at a level just below the £59,500 in 2020 and we thank everyone who has given generously again this year.

Our other church income was up in the latter part of the year totalling £8,400 (2020 - £4,600) but still below the income of £12,200 in 2019.

The accounts include Parish Share of £74,400 being the total allocated to us by the Diocese. This represents an £11,000 increase on the £63,446 paid in respect of 2020 which had been reduced by Parish Support of £7,420. As in previous years, the unpaid Share balance (of £14,400; 2020 - £13,446) has been accrued in the accounts, of which £7,600 has already been paid in 2022.

Inevitably our other costs of £40,900 (2020 - £36,200) increased with inflation and as we opened up our church activities after the lockdown.

Overall the deficit on the General Fund is £19,100 (2020 £9,600) but this has been partly offset by making a transfer of £10,000 from the Legacies Fund and investment gains of £2,000. In 2019 a transfer of £9,000 was made from the Church House Fund surplus. The balance on the General Fund is £9,000 (2019 £16,200).

Church House Fund

Hall letting and rental income was up £2,800 to £20,300 reflecting the impact of the opening up after the lockdown. Day to day running costs were broadly in line with the previous year. As anticipated in last year's accounts, there have been some considerable repairs undertaken in the basement of Church House which have meant no surplus at Church House (2020 surplus - £8,600).

The accounts do not include an accrual for any further 'catch up' repair works to be undertaken in 2022. The Church House Fund remains at £5,200.

Legacy Fund

We are grateful for the three legacies totalling £7,000 received during the year which brought the total fund value of accumulated legacies up to £22,700. The PCC has discretion over how these monies are spent and utilised £600 towards the cost of the new livestreaming equipment and transferred £10,000 to the general fund to offset part of its deficit in the year leaving a Fund balance of £12,000.

Change of accounting policy

It should be noted that the accounts now include the Gift Aid recovered in the following year in respect of gifts in the last quarter and outstanding income from Church House lettings. Corresponding adjustments have been made to previous years.

Restricted Funds

There has been very relatively little movement on the Restricted Funds during the year.

Future Facilities Fund At 31st December 2020 there was £19,200 in the Fund and £3,000 of this has been used to pay for the new livestreaming equipment leaving a balance of £16,700. The Fund received a donation of £500 in the year.

Bells Fund. This fund is specifically for work to the bells and bell ringing facilities of All Saints Church. The fund value remains at £1,500 at 31st December 2021.

Graveyard Fund. This fund is for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard. The fund is mainly held as investments with CCLA. The interest and dividends are accumulated in church bank accounts. Income was £159 in the year. The fund valuation of £8,000 (2020 - £7,100) includes the value of the investments at £5,700 (2020 - £5,000).

Lighting Fund. This fund is to be used to offset the cost of renewing the lighting in All Saints Church. The current value remains at £2,000.

Colin Havill
Treasurer

The Life of the Church

Safeguarding

No safeguarding incidents have been reported between April 2021 and 2022.
Considerable work has been undertaken to bring the Safeguarding processes and procedures at All Saints into line with those expected by the Diocese. The Diocesan safeguarding dashboard is being used to monitor the progress being made. The safeguarding policy was reviewed in January 2022. Where necessary, safeguarding risk assessments for specific activities are now being undertaken. The parish administrator's role has been reviewed with regular supervision in place. DBS checks for those in leadership roles are being renewed every 3 years following changes in Diocesan policy. An outstanding area of work is renewing training for those in leadership positions, which will be undertaken in the coming months.
The Parish Safeguarding Officers for the churches within the benefice are now working together to give opportunities for support and to ensure that safeguarding practice is consistent across the Benefice.
Gill Miles

Ethos Committee

The Ethos Committee, which works alongside Headteacher Victoria Reyes, is made up of James Harris, Nini Anamah and myself. This year we have continued to monitor and evaluate the school`s work to meet the needs of all pupils through its distinctive Christian character and ethos, meeting both virtually and face to face.
Four meetings have been held and a number of monitoring activities have been carried out. In order to keep everyone safe while doing this monitoring, a selection of RE books and Class Prayer books were ferried around Long Ashton to a variety of houses. In term 2 the committee enjoyed a week of watching and joining in with the daily Collective Worship. On one occasion it was led by James and live streamed from All Saints, another session was viewed on line via TEAMS. One day it was celebrated in the school hall, led by members of staff and watched by Governors on socially distanced chairs. All were inspirational, uplifting and enjoyed by both adults and children. Also during term 2 the Governors carried out a Christian Distinctiveness Learning walk and were delighted to see how much the life of the school is guided by its Christian Foundation. Exciting work has just begun with Flax Bourton C of E School where it is hoped that the two schools in the Benefice can work more closely together sharing activities, ideas and resources and supporting each other in the education of all the children. Watch this space!
Enormous thanks must go to Victoria Reyes and her staff for working so hard and diligently in such challenging times to maintain the well being of the children and the highest standards of education, both in the classroom and when necessary on line.
Caroline Gimber

