

Annual Report 2022 – Final

ST BARNABAS CHURCH EMMER GREEN

**ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council
(The Trustees Report)**

For the Period ended 31st December 2022

VICAR'S REPORT 2022

Since I was only installed as Vicar on 15th December, there is not a great deal I can report on. Nevertheless, I would like to place a few comments on record.

Firstly, to thank you all for the warm welcome Gill and I received on moving into the parishes. With all the settling in that goes on when you move, it is always helpful to see smiling friendly faces and cards with messages of welcome. I was thankful to meet so many people over the Christmas period, including many young people from schools and uniformed organisations.

Secondly, to thank the PCC and all those who worked so hard during the vacancy, maintaining so much of the work of St Barnabas. As I begin ministering with you, I can see the importance of your having maintained relationships both within the congregation and (equally important) with people and organisations beyond the worshipping congregation.

Inevitably, the combined effect of a vacancy and Covid-19 has meant some things have not continued. Recent years have been challenging, I believe this will continue, albeit for different reasons. On one level we are now 'building back' after Covid; but in other ways I suspect it has jolted us from a time of relative stability into a much more volatile and anxious world. And yet God is still with us.

Around 2,600 years ago God's people were dragged into a volatile and anxious world (Babylon). Their instinct was to return to their past life, but God called them to put down roots in the new place, saying: 'seek the welfare of the city ... for in its welfare you will find your welfare' (Jeremiah 29:7). St Barnabas seems to understand the concept of 'welfare', although precisely how God is calling us to embody that at this time, in Caversham Park and Emmer Green, is evolving.

As I look to the future, there are no clear answers to the missional challenges we face. I believe we should look, listen and experiment. Make broad plans for the future, whilst equipping ourselves for a more entrepreneurial mission and ministry. That means being ready to seize upon missional opportunities as they appear. *What* we do will be much less important than *the way* we do it. Our Lenten discipline for 2023 - attuning ourselves to notice where God is at work – is one such tool that will equip us to spot those opportunities.

Kevin

PCC OVERVIEW OF YEAR

The PCC's main focus of business throughout the year was the recruitment of a new incumbent. In January the Associate Archdeacon, Liz Jackson, took a service and afterwards answered questions from the congregation. Unfortunately, it was felt that the session produced more confusion than clarity. Even PCC members were themselves confused about the issue of Caversham Park.

To help to take matters forward and to shed light on the process for recruiting a new minister Rhodri Bowen attended a PCC meeting and explained his role as the Diocesan Parish Development Advisor which was "to walk alongside church communities to help them discern their mission and vision". He clarified the difference between his role and that of the Associate Archdeacon which was centred on the process of pastoral reorganization and recruitment of a new minister.

Rhodri outlined the stages in the recruitment process including the two key meetings the first at which the two representatives who would act on behalf of the church during the recruitment process would be selected and the second at which the Parish Profile, Role Description and Person Description would be agreed.

When drafting the Parish Profile Rhodri suggested that the section dealing with mission and vision would be the most challenging and offered to facilitate a 'Vision' event for the whole congregation which took place on Saturday 19th March. The event was well attended and enabled the capture of thoughts and ideas which could be fed into the drafting of the Parish Profile etc. The key statements upon which the Profile, Role Description and Person Description were based are below.

We are a church which:

- values the relationships built up between its members and provides a welcome to newcomers which encourages them to become fully involved.
- offers a variety of mainly traditional church services and provides a space which is comfortable for people of different traditions.
- promotes a deeper understanding of the gospel message through bible study, alpha courses and children's services.
- acts as a focal point for the wider community - for activities within the church's buildings, for contacts with local schools, and for support in times of sorrow.
- is committed to supporting two educational charities in Africa through our fund-raising events as well as other local charities proposed by the congregation.
- Encourages active Lay leadership.

Five themes for Mission

- Further growth of involvement with schools and the development of youth provision.
- Establishing the new parish and developing a presence within Caversham Park and the new housing development on the golf club site.

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- Growing the involvement of families and younger people whilst maintaining the ministry to the more elderly in church and at home.
- Being church based but reaching out and being connected with the community visiting care homes, on-line, in the home, at work, where people are.
- Improve the variety of services to include modern songs, junior choir, junior band.
- Develop the Lay team to be a strong part of the ministry.

Drafting posed a challenge for the PCC. All the necessary documents would need to be ready for agreement by the Associate Archdeacon by the beginning of June in order to interview candidates at the beginning of September.

However, to move ahead the “suspension” of the benefice needed to be lifted and there were still hurdles to be jumped. To move things along and following advice from the Associate Archdeacon, the PCC decided: to recommend that the two parishes in the Benefice of St Barnabas with Caversham Park be merged to form a single parish, and to seek an incumbent vicar rather than a temporary appointee.

Joy Abel and David Howell were elected by the PCC to act on its behalf during the selection process: including shortlisting and interviews.

Three candidates were shortlisted out of a field of eight and each gave a short talk to the congregation. Over lunch there was an opportunity to speak informally. The Revd Kevin Lovell was selected and following his notice period he and his wife Gill moved into the vicarage in November and he took services before and during Christmas.

Although we are not yet a single parish the formal approval process is underway. The resolution proposed by the Diocese and agreed by the PCC is below.

