

## ST KATHARINE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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### OUR VISION STATEMENT

**We are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all.**



### A message from Canon Andrew Evans (Rector)

I encourage you to read this report in its entirety because it is very encouraging. And as I say that, I do sometimes wonder why God has chosen to bless a little village church like ours and to give us favour over an area well beyond our parish boundaries. Saying that does in the same breath, cause me to encourage us all to greater humility before the Lord, because this is his doing; and humility, as we are learning, is one of the things that attracts his presence, his favour and his attention.

We are certainly not the perfect church, but it feels like we have momentum, and that God is taking us on a journey to be *revival ready*. As we have taken the book of that name by Steve and Esther Uppal chapter by chapter on a Sunday morning, I have noticed a new energy and enthusiasm among a growing number of my brothers and sisters in Christ in St Ks. God is doing something in our homegroups, in our worship and particularly in individuals who are taking the messages and putting them into practice.

When I wrote something in last year's annual report, we were finding running indoor and outdoor church every week something of a challenge to resource and it sometimes felt thin in terms of numbers for our services in the building. We were about to move into the service structure we now have with two café churches a month to aid unity by being altogether on at least two Sundays in the month. This has worked well and we have grown. None of the services now feel thin. Outdoor church and café church are models of church that are very open to unchurched folks. They are missional. Our models must remain flexible as we continue to reach out to others with the gospel and deepen our compassion for the lost.

It seems to me that God is currently shaking our nation and the church. 'Consumer Christianity', a Christianity that asks, 'What's in it for me?' and causes us to place the emphasis on our preferences and our experience, is on the wane simply because the critics tend to leave. God is calling for our repentance and for church to start to be more about what we give than what we get. I can already see this starting to happen in St Ks. We are meeting monthly for a church prayer gathering and more folks are joining the online prayer opportunities. For café church to work, we all need to be serving, choosing wisely which table we sit on, enabling the discussion there to go well and for everyone to feel welcome, being prepared to share our story and minister with the laying on of hands as the need arises etc. The Archbishop Temple quote comes to mind – 'The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members'.

There are current challenges to focus on. Here are three . . .

- Café Church is full with little room for growth.
- How do we do better at making disciples who make disciples?
- Do we need to introduce more services to feed the faithful?

### **Music and Worship report from Ben Jarvis**

The beginning of last year marked a new start as we emerged from COVID restrictions. Fast-forward a year and we find ourselves in a new place. We have a tighter grip over songs, which has been helped by narrowing down our repertoire. We lead with growing clarity and continue to improve musicianship and listening skills. Our worship leaders have developed greater proficiency and confidence, and we are generally finding more space to nurture individual gifts. Long may this continue.

We continue to welcome new members, including some highly skilled musicians and worship leaders (with years of experience). On Thursdays we emphasize the importance of scripture, prayer, and fellowship – and we have seen God answer prayer. Members comment on the sense of authenticity and warmth at our meetings. We offer a good welcome, sense of togetherness, and quite a bit of humorous banter.

For a village church I think we have a rather unique and extraordinary music ministry. And the group is becoming large, which makes me wonder what is coming next.

Our fresh approach to the Christmas service was a success, with the worship group taking a leading role in hosting and designing the entire event. An innovative approach led to an exceptional and powerful worship service and season. It also provides a model for how we could tap into more gifts and create events that are stress free but high-impact – easy for invitation, gospel orientated, and a representation of an authentic St Ks.

We are currently in a season of refreshing and expanding our repertoire. We hope to explore the topic of worship looking ahead: We are a church that worships. We are also planning to work on tech challenges, and get more out of the sound desk.

Thank you to all the committed members of the worship team. They make a concerted effort to attend weekly meetings, and lead the congregation faithfully in worship each week, along with those who help on the desk. Thank you. Special thanks to Tim Mason and Ken Marshall who have stepped up to lead outdoor church many times over the last year.

Most of all we want to thank God – the Lord our banner.

## St. Katharine's Youth (SKY) report from Harvey Bennett



Over the past year SKY has continued to grow and we are so encouraged by the work that God has done in bringing so many young people from the village and local area into our space on Friday evenings. In last year's report we mentioned that we had just invited the year 6's from the two local schools (Holt & Broughton Gifford Primary), and as a result welcomed 17 young people into our SKY session – 8 being years 6's. We have continued to grow and over the last year we have welcomed an average of around 26 young people on Friday evenings – the most being 30. However, on the 24 February 2023 we invited all year 6's to join us again and, amazingly, 36 young people joined us for our Friday evening session – double the number from last year and 14 of which were at SKY for the first time. Over the next few months, we will aim, again, to support our year 6's as they make the transition from primary to secondary school.