Conservation area for wildlife in Churchyard

During the last twelve months, although little change in the variety, there were plenty of wild flowers to be seen in this area, particularly between the months of April to August. However even as early as February and March primroses were appearing
in several areas of the churchyard. This is helped annually by Jason Collins only cutting the wildlife area twice during the year and by the major clearance that was undertaken over a few years by Harry Williams. An article was placed last summer in the Parish Magazine explaining about the conservation area and encouraging people to visit to appreciate the flowers, birds and insects which are thriving there.
Kathy Clark

Long Ashton Choir

The Choir had a busy 2021. When covid restrictions relaxed to allow singing in Church (choir only) we were limited to six socially distanced singers at a time, so split into two teams to attend alternate services. It was good to be back, but it wasn't long before we sadly had to say goodbye to Heather Jenne, our brilliant choir leader for ten years. On a glorious summer's weekend in July we held an outdoor leaving party on Saturday, and the Sunday service was held in the churchyard, so that the congregation could join in the singing.

We miss Heather and so far don't have a replacement, but have managed to keep going. We've sung anthems during Communion at all the usual 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday services, and at other services when required. We sang the Polish National Anthem (in Polish) on Remembrance Day at the new Long Ashton War Memorial, and again at the Polish Memorial Service in All Saints. At Christmas we were invited to sing at the Village Market, we led the singing at Carols Round the Crib, and welcomed a good number of extra singers for the Carol Service, where together we made a "joyful noise unto the Lord".

We are a great team and are delighted that Jos and May have joined us recently. Our grateful thanks to Colin for his wonderful playing and to all those who have supported and encouraged us over the past six months. New members are always welcome. Practices are on Monday evening in church at 7pm. For further information please contact Val (392148).

Val Bond

Bellringers

We are delighted to report that after 17 months of restricted ringing due to Covid we were able to hear all the bells in action again in August - just in time for a local band to ring a Quarter Peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate John Gilbert's 90th birthday! John was also presented with a plaque celebrating his birthday and recognising his dedication and commitment to ringing at All Saints for over 60 years.

We are now regularly meeting back in the tower (albeit with Lateral Flow Tests, face masks, hand sanitiser and open windows), and have resumed Friday evening practices and Sunday Service ringing. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the bells or learning to ring, please let us know – we would love to hear from you!

Judy Bridges

Social Committee

My report last year ended by me saying 'we may soon be back in full swing'. That has not been the case but we have managed to proceed with some social events then close them down again. We have started a new venture serving coffee and cake after the Friday morning Communion Service. This has been well received by all attending. We provided Greek nibbles for James' Greek Evening. We served weekly Harvest Lunches followed by a Harvest Supper in Church House, our first full social event in a long while.

Our monthly Lunch Club did not start until October. A wonderful Christmas Lunch was served in December only to have to close down lunch club again in January. We did manage to send out small Christmas boxes to a number of parishioners who were still not returning to church regularly. Lent lunches will be starting at Keedwell Church each Friday through Lent. We have not yet spoken to The Angel to see if we can resume our monthly Afternoon Teas there.

I must thank all those willing members of the Social Committee for all the hard work they put in – when things can happen. Here's hoping for a busy year to follow.

Angela Neale

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
Balance sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021		2020 restated	
		£	£	£	£
INVESTMENTS					
Market value at 31/12/2021	(8)		19,635		16,943
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		5,691		10,212	
Cash at Bank and in hand		15,290		24,539	
Cash on Deposit		39,397		39,228	
		60,378		73,979	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accrued charges:					
Loans due in 1 year	(10)	1,000		2,000	
Charities control	(12)	100		641	
Church general creditors		24,414		21,348	
		25,514		23,989	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			34,864		49,990
NET ASSETS			**54,499**		**66,933**
Represented by:					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	(13)				
Legacy		12,042		15,688	
Church House		5,241		5,254	
General Fund		9,041		16,177	
			26,324		37,119
Restricted Funds	(14)				
Future facilities		16,740		19,240	
Lighting		2,006		2,006	
Bells		1,479		1,479	
Churchyard		7,950		7,089	
			28,175		29,814
TOTAL FUNDS			**54,499**		**66,933**