The PCC of St Barnabas Emmer Green agreed unanimously to support the draft Proposals:

- For the union of the parish of Emmer Green Saint Barnabas and the parish of Caversham Park, being the parishes, which comprise the area of the benefice of Emmer Green Saint Barnabas and Caversham Park in the Diocese of Oxford.
- and for the parish church of the parish of Emmer Green Saint Barnabas to be the parish church of the new parish.
- and further for the new parish to be named “The Parish of Emmer Green and Caversham Park Saint Barnabas”.

Roger Moore

PCC Secretary

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Barnabas Church is situated in Grove Road, Emmer Green, Reading. It is within the Reading Deanery, which is part of the Diocese of Oxford. The correspondence address of the PCC Secretary is 10 Barnard Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 6RZ. St Barnabas is registered with the Charity Commission as a charity – number 1164759.

The PCC members who served during the calendar year 2022 were:

Incumbent	-	Revd Kevin Lovell (from December)
Warden	-	David Howell

Asst Wardens	-	Wendy Howell
		Joy Abel

Deanery Synod Representatives	Elected
Mark Burton	2014 (re-elected Oct 2020)
Roger Moore	2017 (re-elected Oct 2020)
Members	
Felicity Chapman	2015
Susie Downer	2016
Bob Abel	2016
Irene Lindsay	2021
Noel Drury	2021
Richard Cunningham	2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parish St Barnabas, Emmer Green comes within the Benefice of St Barnabas Emmer Green and Caversham Park which consists of two separate parishes. From the beginning of 2021 only St Barnabas had a functioning PCC.

PCCs are charities governed by two pieces of Church of England legislation: the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended, particularly by the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All eligible Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC held 11 meetings during the year plus Section 11 and 12 meetings associated with the recruitment of the new incumbent. The work of other groups are reflected in this report.

The running of the church is supported by volunteers covering all areas of activity – Annex A.

OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

COMPLIANCE

The PCC members (the Trustees) of St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green, Reading (Number 1164759) in agreeing this Annual Report noted that they were fully aware of the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit and were of the opinion that the activities of St Barnabas Church met the Charity Commission requirements.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Up until mid-December when Kevin arrived, we'd been reliant on visiting clergy for the majority of our Sunday and weekday services and should therefore be extremely thankful for the support of the Area Dean Mike Smith and the clergy of the Reading Deanery.

For our main 9:30 services in 2021 the average was 35 gathered with an online presence of 8 meaning an average of 43 per service, which was well below the pre-pandemic 2019 figure of 69. However, 2022 has seen an increase of gathered to 47 with an online presence of 8 making the average 55. Still not recovered from the pre-covid numbers but nevertheless encouraging and something to build on.

The Wednesday 10:30 communion maintained its average of 8 and the Tuesday 8:30 Morning service was sustained throughout the year.

Also encouraging were Easter day Communion service which was attended by 76 adults and midnight Mass 38.

We managed to retain our links with The Hill School, Emmer Green Primary School, Kindergarten and the Preschool for all the festivals (Easter, Harvest and Nativity). Additionally, Emmer Green Primary Year 2 visited church to understand what a church is. And the good news is they are already booked in for 2023.

Our "All Age" Service at 11:30 on the first Sunday of the month remains informal, vibrant well structured with a loyal congregation of 4 families with occasional visitors. 2023 will be exciting as we learn to be more adventurous and experimental under Kevin's guidance.

David Howell

CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Health and Safety

Following the retirement of the health and safety officer the position has remained unfilled. There have been no events of concern during the year.

Roger Moore

Safeguarding

I have had the privilege of continuing as Safeguarding Officer for St Barnabas for yet another year.

I am happy to report that this has been a quiet year regarding safeguarding issues. An ongoing concern is being monitored, following discussion with the Diocesan Safeguarding team. Since the last report, all necessary DBS checks are up to date. My thanks go to Debbie Burton for taking control of this aspect. Members of the Ministry Team have completed or renewed their safeguarding training requirements, as appropriate. Members of the PCC will be refreshing their training in the next year. This is an ongoing process which I monitor.

There is a copy of the safeguarding policy on display in both the Parish Centre and the Church Hall.

In November I gave a short talk on safeguarding during the morning service. This was to remind the congregation that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. Any member of the congregation can access appropriate online training through the C of E training portal. Safeguarding is about being mindful of the vulnerabilities of others around us, and loving, respecting and caring for our neighbours of all ages.

Joy Abel, Safeguarding Officer

Electoral Roll.

The present electoral roll, as of 31st December 2022, contains 106 names, of which 30 are recorded as not resident within the 'old' boundary of St Barnabas. (That makes those in Caversham Park seem 'not resident.') If you wish to be added to the roll, please ask me and I will explain what is required and can supply a form.

Richard Cunningham, Electoral Roll Officer

Planned Giving.

I continue to record who-gave-what week-by-week for our giving schemes on which we can claim a tax refund under "Gift Aid" from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). These are: Standing orders, Weekly green envelopes in the offertory plate, the central Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), and Once-off envelopes.

(For those who don't know about Gift Aid: if you give your income to St Barnabas, it's no longer 'yours' and so HMRC will refund the income tax. At the present rate of tax £1 earned results in 20p of tax paid, leaving you with 80p; so when you give 80p we get 20p more when we claim that refund from HMRC, and so £1 given by you results in £1.25 received by us.)