Since the last report, we have continued with the aim of providing a safe and valuable space for all young people to have fun, socialise and grow together as a community. We believe that our space is accessible to all, however we have continued to look for ways to learn and improve our space – including adding new equipment in January 2023, particularly aimed at those with additional needs.

Over the past year, SKY+, our additional and optional time of looking deeper into faith, has become a really important part of the evening for those who are interested and choose to stay for another half-an-hour after SKY. We have tended to have around 7 young people stay for SKY+ which has been really encouraging. SKY+ has given us an amazing opportunity to talk about and discuss faith with questions such as “do we have a soul?” and “can we find Jesus in the Old Testament?”, and the topic of ‘love languages’.

In July, we took 15 young people away to Spree Central in Northamptonshire. We had an amazing weekend of activities and teaching, and it was great to see relationships being built, not only between the young people, but between our young people and the SKY leaders. We enjoyed the weekend so much that this year we will be taking our young people for a weekend away in June at Spree Southwest, near Exeter. We hope to take a similar number of young people as last year.



Looking back over the last year, all the SKY leaders are so encouraged by what God has been doing. We are all so passionate about working with young people and are continuously looking for God's guidance for this area of youth ministry so that we can continue to see our young people grow both in themselves and with God.

## Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) report from Rachel Firth

The LPA team continue to minister behind the scenes to support people across the Benefice, providing meals, practical support, prayer and pastoral visits. It was sad to say goodbye to Sue Osman and Jane Scheuber, who retired from the team after faithful and fruitful service over a number of years. We were therefore delighted to welcome three newly trained LPA's this year; Dawn Farmer, Jayne Gibbons and Betty Last who have swelled the ranks with great enthusiasm.



We have been invited back to the Old Parsonage in Broughton Gifford to assist with a monthly communion service, and some of the team are keen to administer communion there themselves, which is a lovely development. We also have fresh initiatives to form firmer links with baptism families.

### **Communications report from Dawn Farmer**

Social media is an important way we connect with our church members, local communities and further afield. It is a platform for getting the message out, communicating points of interest. It provides an opportunity to show the wider world that we are an active church, interested in our communities and concerned about topics that they value.

During 2022 various social media posts have been uploaded by the team including fund raising events at the schools, coffee mornings, concerts, scarecrow trail let alone all the variety of services taking place week by week and our interest in the climate with the Eco committee sending in content to share. As ever there is always huge effort in communicating about in particular Easter and Christmas so plenty of posting done during those periods of time! If you have not already done so and have a Facebook or Instagram account, please do follow us [@faithinourvillage](#)

Publicity via posters and flyers still have their place and the displaying of these on notice boards, gates at the Coach House, sent out via email to church members and via the schools and their parent mail has been significant during 2022 and on-going. Credit to Beth Evans for her creative talent for our posters, Christmas card and pictures which we have then used on social media.

Communication monthly via Church Life Matters has continued and we appreciate the time and effort put in by Therese Underwood in compiling such a professional looking magazine during 2022 and especially as she had moved away from the area but kindly continued until the end of the year.

There are weekly emails sent out each Monday and Thursday to the entire benefice (as well as 'one off' notices) and a really important way to keep up to date and informed.

A Church Near You and our website are also tools for communication and need to be maintained and kept up to date. The Church of England for seasonal times of year produce for use themes for example around Easter (*Live Lent* in 2022) and Christmas (*Follow the Star: the great invitation* in 2022) and churches can use all of their materials or some to help promote events and services during these times.

### **Eco Church report from Jane Scheuber**

Our Eco-Church team met three times during the year, firstly to reassess our status on the A Rocha framework then plan a way forward.

We continue to encourage the use of Fairtrade and Eco-friendly supplies for the church housekeeping. Many thanks to Chris Flannery who ensures we have supplies of everything from tea and coffee to recycled toilet rolls. Arthur Baston is now taking the altar candle ends to Bath Abbey who collect them for recycling into new candles.