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Revd. James Harris

1st March 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS LONG ASHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 restated Total funds £
	INCOMING RESOURCES				
	Income and endowments from:				
(1)	Donations and legacies	91,414	500	91,914	86,677
(2)	Other trading activities	8,387	-	8,387	4,553
(3)	Investments	20,676	159	20,835	18,174
(4)	Church Fees	3,007	-	3,007	2,556
	Total Incoming Resources	**123,484**	**659**	**124,143**	**111,960**
	RESOURCES EXPENDED:				
(5)	Church activities	111,813	3,000	114,813	96,778
(7)	Costs of generating income	24,456	-	24,456	12,869
	Total Resources Expended	**136,269**	**3,000**	**139,269**	**109,647**
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and other gains/(losses)	(12,785)	(2,341)	(15,126)	2,313
	Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
		(12,785)	(2,341)	(15,126)	2,313
(8)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,990	702	2,692	769
	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**(10,795)**	**(1,639)**	**(12,434)**	**3,082**
	Reconciliation of funds:				
(9)	Total funds (restated) brought forward	37,119	29,814	66,933	63,851
	Total funds carried forward	**26,324**	**28,175**	**54,499**	**66,933**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Note		2021			2020 restated
		£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals
(1)	**Voluntary income**				
	Giving	57,906	-	57,906	59,518
	December 2020 Appeal (excldg Gift Aid)	7,242	-	7,242	6,195
	Other non-recurring donations for church	2,740	500	3,240	
	Other charitable giving/donations	2,545	-	2,545	2,650
		70,433	500	70,933	68,363
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	13,690	-	13,690	14,875
	Grants	291	-	291	439
	Legacies	7,000	-	7,000	3,000
		91,414	500	91,914	86,677
(2)	**Trading activities**				
	Parish Magazine - subscriptions/advertising	4,613	-	4,613	2,549
	Keedwell - hall lettings	710	-	710	90
	Job Retention Scheme furlough grants	374	-	374	1,125
	Solar electricity generation (All Saints)	1,636		1,636	789
	Other activities	1,054	-	1,054	-
		8,387	-	8,387	4,553
(3)	**Investment income**				
	Deposit interest	17	27	44	110
	Investment income	353	132	485	580
	Church House - tenancies	12,240	-	12,240	11,071
	Church House - hall lettings	8,066	-	8,066	6,413
		20,676	159	20,835	18,174
(4)	**Fees**				
	Statutory PCC Fees	2,811	-	2,811	2,154
	Heating of the Church and other fees	196		196	402
		3,007	-	3,007	2,556
	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
(5)	**Church activities**				
	Diocesan Parish share	74,400	-	74,400	63,446
	Clergy expenses	245	-	245	120
	PCC staff salaries Note 6	16,885	-	16,885	15,654
	Church office costs	3,622	-	3,622	3,398
	Utilities and insurance				
	All Saints	5,980	-	5,980	4,175
	Keedwell	1,386	-	1,386	1,100
	Maintenance				
	All Saints	4,051	-	4,051	3,024
	Keedwell	-	-	-	271
	Livestreaming equipment	646	3,000	3,646	688
	Church Services and evangelism	2,030	-	2,030	2,482
	Charitable giving	2,568	-	2,568	2,420
		111,813	3,000	114,813	96,778

(6) The PCC employed an administrator, a caretaker (9 months) and a cleaner. All were part time
No employer National Insurance contributions were made in 2021 or 2020
Employer contributions to the Church Workers Pension Fund were £467 in 2021 (£457 in 2020).

(7)	**Costs of generating income**				
	Church House:				
	Utilities and insurance	3,767	-	3,767	4,522
	Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	12,055	-	12,055	3,119
	Legal fees	2,400	-	2,400	-
	Caretaker costs	2,097	-	2,097	2,406
		20,319	-	20,319	10,047
	Sundry costs	963	-	963	376
	Parish magazine - printing	3,174	-	3,174	2,446
		24,456	-	24,456	12,869

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Note		2021			2020 restated
		£	£	£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals	Totals

(8) Gains/(losses) on investment assets

		2021	2020	
	Cost	Market Value	Market Value	Gain/(loss)
Restricted - Churchyard				
222 shares - CBF Investment Fund	1,379	5,193	4,449	744
347 shares - CBF Fixed Interest	499	548	590	(42)
	1,878	5,741	5,039	702
Unrestricted - General				
594 shares - CBF Investment Fund	460	13,894	11,904	1,990
	2,338	19,635	16,943	2,692

Note: The basis for the valuation of Church House has not been established. Its insured value in 2021 was £1.5 million

(9) PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

As explained in the accounting policies, outstanding lettings income and the Gift Aid recoverable on giving in the last quarter of the year are now included in 'Debtors and prepayments' and the comparatives have been restated accordingly. The impact of this prior year adjustment is to increase 'Debtors and prepayments' and 'Unrestricted reserves' at 31st December 2021 by £5,520 (2020 £6,352; 2019 £6,056).