Since my report in last year's annual APCM paperwork, I have made two claims to HMRC (excluding PGS) which have resulted in payments totalling £4,073.25; the last one was submitted for giving up to 31st October 2022. The HMRC "Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme" (GASDS) means we can claim Gift Aid on cash donations up to £30 where we have no signed declaration, and a claim for GASDS was included in these two claims.

The PGS scheme carries out a claim to HMRC monthly on our behalf and over the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 reports that it has claimed £6210.27 from HMRC.

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At present there are about 17 who contribute by standing orders, and about 30 who give by PGS. Those who pay by once-off envelopes tend to be once-off visitors, perhaps attending a baptism or funeral. Cash in the offertory plate results in a GASDS claim.

The small green envelopes that were used by regular givers remain in use by four givers, but we have saved some money by re-using un-used envelope sets printed for a previous financial year. The givers are asked to correct the printed date on the envelope and write on the date which they placed the envelope in the offertory. Their anonymity is preserved because the envelopes carry a number which is known only to me and the giver. I anticipate that we will continue to use up the old envelopes, which will last for several years yet.

A way to increase our income is for those who pay income tax but who give outside any of the methods I have mentioned in my first paragraph, to join one of these schemes. Please approach me, and I will provide details of the scheme; you will certainly be asked to sign a declaration to say that you wish that income tax you have paid on your gift is be reclaimed.

A recent introduction at PGS now allows a one-off payment to be made to our church via PGS using Credit or Debit cards, or Apple or Google pay. It works by the giver scanning on their mobile phone or tablet computer a QR-code (that's the small black and white squares in one big square thing) and then they find their phone/tablet is on the PGS web-page for our church, where they can make an on-line donation. I am trying (as I write this) to get that QR-code and a poster up so we might increase our giving from visitors who say "I'm sorry, I don't have any cash with me." Please look out for this in the Parish Centre, and promote it when appropriate. Finally, my thanks to all those who continue to support St Barnabas Church through the gift of money. Your help is so important in all that we do.

Richard Cunningham, Planned giving officer

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Choir and Music

We ended 2022 on a high with our traditional service of lessons and carols. We were delighted to welcome a few extras to our Christmas choir and to welcome our new vicar to preside over this service, although it was less than a week after his installation.

Many members of the choir are battling with their health and/or complex family needs, but they still find the time to practice and lead music for services. Services at St Barnabas are enriched by their dedication.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Mary Lewis who has stepped down from the choir after 40 years. She was keen that we didn't make any fuss, so we haven't made a formal presentation, but we want to celebrate her long service in the choir at St Barnabas.

Gail Houghton and Guy Watt have both been a great support to me in leading the music. I'd particularly like to mention Gail's beautiful piano accompaniments and Guy's growing knowledge of how to keep the organ running smoothly. I couldn't have got through this year without the support and understanding of all the choir.

Felicity Chapman

Children's Church

Easter Egg Hunt

Following on from the previous year's Easter Egg Hunt, we organised another Easter Egg Hunt.

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We had 7 families (1 family cancelled at last minute, and 1 didn't turn up) consisting of:
11 Adults (including 1 grandmother)
10 Children (including 1 baby)

Busy Bees

Busy Bees continues to run in the Parish Centre 2-3pm on Monday afternoons during Term Time (including Half-term holidays).

As is to be expected we have had a variable number of children, from 2 to 10. Some families come sporadically, and others are much more regular.

Many families come when they are on maternity / paternity leave and have to go back to work when their leave is up.

Shirley, along with Rene, have been long standing members of our group. I would like to thank them for time they have given to Busy Bees over many years.

Thank you to all who make Busy Bees a success.

All Age Service

The All Age Service on the first Sunday of the month at 11:30am has become a regular event, where families can come to a short family friendly service, at a time which is more suitable for them.

Refreshments (including homemade cakes) are served in the time between the main service and All Age Service. Thanks go to Wendy Moore and Margaret McKinley for helping to make the cakes.

We have a mix of lively songs, a Bible story, prayers and a short talk. Birthdays are celebrated with help from Zac (a glove puppet).

Debbie Burton

Prayer Chain

In 2022 I was very pleased to add one more individual to the list of those who continue to covenant to pray and honour God's name. Our group now numbers 16. I would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the group or who would appreciate prayer being offered on their behalf or for someone known to them.

We have prayed for:

- Those in distress because of illness, bereavement, life-changing events
- Those who have died
- Encouragement and guidance for individuals and events
- With thankful hearts

We have remembered in our prayers over 75 individuals, situations, or events.

We give thanks for the freedom and opportunity to raise our concerns with God.

Susie Downer

Puppet Ministry

During the first post COVID period puppets have played a major part in reconnecting our local school for all the major festivals. During Christmas alone we had over 500 children attend church to hear the good news of Jesus' birth.

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David Howell

PARISH CENTRE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Parish Centre Manager

The Parish centre is still greatly underutilised. Hopefully, during 2023 we will see the Thursday drop in start up again and maybe a drop in for young people to have a safe space on their way home. The Tuesday and Friday's activities are thriving.