Three special very successful Coffee Mornings were held to raise awareness and funds for three charities, Christian Aid in May, Farm Crisis Network at Harvest and Traidcraft before Christmas.



The churchyard has developed into a 'wilder' space with the lower area now supporting a greater variety of wildflowers. On one occasion the Outdoor church congregation made 'Thank You' posies from our own wildflowers. We also have a population of Slowworms which may be spotted under their 'sun bed' on warm days.



In June we had a focus on worship and outdoors when Robert Floyd from Great Chalfield kindly set up his moth trap overnight. We we're delighted to discover a whole new world of insects that call our space home, both children and adults celebrating the glory of God's creation then staying on for a picnic in the spring sunshine.

Anthony Matthew continues to help enormously with mowing, keeping edges and pathways tidy while letting other areas grow. We will be encouraging No Mow May again this year. Sadly, one of our great Hazel trees had to be coppiced as its ageing boughs were unsafe.

We continue to encourage the use of the churchyard as a place of peacefulness and contemplation for anyone to enjoy and of course for our Sunday outdoor celebrations.



In the other Eco-Church categories, we have made less progress. Of course, this is not an exercise in ticking boxes but a way of steering us in the direction of Christian Care for the world. God created it and everything in it and saw that it was very good.

Now we are in a climate emergency and need to put things right. Could you join our team and help fill the gaps? Thank you.

### **Outdoor Church report from Rev. Katie Jackson, Harvey Bennett and Heather Marshall**

Outdoor church takes place twice a month, whatever the weather, and continues to be enjoyed by people of all ages. It provides an amazing opportunity to worship within nature, celebrating God's creation and involving it in our talks and activities. Gathering around the fire pit for our times of worship, teaching and prayer enables the whole community to participate, and it is wonderful that contributions to the prayers and discussions increasingly come from the youngest to the oldest.



This service continues to have children and young people at the heart of all that takes place and it has been exciting to observe the growing number of grandparents who feel comfortable bringing their 'unchurched' grandchildren along to join in. The worship group who brave the cold and wet have been a real blessing and often continue to play whilst the activities are going on, creating an atmosphere of praise and thankfulness throughout the whole service.

### **Café Church report from Rev. Katie Jackson, Harvey Bennett and Heather Marshall**

Café church is a wonderful space for the entire family of St Katharine's to come together to worship. The relaxed atmosphere has enabled many who are new to church to feel comfortable and new relationships develop each week around the tables. Everyone has a part to play in this service as there is so much going on, and it particularly needs everyone to be welcomers; at the door, around the tables, serving refreshments, noticing when someone isn't quite sure what to do or where to sit. Recently we have started specific discussion groups for our children and young people, and these have been a wonderful addition, as it gives space for our youngest members to engage more fully in the Bible passages and think about what they might mean for us today. We aim to bring something for everyone at this service and it continues to be a work in progress, as we listen to the Holy Spirit and sense when

we need to try something a bit different. We are shortly going to trial taking the children to the Coach House for part of the service, so that we can offer more focused time for them so watch this space. But at the heart of this service is a sense of family; of us as a church being family together through worship, sharing food, breaking open God's word and sharing our stories and thoughts and prayer. Sometimes it can feel a bit like organised chaos but that is what family life often looks like and it is something to be celebrated!

### **Home Groups report from Rev. Katie Jackson**

Our home groups are a source of joy and are growing on a weekly basis. We now have twelve groups and one more on the way which is incredible for a village church and something to be celebrated. Our groups cover a range of topics, sometimes joining in with the theme of the sermon series, such as 'We are a church who...' and 'Revival Ready' and at other times choosing their own material. But they are also a place for people to come and share personal stories, encourage each other, pray and grow as disciples together. There is always space for others to join so if you or anyone you know would like to be a part of a home group then do let me know.

### **Tiny Tots report from Rev. Ruth Mecedry**



Summer terms in 2022 saw the number of families visiting Tiny Tots continue to rise and by the end of the summer term we had welcomed 43 families. Our Summer theme of "taste and see that the Lord is good" enabled us to introduce our little ones to stories of people who met Jesus for a meal and the fruit of the spirit being displayed in people's lives.