The 2020 SOFA has been restated to increase Gift Aid received within 'Donations and legacies' by £924 and to reduce Church House lettings within 'Investment income' by £628.

BALANCE SHEET

(10) CHARITIES - control account

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditor balance at 1st January	641	880
Receipts:-		
Donations (Note 11)	2,540	2,370
Payments:-		
Charities	(3,081)	(2,609)
Creditor balance at 31st December	**100**	**641**

(11) Charities - Donations raised and received

	2021	2020
	£	£
St Pauls Church, Athens	1,296	-
Thy Kingdom Come appeal	-	1,075
Trussel Trust	580	-
Diocese Ordinands Fund (licensing service)	-	445
St Peters Hospice	270	-
Sisters of the Church	138	215
WaterAid	-	207
Royal British Legion	201	-
Disasters Emergency Committee	-	193
Christmas Boxes	-	150
Other (under £150)	60	85
	2,545	**2,370**

(12) LOANS

	2021	2020
Creditor balance at 01/01/2021	2,000	1,000
Loans (repaid)/received in year	(1,000)	1,000
Creditor balance at 31/12/2021	**1,000**	**2,000**
Repayable in less than 1 year	1,000	2,000
Repayable in more than 1 year	-	-

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(13) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Incoming Resources:-	**General 2021**	*General 2020*	**Church House**	*Church House 2020*	**Legacy Fund**	*Legacy Fund 2020*	**Total 2021**	*Total 2020 as restated*
Donations and legacies	**84,414**	*83,612*	**-**	*-*	**7,000**	3,000	**91,414**	*86,612*
Other trading activities	**8,387**	*3,428*	**-**	*1,125*	**-**	-	**8,387**	*4,553*
Investments - letting	**-**	*-*	**20,306**	*17,484*	**-**	-	**20,306**	*17,484*
Investments - other income	**370**	*451*	**-**		**-**	-	**370**	*451*
Church Fees	**3,007**	*2,521*	**-**	-	**-**	-	**3,007**	*2,521*
Total Incoming Resources	**96,178**	*90,012*	**20,306**	*18,609*	**7,000**	3,000	**123,484**	*111,621*
Resources expended:-								
Church activities	**(111,167)**	*(96,778)*			**(646)**		**(111,813)**	*(96,778)*
Costs re voluntary income	**(4,137)**	*(2,822)*	**(20,319)**	*(10,047)*	**-**	-	**(24,456)**	*(12,869)*
Other - Building costs			**-**	-	**-**	-	**-**	-
Total Resources Expended	**(115,304)**	*(99,600)*	**(20,319)**	*(10,047)*	**(646)**	-	**(136,269)**	*(109,647)*
Net incoming/(outgoing)	**(19,126)**	*(9,588)*	**(13)**	*8,562*	**6,354**	3,000	**(12,785)**	***1,974***
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	**1,990**	*543*	**-**	-	**-**	-	**1,990**	*543*
Fund transfers	**10,000**	*9,000*		*(9,000)*	**(10,000)**	-	**-**	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**(7,136)**	*(45)*	**(13)**	*(438)*	**(3,646)**	3,000	**(10,795)**	*2,517*
Fund balance at 01/01/2021 as previously stated	**11,733**	*12,702*	**3,346**	*3,156*	**15,688**	*12,688*	**30,767**	*28,546*
Prior year adjustment (note 11)	**4,444**	*3,520*	**1,908**	*2,536*	**-**	-	**6,352**	*6,056*
Fund balance at 01/01/2021 as restated	**16,177**	*16,222*	**5,254**	*5,692*	**15,688**	*12,688*	**37,119**	*34,602*
Fund balance at 31/12/2021	**9,041**	*16,177*	**5,241**	*5,254*	**12,042**	15,688	**26,324**	*37,119*
Represented by:								
Investments at market value	**13,894**	*11,904*	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	**13,894**	*11,904*
Debtors and prepayments	**3,191**	*7,304*	**2,500**	*2,908*	**-**	-	**5,691**	*10,212*
Cash at Bank and on deposit	**8,270**	*14,058*	**10,941**	*8,246*	**12,042**	15,688	**31,253**	*37,992*
Loans		*(1,000)*	**-**	-	**-**	-	**-**	*(1,000)*
Creditors	**(16,314)**	*(16,089)*	**(8,200)**	*(5,900)*	**-**	-	**(24,514)**	*(21,989)*
Fund Value	**9,041**	*16,177*	**5,241**	*5,254*	**12,042**	*15,688*	**26,324**	*37,119*
Fund Value excluding Investments	**(4,853)**	*4,273*	**5,241**	*5,254*	**12,042**	*15,688*	**12,430**	*25,215*