David Howell

FUNDRAISING/CHARITIES REPORT FOR 2022

Fundraising

All was back to normal in 2022 and I am pleased to say that all 3 regular events took place raising money for Education for Life and Masiphumelele. In June we were able to meet up with Glyn & Jane Davies and catch up on events in Kenya. Dates for 2023 are as follows. Handyman Sale May 13th (a week later due to the coronation), Garden Party July 15th, Christmas Fair December 2nd.

Two car boot sales were attended raising money for church funds. My grateful thanks go to all those who help in any way to make sure these events happen and are fun.

Wendy Howell

Charitable Giving

Decisions about which charities to support from 2021 funds were delayed and consequently payments of £400 were instead made to five charities at the beginning of 2022 (Reading Family Aid, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, Reading Street Pastors, Christian Community Action and Yeldall Manor)."

"It had been hoped that a second round of payments could be made from 2022 funds towards the end of the year and suggestions were sought from the congregation, as had been the previous practice. However, financial constraints meant that once again the payments would need to be deferred to the next year. The PCC has, however, agreed a list of 8 charities which will receive £250 each from 2023 funds."

At the beginning of 2022, 5 Charities each received £400. (This was in lieu of 2021) Reading Family Aid, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, Reading Street Pastors, CIRDIC, Yeldall Manor.

Wendy Howell

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Charities

Eight charities received a total of £4,950 in 2022 from our fund-raising activities and collections at services. A further £2,000 was donated to five local charities from general funds. The details are contained in Annex B.

Bob Abel

Craft Group

This is still a thriving group that meets regularly on Tuesday mornings, to mostly chat and catch up with friends. They meet throughout the year, only stopping between Christmas and New Year. I am grateful to certain members who take over the reins if I am not available. As usual, we had a summer Bring & Share lunch and the same at Christmas.

Wendy Howell

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast is alive and well. We have a regular attendance of between 10 and 12 with 50% of those being from St Barnabas and the remainder a mixture of other Caversham Churches or men that don't worship anywhere. I frequently get contacted by the area Social Prescribers who are looking for men's groups for older gentlemen to meet other men in the community.

David Howell

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Everyone experiences grief differently. Each person has to find their own way to live with what has happened, and within their own timescale. But bereavement is often very lonely. Meeting with others who are on the same journey can be really helpful. It provides a valuable opportunity to share feelings with people who have suffered a loss too, who will respect your story, and give encouragement when it is most needed.

Bereavement Café

This informal drop-in has been meeting on the 1st Friday each month since October 2021. During that time 29 individuals have attended, some once, some several times. One person has been almost every time and has now taken over the refreshments.

8 of our visitors have come from as far afield as Whitley, Woodley, Calcot, Tilehurst and Sonning Common.

Living with Loss has been meeting monthly since the Parish Centre opened in 2010. The group began as a drop in but over time has become more of a support group and continues to be very much valued. Since October 2021, Living with Loss has moved from the 1st Friday to the 3rd Friday in the month. Anyone who has experienced loss of any kind is warmly welcomed. During the past year the average attendance has been 6.

Gillian Wilson

Friday Afternoon Friendship Group

We meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Parish Centre for tea, cake, chatter and activities. The latter often include (easy) quizzes, board games, cards etc. – chosen by members. We're always delighted to welcome newcomers so if you'd like to come along, please just pop in or get in touch.

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Mary Cameron

COMMUNICATION

The first edition of "Read all About It" was published at the beginning of 2021 and has continued each month through 2022. Thanks to Marion for her services in 2021/22; we are now looking for somebody else to look after the newsletter.

During the year, every week, services have been broadcast to the church community using Zoom and a simple camera and fixed position. A small group of AV operators has managed this role. The PCC recognized the limitations and agreed to invest in a more versatile set up that was easier to use. Work on developing a costed proposal is in abeyance awaiting review in 2023.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT

The fabric of the church was inspected in August as part of the quinquennial review. The report's conclusion was that the church is well maintained, and it was acknowledged that work had been carried out since the last review to address the matters raised in the previous report. Expensive matters for the future will be the replacement of the Perspex panels covering the east window of the chancel, the west window of the nave and the south window of the prayer room adjoining the porch. These panels have become opaque and discoloured restricting the light and visibility of the stained-glass windows. Consideration will also be given to replacing the torn insulation of the feed and expansion tanks in the boiler room plus external painting."

We've not had any recurrence of the leak in the Parish Centre roof as we've managed to keep the gutters relatively clear of debris. We had several minor maintenance jobs to carry out which have been repaired by members of the congregation. The major expenditure jobs for 2023 will be to point the top eight rows of brick work around the Parish Centre and to correct the water damage of the ceiling in the passage way to the vicar's office.

We are extremely grateful for the work and time that Guy Watt does for us.

I no longer have any responsibility for the vicarage since Kevin and Gill moved in. However, we have to acknowledge that they have had maintenance issues, which they've been working with the Diocese to rectify and that are ongoing.

David Howell

GARDENING GROUP

The Garden group met regularly throughout 2022 and the weather was generally kind to us. The summer heatwave stressed a few plants as it was impossible to give them all sufficient water

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however most plants seem to have survived. When planting in the future we will only use drought tolerant varieties. A generous donation enabled us to cover the gardens in a thick layer of chopped bark. This mulch has been very helpful to keep weeds down and moisture in the soil. We were very pleased to have Christine and Brian join us. The more people in the team the merrier!