Since September 2022 Tiny Tots has had the privilege of welcoming 36 families so far. Some families we only see the once, but we hope that it was a lovely warm experience for them on that day. Some families have returned with new little people as their families expand. Some families are regular attenders and hopefully enjoy the themed stories and songs that build a simple understanding of Jesus as a powerful, loving friend who is interested in listening to them and wants to be part of their lives. We usually welcome between 10 and 12 families each week.

Some of our little people express eagerness to enter as they see St. K's in the distance, some of them have favourite songs that are either golden oldies or made up to suit our theme. As always, we try to make a connection between play, craft and God's story for the day.

Staffing Tiny Tots, we have:

Julia Wade, (3 Tuesdays per month)

David and Betty Last (1 Tuesday per month)

Alan Tyghe (as available)

Marilyn Stubbs (as available)

Helen Hall (as available)

Ken and Heather Marshall (as available)

Ian Gibbons, helping to set up on a Monday, and to step in to help with music when Ken and Alan are not available

We wish to thank Holt Scarecrow trail for funding a beautiful climbing frame which enhances our play and development. Enabling the children also to learn how to take turns, share and care for one another as they play on the equipment.

Terms 1 and 2 of 2022/23 saw us learn about God creating our world and us. We used the title, "God Said!" and then introduced the Christmas story by learning how God spoke to Prophets, Mary, Joseph, the Shepherd's and King's and how he wants to speak to us as well. We adapted well known nursery rhymes to help us sing to God, and used craft and play to embed the stories we tell.

Terms 3 and 4 are called "Come and See"; and we learn about people invited to meet Jesus and the amazing way he changed their lives. This will lead into our Easter encounter journey.

Please do look at our display board as it builds each term and pray for our families. We long for them to make the link with Sunday church. We also pray for more volunteers. Especially at least one person who has the desire and commitment to be present every week.

As an organisation our greatest weakness is its heavy reliance of setting up, (to help Ian and myself, more hands make light work!) and running by myself. If I was unavailable, it would be difficult to hand over at short notice. So, I am praying for a companion leader.



### **Safeguarding report from Jacque Bennetts, Benefice/Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)**

It's been another busy year in the Safeguarding world! It is so important that we keep up to date with our DBS checks and training and I really appreciate your help in responding to that when deadlines have been due. The law has recently changed. The DBS renewals need repeating every three years instead of every five years. You may find me contacting you again, sooner than you think! There is a new online training course related to 'Domestic Abuse'. It is appropriate for certain roles to access this through the Church of England portal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your role and its requirements.

If you are a leader of a group, I would appreciate it if you could let me know when there are changes to the team, so that I can ensure I have the current information.

There are no changes to policies and procedures.

In September 2022, we had a Parish Triennial Inspection. One of the areas that was covered was Safeguarding, of which all parts were passed.

I have started meeting with Dawn on a monthly basis, to ensure that other aspects of safeguarding are covered and remain up to date.

My new email address for all safeguarding issues is [safeguarding@stkatharinesholt.org](mailto:safeguarding@stkatharinesholt.org)

Thank you again for your cooperation with this aspect of church life.



## **Alpha report from Yvonne Bennett, Ian and Rachel Firth**



### **Alpha face-to-face report from Yvonne Bennett**

The first face to face Alpha course, since before the pandemic, began on Tuesday 1 November 2022 and was completed on Tuesday 7 February 2023. The course was attended by a very small group of three with two people returning after the Christmas break, to take part in the Holy Spirit Day and subsequently complete the course.

Unlike previous Alpha courses which were held at the Tollgate Inn, this course took place at the Coach House which proved to be a suitable venue given the small number of attendees. (The Tollgate manager was not opposed to the Alpha course taking place there but finding a mutually convenient evening in the week was not possible at the time).

The next step for those who completed the Alpha course has been to join a home group where they will be discipled, study the bible, grow in their faith and be encouraged by other believers.

### **Alpha Online report from Ian and Rachel Firth**

After a very fruitful course last spring, in which all our guests made firm commitments of faith, followed by the joy of baptism, there was a pause in the summer and autumn while we waited for enough interest to begin again. Our prayers were answered at the start of 2023, and we now have five enthusiastic guests for our current course, which is so encouraging. Online Alpha therefore continues to be a vital contribution to mission, offering the gospel in such an accessible format.