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(14) **FUNDS ANALYSIS - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Future facilities Fund**	Bells	Churchyard	Lighting	Total 2021	*Total 2020*
Incoming Resources:-						
Donations,grants and legacies	500				500	*65*
Activities for generating funds	-				-	*35*
Investment income	-		159		159	*239*
Total Incoming Resources	**500**	**-**	**159**	**-**	**659**	**339**
Resources expended:-						
Church activities - live-streaming equipment	(3,000)				(3,000)	-
Total Resources Expended	**(3,000)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(3,000)**	**-**
Net incoming/(outgoing)	(2,500)		159		(2,341)	339
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-		702		702	*226*
Fund transfers	-		-		-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**(2,500)**	**-**	**861**	**-**	**(1,639)**	**565**
Fund balance at 01/01/2021	19,240	1,479	7,089	2,006	29,814	*29,249*
Fund balance at 31/12/2021	**16,740**	**1,479**	**7,950**	**2,006**	**28,175**	*29,814*

**** The Future Facilities Fund (previously named The Fabric Fund) includes the former Heating and Access Fund of £14,279**

Represented by:						
Investments at market value	-	-	5,741	-	5,741	*5,039*
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and on deposit	17,740	1,479	2,209	2,006	23,434	*25,775*
Loans	(1,000)	-	-	-	(1,000)	*(1,000)*
	16,740	1,479	7,950	2,006	28,175	*29,814*
Fund Value	**16,740**	**1,479**	**7,950**	**2,006**	**28,175**	**29,814**
Fund Value excluding Investments	**16,740**	**1,479**	**2,209**	**2,006**	**22,434**	**24,775**

	2021	2020	2019
Total restricted and unrestricted	**54,499**	*66,933*	*63,851*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of . Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.
The trustees have considered the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. They are satisfied of its ability to do so as ultimately it has discretion over the amount paid in respect of Parish Share which represented over 50% of unrestricted expenditure in 2021.
The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Funds
The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are those derived from gifts which are restricted to a particular purpose.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Prior year adjustment
In previous years, debtors have not been included in the accounts for outstanding Church House letting income and the Gift Aid recoverable on receipts in the last quarter of the year. These have now been incorporated with a prior year adjustment so that comparatives are restated. Further details are given in Note 9.

Incoming Resources
All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and it is therefore probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.
Income from gifts
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable by standing order under gift aid is recognised when received.
Planned giving received in lump sums designated for a particular year is deferred to that year.
Gift aid is accrued on donations according to the year to which the giving relates.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
Funds raised at fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Rental and lettings income from the letting of the church properties is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments
Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on Investments
Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at 31 December each year.

Resources expended
Activities directly related to the work of the Church
The diocesan parish share is accounted for in accordance with the agreed intention of the PCC.

Support costs
All of the support costs relate to the church's ministry and are included in the appropriate cost category in note **.

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

Governance
These are the costs of the governance arrangements of the church and include audit, legal advice and cost related to statutory requirements.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on moveable Church Furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is normally written off as expenditure in the SOFA and is separately disclosed. Major new capital items would be capitalised and are depreciated along with other equipment over their estimated useful working lives.

Properties owned by the PCC
Freehold premises are not depreciated as it is the PCC's policy to maintain the buildings to a high standard. As a result the properties maintain residual values at least equal to their book values. This means any depreciation charge for the year and cumulative depreciation is rendered immaterial.
Properties are reviewed for impairment at the end of each accounting period.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Office, IT and other equipment would be depreciated at 20% on a straight line basis. Individual equipment of £1,000 or less and fittings of £4,000 and less are written off as acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December each year.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of Gift Aid,fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either at NatWest Bank or the CCLA.

Pensions
The church participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Ffund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102.
Contributions payable are therefore charged to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) in the year to which they relate.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Independent Examiners Report to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Long Ashton

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out in the financial statements for 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011).
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiners Statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

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.

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Signiture..... Date...13/04/22