Juliet and Tony Holland

ST BARNABAS HALL REPORT 2022

Yes, the Hall is back in action through 2022, hired for 60 family children's parties and 15 community groups who meet weekly. And of course, our Church uses the Hall for fundraising and social events. The result is a popular centre for our Church & the local community, and a useful source of income for our Church - £13,500 in 2022. It's a win win win asset!

It's an interesting calculation that 60 children's parties each with about 20 children means that 1200 children have had fun here. Then there are the Guides, 2 Brownie and a Rainbow group, and everyone else. Thank you to all the Groups who use the Hall. The details for each are shown on The St Barnabas Church Emmer Green website. Why not look up details of any classes that might interest you? Click on "Hall", then "External Groups". Choose from Pilates, Zumba, Age UK Taichi, Rosehill WI, Art workshop, Keep Fit and two Dance groups. Click on the Group name to reveal contact details and leaders of each group.

We revarnished the wood floor with volunteers from our congregation – thank you. And we welcome a new cleaner, Joanne Earley, who has kept the Hall clean. It's essential with all that use. Thanks to the people in the congregation who help with other maintenance – Bob Abel in particular for accounts & billing, and others for bins, electrical checking and so on.

Jon Barclay, Hall Manager Hall phone 07580 029910

WIDER CHURCH REPORT 2022 – READING DEANERY SYNOD & OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD REINSPIRED AND CTC HOLIDAY CLUB

Reading Deanery Synod & Oxford Diocesan Synod

Reading Deanery Synod

Reading Deanery Synod entered the post-Covid new normal in 2022. Meetings took place in person, but were also hybrid meetings, so that those who were unable to attend in person (for example testing positive for Covid) could attend remotely.

There is now an Area Dean, Mike Smith of Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham, and Reading Deanery Synod now has a Secretary.

March Meeting

The first meeting of the year was held here at St Barnabas Church – it is good to be able to host Synod.

Synod heard about the Greyfriars Atrium development and had a presentation about PACT (Parents and Children Together), a Reading-based charity mainly focused on helping the

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adoption process including providing ongoing care and support to adopted children and their (new) family.

Members of the Parish Share Committee were elected.

June Meeting

The second meeting was held at St Peter's Earley Church Hall.

Synod heard about the large number of Hong Kong refugees now attending Southlake St James Church. There was also a presentation about ECO Churches – churches were advocated to join this initiative.

Deanery Synod then passed the following motion:

“Reading Deanery Synod a) propose that all reasonable steps are taken to influence HM Government to amend planning regulations so that there is a presumption of permission for the installation of solar panels on the roofs of churches, and facilitate the installation of heat pumps, even if the churches are listed buildings; and b) propose that Oxford Diocesan Synod pass a motion to support this proposal, and refer this motion to General Synod.”

“Reading Deanery Share 2023 Principles” were approved, and the 2023 Parish Share Scheme was approved.

November Meeting

There was a presentation about Citizens UK. It was agreed that Reading Deanery Synod would join Citizens UK as an umbrella organisation for churches in the Deanery, the membership fee would be paid from the Reading Deanery MAP Fund.

The 2023 Parish Shares were ratified at the same level as had been presented to the June Synod Meeting – Diocesan Synod had agreed that LLMs and SSMs could claim the Diocesan portion of fees for Services they take after Deanery Synod had finalised its Parish Share Scheme, but there was sufficient headroom not to increase the proposed Parish Shares.

There was a presentation about REInspired (which was originally set up by Churches Together in Earley and East Reading (CTEER)).

Churches had been asked to complete Cost of Energy Crisis Questionnaires and the analysis would be used to inform strategy at a higher level.

The Solar Panel Proposal is to be discussed at Diocesan Synod in March 2023, and it may be necessary to amend the motion to gain more support and Deanery Synod authorised the Lay Chair to negotiate a new motion for this purpose.

Oxford Diocesan Synod

March Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom. It has been agreed that one meeting a year will be in person, and the other 2 via Zoom. The reduction in travelling will reduce Carbon emissions.

There was a presentation on Discipleship and an update by the Bishop of Oxford on Christ Church, Oxford.

Most of the Synod Meeting was taken up by an update and listening exercise on Living in Love and Faith.

June Meeting

This was held at St James Church Centre, Gerrards Cross, and was the first in-person meeting for 2 years.

Responses were given to formal questions asked about the discussion on human sexuality, and the independent review of Christ Church Oxford.

The Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven gave a presidential address focussing on the environment and the climate emergency.

Synod approved Net Zero work to vicarages in the Diocese.

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The Parish Share Review Group reported on the Parish Share resulting in the proposed new Parish Share Scheme. (Deaneries are allocated a total Deanery Share, and they are delegated authority to devise their own Parish Share Scheme, or they may use the Diocesan Scheme.) The new scheme allocates more ministry costs to each parish, but this has resulted in less mutual support, which has meant some less affluent areas paying more Share than they would have done under the previous scheme.

Diocesan Synod agreed that LLMs and SSMs could claim the Diocesan portion of fees for Services they take. The sums involved would have to be added to the previously agreed Deanery Shares.