### **Financial Review 2022 report from Jeremy Bradshaw**

Total receipts on the General Fund were £128,283, of which £17,418 came from Gift Aid. Receipts on the General Fund included one-off gifts totalling £12,750, and pledges of new or increased monthly giving totalling just under £1,000 per month, resulting from the Stewardship Day held on 2 October.

Receipts for the Kadugli mission amounted to £1,125, for India (pastors and homes) £300, and for the fund to cover a Youth Worker £3,945.

The General Fund spent £116,102 to provide the Christian ministry from St Katharine's, including the full payment of the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share. The year saw an increase in the Parish Share, and significant increases in the cost of utilities. During the year, the shortfalls in the Churchyard (£911) and Building (£5,589) Funds were covered by the General Fund income.

The annual tithe for mission giving amounted to £11,600. At the time of preparing this report the allocation of gifts from this tithe is yet to be decided.

Restricted donations of £4,987 were also received, the majority of which were for the Building Fund.

The Building Fund covers the repayment of the Diocesan loan (£52,000) started in 2019. A further £6,000 plus interest was paid off in 2022 and the amount outstanding at the end of the year was £26,500. At the year end the cash balance was nil.

The Fabric Fund balance at the year-end was £25,450, there were some works undertaken electrical connections for the music group. The Fabric fund is retained towards meeting the upkeep of the Church and the Building fund was established for the Church re-ordering and the conversion of the Coach House.

For the designated funds, the £1,000 paid as a deposit to Sidholme Hotel (Conference) was refunded.

Anthony Matthew continued to maintain the churchyard throughout the year.

Further details are shown in the Financial Statements.

### **Buildings and the churchyard report from Ian Firth**

You may have noticed that there are times when a historic stone church building has its limitations, when stretchy elastic walls would actually be quite useful! God is bringing more and more people to St Katharine's, which is very exciting, and in order to accommodate our growing family there have been several times this year when we have been bursting at the seams. This is a wonderful, if challenging situation to be in, and is certainly giving us food for thought. We have recently bought more of the smaller round tables so that we can fit in more people on café church Sundays and make them comfortable. And we are reviewing the use of the space behind the kitchen and other spaces in the building to determine how we can make the best use of the available spaces inside the church.

We are also re-visiting the planned development of the Coach House. We are reviewing the current design to obtain the best possible uses of the building, both as the office and central hub for the management of all our events, and also as a series of meeting rooms to facilitate things like Youth Work, Alpha and countless other activities. In order to make this project possible, we are exploring suitable sources of funding and financial assistance, with the expectation that we will be able to present detailed plans for the development of the building to the congregation later this year.

Outside, the churchyard continues to be enjoyed by those who attend Outdoor Church and by many others who pass through frequently. Our thanks go to Jane Scheuber, Anthony Matthew and others who lovingly tend the churchyard to make it the place of peace and beauty, respectful of nature and our precious environment, which we are fortunate enough to enjoy.

The old noticeboard by the road and the two inside the porch are all due to be replaced as they have reached the end of their useful life, and we are just awaiting the necessary approvals from the Diocese of Salisbury to enable this to happen.

### **St. Katharine's Coffee Morning Team report from Arthur & Lynnette Baston**



2022 was the last of our usual format of monthly coffee mornings after running for seventeen years. It was a good year and we happily handed over the reins to others to carry on the good work. It was pleasing to see January and February (2023) well supported and are sure all will continue with good fellowship and friendly coffee mornings to come. We wish to thank everyone for their support in the past and also a big thank you for our lovely parting gifts. With kind regards from the newly retired coffee team.

### **Church Flowers report from Sue Osman**

At St Katharine's we are very fortunate to have a very talented and creative flower arranging team with Sue Bolden, Fiona Drysdale, Margaret Murray, Jenny Mizen, Joanna Smith and Sue Osman. Over the last couple of years some valued members of the team have retired and we would be so happy for anyone who might be interested in flower arranging to come and join in. It does not call for qualifications in floristry just simple displays are all that is needed!

The annual church celebrations of Mothering Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, Red Carpet Sunday, Harvest Festival, Remembering a Loved One, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas are all accompanied with floral decorations which require quite a lot of planning in buying of flowers, picking greenery, arranging and considerable watering! In addition, when there is a funeral or a wedding the family may ask for the team to prepare flowers.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the team who play such a conscientious part. Without their support, hard work, willingness and skill our church would not enjoy the benefit of such creative displays.