There was also a Safeguarding update presented by the Chair of the Safeguarding Panel and the new Head of Safeguarding.

November Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Bishop Steven gave an address on the next stage of the Living in Love and Faith process.

There was a report on the Lambeth Conference.

The 2023 budget was approved.

The main item was the Christ Church Governance Review.

The elected Lay Representation on Deanery Synods 2023-2026 (the number of lay representatives that each church will have) was approved.

REInspired

REInspired sessions returned to the pre-Covid pattern, and a large number of sessions took place in primary schools in Caversham and Emmer Green. It is good that RE sessions can be delivered by members of local churches so that children can learn about Christianity from Christians.

CTC Holiday Club

CTC Holiday Club took place at St Anne's RC Primary School. Numbers of children attending were a little lower than pre-Covid. A number of Ukrainian refugees attended.

Mark Burton

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Annex A – 2022 VOLUNTEERS AND ACTIVITIES

This statement describes how many of the activities involved in running and sustaining the Church were organized and who as an individual or as a team had responsibility for the various activities during 2022. Some activities changed responsibility and others were no longer supported. New volunteers and members are always welcome.

Worship and Ministry		Building	
Intercessions	Susie Downer	Verger	vacant
Servers		Centre Manager	David Howell
Sacristan	Vacant	Gardens	Tony & Juliet Holland
Sidespeople		Maintenance team	vacant
AV System	Mark Burton	Hall Manager	Jon Barclay
Altar linen	Christine Bartlett	Display Boards	
Lesson Reading	Joy Abel		
Flowers	Wendy Howell and Gail Houghton		
Alpha			
Children's church: Debbie Burton, Mark Burton		Choir and Music Group Felicity Chapman and Team	
Bible study notes	vacant		
Chalice	vacant		
Fellowship Groups			
Monday evening	Noel Drury		
Thursday (day)	Ruth Thomas		
Tuesday (even)			
Wed Bible Study			
Thursday Fellowship			
Study & Discussion Group	Mark Burton		
Living with Loss	Gillian Wilson		
Bereavement Cafe	Gillian Wilson		
Tea & Fellowship	Mary Cameron		
Activities			
H&S	vacant		
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Joy Abel		
Parish Safeguarding Verifier	Debbie Burton		
Centre Drop-Ins	Wendy & David Howell		
2 nd and 4 th Friday Tea	Mary Cameron		
Busy Bees	Debbie Burton, Mark Burton		
Fund Raising	Wendy Howell and Team		
Catering Team			
Sunday tea	Wendy Howell		

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Annex B – Charities

SUMMARY OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS MADE IN 2022

Restricted Fund-raising

Receipts (£)		Payments (£)	
Handyman Sale, Garden Party & Christmas Fair	3,480.05	Education for Life Masiphumelele	1,743.02 1,740.03
Christmas collections	354.95	Faith Christian Group CIR Drop-in Centre	177.48 177.47
Christingle Service	107.86	The Children's Society	107.86
Retiring collections	1,004.86	DEC Ukraine Appeal DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund	272.76 394.50 337.60
Total	4,947.72	Total	4,950.72
		Note: £3 overspend due to bank error	

Donations made from General Funds

Payments (£)	
Christian Community Action	400.00
Reading Family Aid	400.00
Wyfold Riding for the Disabled	400.00
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Date: 3rd February 2023

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Collections at Services		3,235	0	1,468	4,703	3,262
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Gift Aid Tax Recovered		10,088	0	196	10,284	10,050
		<u>53,576</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>55,240</u>	<u>55,660</u>
Activities for generating funds	1(b)	21,351	0	3,482	24,833	15,054
Investment Income	1(c)	122	0	0	122	5
Church Activities	1(d)	873	0	0	873	1,177
Total Receipts		<u>75,922</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,146</u>	<u>81,068</u>	<u>71,896</u>
<u>Payments</u>						
Church Activities						
Parish Share		57,227	0	0	57,227	55,802
Clergy and Staffing Costs		1,267	0	0	1,267	669
Church Running and Service Expenses	1(e)	3,063	0	0	3,063	2,357
Church Building Expenses	1(f)	9,040	0	0	9,040	11,429
Mission Giving and Donations	1(g)	2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,172
		<u>72,597</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,951</u>	<u>77,548</u>	<u>75,429</u>
Cost of Generating Funds	1(h)	4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167
Total Payments		<u>76,890</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,951</u>	<u>81,841</u>	<u>77,596</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(968)	0	195	(773)	(5,700)
Cash at Bank at 1st January		27,979	11,399	(168)	39,210	44,910
Cash at Bank at 31st December		<u>27,011</u>	<u>11,399</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>38,437</u>	<u>39,210</u>
2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Barclays Bank Current Accounts		17,640	11,399	27	29,066	29,960
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		9,371	0	0	9,371	9,250
		<u>27,011</u>	<u>11,399</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>38,437</u>	<u>39,210</u>
Other Monetary Assets						
Income Tax recoverable		682	0	0	682	743
Parish Share Deanery Refund		1,783	0	0	1,783	1,788
		<u>2,465</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,531</u>
Assets retained for Church use	8	<u>410,909</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>410,909</u>	<u>410,909</u>
Liabilities						
Loan		5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000
Other expenses		0	0	0	0	0
		<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Loan: At 31st December 2022 an indefinite loan of £5,000 remained outstanding. This sum had been assigned to the Organ Fund but, with the completion of the organ regeneration, is now available, by agreement, for general church purposes at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1 Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
a) Other giving and voluntary receipts						
Donations		4,012	0	0	4,012	5,931
Legacy		301	0	0	301	0
		4,313	0	0	4,313	5,931
b) Activities for generating funds						
Fund raising events		1,983	0	3,482	5,466	5,627
Rent from Church & Hall Hire		17,850	0	0	17,850	8,862
Parish Centre café		1,518	0	0	1,518	565
		21,351	0	3,482	24,833	15,054
c) Investment Income						
CBF Deposit Fund Interest		122	0	0	122	5
d) Church Activities						
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		873	0	0	873	1,153
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Other Activities		0	0	0	0	24
		873	0	0	873	1,177
Payments						
e) Church Running and Service Expenses						
Altar requisites/flowers		19	0	0	19	752
Organist/choir		100	0	0	100	45
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Children & young people		785	0	0	785	550
Stationery/printing		524	0	0	524	402
Fees and subscriptions		1,635	0	0	1,635	608
Other activities		0	0	0	0	0
		3,063	0	0	3,063	2,357
f) Church Building Expenses						
Equipment/consumables		306	0	0	306	45
Church insurance		1,606	0	0	1,606	1,889
Utilities		4,332	0	0	4,332	4,000
Maintenance		2,796	0	0	2,796	5,448
Cleaning		0	0	0	0	47
		9,040	0	0	9,040	11,429
g) Mission Giving and Donations						
Donations from collections at Funerals	6	0	0	0	0	39
Donations for charitable purposes	6 & 7	2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,133
		2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,172
h) Cost of Generating Funds						
Fund raising events		0	0	0	0	0
Church Hall expenses		4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167
		4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167

(1d) Fees for Weddings and Funerals are the fees retained by the PCC. Fees received on behalf of the Diocese, vergers and organists and passed directly to them are not included for 2021 in accordance with financial guidance from the Church of England, although they have been included in the Financial Statements for 2018 and earlier years.

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2 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal, or fund raising events or collections as agreed by the PCC.

The designated fund represents amounts set aside by the PCC for use at the discretion of the fund holder.

4 Designated Funds

	Vicar's Discretionary Fund £	Building Improvements Fund £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Balance at 1st January	174	11,225	11,399	15,139
Receipts	0	0	0	0
Payments	0	0	0	3,740
Balance at 31st December	174	11,225	11,399	11,399

5 Restricted Funds

	Charities £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Balance at 1st January	(168)	(168)	0
Receipts			
Donations received	0	0	0
Collections at Funerals	0	0	39
Christmas & Other Collections	1,468	1,468	1,179
Fundraising events	3,482	3,482	3,761
Gift Aid Tax recovered	196	196	25
	5,146	5,146	5,004
Payments			
Expenses	0	0	0
Funeral Donations	0	0	39
Donations made to Charities	4,951	4,951	5,133
	4,951	4,951	5,172
Balance at 31st December	27	27	(168)

6 Donations made for Charitable purposes were as follows:

	£
Education for Life	1,743
Masiphumelele	1,740
The Children's Society	108
Faith Christian Group	178
CIRDIC	177
Disasters Emergency Committee	667
Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund	338
	4,951

The Charities fund includes collections and sale proceeds from fund raising events donated to charitable causes as nominated each year by the PCC plus donations given at funerals.

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7 Charitable Giving: 2022 The following gifts were made from General Funds during the year:

	£
Christian Community Action	400
Reading Family Aid	400
Wyfold RDA	400
Yeldall Manor	400
Reading Street Pastors	400
Total: 2022	<u>2,000</u>

8 Fixed assets retained for Church use are:	2022	2021
	£	£
The Church Hall dedicated as a Church in 1897	N/A	N/A
The Parish Centre completed in 2009	332,967	332,967
The Parish Centre Garden completed in 2010	18,206	18,206
The regenerated Church Organ completed in 2016	59,736	59,736
	<u>410,909</u>	<u>410,909</u>

Fixed assets are stated at cost where known.

9 Caversham Group Ministry

The following fund is held by the Rector and Churchwardens of the Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham Parish for the benefit of the Caversham Group Ministry. The CTM treasurer provides the financial statements:

Canon Nash Memorial funds for grants to ordination candidates and others training for work in the Church of England.