Finally, I would like to thank Beth Evans, Catherine Ayers and Harvey Bennett for offering to decorate the Christmas tree - and it looked beautiful!! Quite a finale to the year.

### How is the Church led?

In the Church of England (C of E) there is a shared leadership of Incumbent and PCC. St. Katharine's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the village community the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic and social (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956).

We are in a Benefice with St Mary's, Broughton Gifford and All Saints, Great Chalfield and we share a **ministry team** which comprised during 2022 as follows:

Rector:	Canon Andrew Evans
Curate:	Rev. Katie Jackson
Associate Priest:	Rev. Ruth Mecredy
Licensed Lay Ministers:	Anthony Matthew, Rachel Firth, and Keith Hamilton
Retired Priests:	Rev. Jenny Davis and Rev. Ann Fielden
Director of Music:	Ben Jarvis
Children & Youth Worker:	Harvey Bennett – from May 2022
Lay Worship Leader:	Dawn Farmer
PA to the Rector:	Dawn Farmer

Those who served on the **PCC in 2022** were:

Rector, Canon Andrew Evans	(Chair)
Ian Firth and Heather Marshall	(Churchwardens)
Rev. Ruth Mecredy	(Associate Priest, Deanery Synod Rep)
Rev. Katie Jackson	(Curate)
Rachel Firth	(Licensed Lay Minister)
Mark Mecredy	(PCC Secretary) (2020-2023)
Jeremy Bradshaw	(Treasurer)
Anthony Matthew	(Licensed Lay Minister)
Julia Griffith	(Deanery Synod Rep)
Ben Jarvis	(Director of Music) Co-opted
Alan Cottle	2021-2024
Jane Scheuber	2020-2023
Catherine Ayers	2021-2024



Alan Tyghe	2021-2024
Jacque Bennetts	(Parish Safeguarding Officer) 2021-2022
Yvonne Bennett	2020-2023
Mark Bennett	2021-2024
Tim Mason	2022-2025
Beth Evans	2022-2025
Harvey Bennett	(Children & Youth Worker) 2022-2025
Ken Marshall	2022-2025

Elected members of the PCC stand for a term of three years and the years stated above indicate when members terms of office expire or if they have stood down from PCC during the year.

**Electoral Roll** - at the end of 2021 there were 96 on the roll and at the end of 2022 there were 107.

**Church Inventory and Terrier** - the Inventory and Terrier was checked by the Churchwardens, and duly signed at the 2023 APCM held 21 March 2023



### **Message from the Rural Dean, Canon Andrew Evans**

As I step down as Rural Dean after 15 years, I am aware of the challenges that lie ahead for us as a deanery. In 2022, it became clear to us that not everyone was going to return to churchgoing after the interruption of the pandemic. This has affected some parishes more than others and produced a knock-on effect on finances. The census has been seized upon by the media as evidence of the decline in Christian faith in our society. That is not news to us, but the spin the media has given to it is unhelpful to the message we are trying to get across. As Christians, I think we are all aware that we are increasingly living in a world that is not going our way. What then to do?

I think we all need to do a bit of soul searching. Are we prioritising the things that really matter in the light of eternity? Are we prioritising the things that are proven to attract the presence, favour and attention of God? Are we making disciples who make disciples? Those are three big questions, all of which take some unpacking and thinking about.

The Archbishop of Canterbury came up with the idea of 'Simpler, Humbler, Bolder' and I hope some of that will come into our Diocesan strategy emerging in 2023. Bishop Stephen has stated that there will be no reduction in clergy numbers in 2023, but after that I am sure that there will have to be a balancing of the books.

The simple truth is that we each need to be clear about the positive difference Jesus makes to our lives and to share that with others.

### **Synod meetings in 2022**

09 February via Zoom  
18 May St. John's Parish Centre Upper Studley  
12 October St. Michael & All Angels in Melksham

## Speakers in 2022

February	Grace McSharry, Communications Department at Diocese of Salisbury
May	Anna Hardy, Giving Advisor Diocese of Salisbury
October	Rev. Tessa Mann, Associate Priest, and Zoe Yeomans, Children and Families Worker and both from North Bradford- On Avon & Villages

Grace spoke about all things communications and shared some very helpful thoughts and encouragements for churches to consider implementing during the year and tried to demystify social media and what can seem like a tricky field to navigate.