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Investment Income	1(c)	122	0	0	122	5
Church Activities	1(d)	873	0	0	873	1,177
Total Receipts		75,922	0	5,146	81,068	71,896
Payments						
Church Activities						
Parish Share		57,227	0	0	57,227	55,802
Clergy and Staffing Costs		1,267	0	0	1,267	669
Church Running and Service Expenses	1(e)	3,063	0	0	3,063	2,357
Church Building Expenses	1(f)	9,040	0	0	9,040	11,429
Mission Giving and Donations	1(g)	2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,172
		72,597	0	4,951	77,548	75,429
Cost of Generating Funds	1(h)	4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167
Total Payments		76,890	0	4,951	81,841	77,596
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(968)	0	195	(773)	(5,700)
Cash at Bank at 1st January		27,979	11,399	(168)	39,210	44,910
Cash at Bank at 31st December		27,011	11,399	27	38,437	39,210
2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Barclays Bank Current Accounts		17,640	11,399	27	29,066	29,960
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		9,371	0	0	9,371	9,250
		27,011	11,399	27	38,437	39,210
Other Monetary Assets						
Income Tax recoverable		682	0	0	682	743
Parish Share Deanery Refund		1,783	0	0	1,783	1,788
		2,465	0	0	2,465	2,531
Assets retained for Church use	8	410,909	0	0	410,909	410,909
Liabilities						
Loan		5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000
Other expenses		0	0	0	0	0
		5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000

Loan: At 31st December 2022 an indefinite loan of £5,000 remained outstanding. This sum had been assigned to the Organ Fund but, with the completion of the organ regeneration, is now available, by agreement, for general church purposes at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1 Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
a) Other giving and voluntary receipts						
Donations		4,012	0	0	4,012	5,931
Legacy		301	0	0	301	0
		4,313	0	0	4,313	5,931
b) Activities for generating funds						
Fund raising events		1,983	0	3,482	5,466	5,627
Rent from Church & Hall Hire		17,850	0	0	17,850	8,862
Parish Centre café		1,518	0	0	1,518	565
		21,351	0	3,482	24,833	15,054
c) Investment Income						
CBF Deposit Fund Interest		122	0	0	122	5
d) Church Activities						
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		873	0	0	873	1,153
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Other Activities		0	0	0	0	24
		873	0	0	873	1,177
Payments						
e) Church Running and Service Expenses						
Altar requisites/flowers		19	0	0	19	752
Organist/choir		100	0	0	100	45
Vicar's Discretionary Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Children & young people		785	0	0	785	550
Stationery/printing		524	0	0	524	402
Fees and subscriptions		1,635	0	0	1,635	608
Other activities		0	0	0	0	0
		3,063	0	0	3,063	2,357
f) Church Building Expenses						
Equipment/consumables		306	0	0	306	45
Church insurance		1,606	0	0	1,606	1,889
Utilities		4,332	0	0	4,332	4,000
Maintenance		2,796	0	0	2,796	5,448
Cleaning		0	0	0	0	47
		9,040	0	0	9,040	11,429
g) Mission Giving and Donations						
Donations from collections at Funerals	6	0	0	0	0	39
Donations for charitable purposes	6 & 7	2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,133
		2,000	0	4,951	6,951	5,172
h) Cost of Generating Funds						
Fund raising events		0	0	0	0	0
Church Hall expenses		4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167
		4,293	0	0	4,293	2,167

(1d) Fees for Weddings and Funerals are the fees retained by the PCC. Fees received on behalf of the Diocese, vergers and organists and passed directly to them are not included for 2021 in accordance with financial guidance from the Church of England, although they have been included in the Financial Statements for 2018 and earlier years.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

2 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal, or fund raising events or collections as agreed by the PCC. The designated fund represents amounts set aside by the PCC for use at the discretion of the fund holder.

4 Designated Funds

	Vicar's Discretionary Fund £	Building Improvements Fund £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Balance at 1st January	174	11,225	11,399	15,139
Receipts	0	0	0	0
Payments	0	0	0	3,740
Balance at 31st December	174	11,225	11,399	11,399

5 Restricted Funds

	Charities £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Balance at 1st January	(168)	(168)	0
Receipts			
Donations received	0	0	0
Collections at Funerals	0	0	39
Christmas & Other Collections	1,468	1,468	1,179
Fundraising events	3,482	3,482	3,761
Gift Aid Tax recovered	196	196	25
	5,146	5,146	5,004
Payments			
Expenses	0	0	0
Funeral Donations	0	0	39
Donations made to Charities	4,951	4,951	5,133
	4,951	4,951	5,172
Balance at 31st December	27	27	(168)

6 Donations made for Charitable purposes were as follows:

	£
Education for Life	1,743
Masiphumelele	1,740
The Children's Society	108
Faith Christian Group	178
CIRDIC	177
Disasters Emergency Committee	667
Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund	338
	4,951

The Charities fund includes collections and sale proceeds from fund raising events donated to charitable causes as nominated each year by the PCC plus donations given at funerals.

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7 Charitable Giving: 2022 The following gifts were made from General Funds during the year:

	£
Christian Community Action	400
Reading Family Aid	400
Wyfold RDA	400
Yeldall Manor	400
Reading Street Pastors	400
Total: 2022	<u>2,000</u>

8 Fixed assets retained for Church use are:

	2022 £	2021 £
The Church Hall dedicated as a Church in 1897	N/A	N/A
The Parish Centre completed in 2009	332,967	332,967
The Parish Centre Garden completed in 2010	18,206	18,206
The regenerated Church Organ completed in 2016	59,736	59,736
	<u>410,909</u>	<u>410,909</u>

Fixed assets are stated at cost where known.

9 Caversham Group Ministry

The following fund is held by the Rector and Churchwardens of the Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham Parish for the benefit of the Caversham Group Ministry. The CTM treasurer provides the financial statements:

Canon Nash Memorial funds for grants to ordination candidates and others training for work in the Church of England.