Anna spoke passionately about finances and provided some examples of what other churches have done to fund raise, shared about the installation of online and onsite giving, and offered to speak to PCCs, Treasurers about all things finance. She was inspiring and very excited about what can be achieved even in difficult financial circumstances.

Rev. Tessa and Zoe spoke about the wonderful success of their outdoor forest church and it was brilliant to hear about this positive and encouraging new service for this particular benefice.

## Synod meetings

Synod meetings are open to all those who wish to attend with meeting dates and locations arranged well in advance. The intention is to share good practice around the Deanery, and for it to be a place where ideas can be shared. As part of the meetings there is always opportunity to share what has been taking place and to learn from each other, offer support and receive encouragement whether during the business part of the meeting or during the comfort break.

## Officers

Information Officer	Dawn Farmer
Lay Chairman	John Joy
Lay Pastoral Officer	Marilyn Stubbs
Secretary	Dawn Farmer
Treasurer	David Robinson

## Clergy and laity news

Rev. Jake Eggertsen licensed as Rector for St. James' Trowbridge and St. Leonard's Keevil  
Rev. Joy Albone licensed as Associate Priest to Canalside Benefice

## Deanery Share 2022 – David Robinson (Treasurer)

### Share

2022 has been yet another challenging year for all our PCCs, and for the Diocese. As of 31 January we had paid 87.8% of Share requested by Salisbury, or £616,591. This was, disappointingly but not surprisingly, lower again than last year when we had paid £677,885 or 93%.

Although I am pleased to report that we are close behind the Diocesan average of 88.5%, I fear the ramifications for the future and our clergy numbers.

100% of Share was paid by all but five parishes, three of which had made significant efforts to pay what they could. We must thank them and all PCCs for the efforts and dedication to have paid Share, often using dwindling reserves.

## **Kadugli**

In spite of the struggles to pay Share, we still received donations from our parishes for Kadugli – some £5,500 in 2022 of which £3,200 was sent there. And we have some £3,990 available for transfer. And to be noted that since January 2012 we have raised over £73,000 with £69,000 so far distributed.

## **Deanery Account**

The account ended the year in credit in the amount of £643.67.

To note that Share has gone up for this new year by 3% across the Diocese and across our Deanery. The increase comes after a 5% increase last year, all in order to try to reduce the Diocesan budget deficit. However, the lower collection of Share does nothing to reduce the deficit and can only put pressure on the number of stipendiary clergy we have in this Diocese – 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the country at the last published account – as well as all other aspects of Parish Ministry and an even greater workload on the clergy remaining.

So please do your utmost to ensure that Share is paid fully.

## **Report on Deanery link with Kadugli – John Joy**

The highlight of 2022 came in August when, following the Lambeth Conference, Bishop Hassan visited the deanery, accompanied by Bishop Ismail of El Obeid. It was a pleasure to renew our friendship with Bishop Hassan, and to meet with Bishop Ismail, and we learned much about the current situation in Sudan and something of the recent history of the church there.

Last year we expressed concern for the physical welfare of the people of Kadugli and of Sudan as a whole. The military coup in October 2021 has damaged the economy, terrorist incidents continue, and law and order are not being maintained. As an example, recently one of the kindergarten staff was murdered on her family's farmstead. Sudan continues to suffer from international sanctions, and these make it difficult to transfer money there.

Peace Primary School, which opened in 2021 in Kadugli, and the new kindergarten, continue to thrive. Currently there are about 450 pupils. Education in Sudan, however, is not free, and we wish to support the children of the poorest families. Many in the deanery have contributed to this, and we endeavoured to send £3,200 for school fees for these families. Unfortunately, banks have been unable to transfer this money, and have not disclosed the reasons. We suspect the obstacle is the international sanctions mentioned earlier. We continue to look for means to get this money to Kadugli.

We look for an opportunity to visit Kadugli again. We hoped to be able to do so last year, but it was not considered safe to do so; perhaps things will improve this year. Among other things, we should like to encourage the existing Rooted in Jesus groups and to strengthen the church in Kadugli.

Kadugli Diocese is part of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS), and in November ECS held a synod. Archbishop Ezekiel, who has visited Bradford Deanery, was due to retire, but the synod altered the retirement age so he could remain in post. While we would not wish him to forgo a well-deserved retirement, we welcome the continuation of his wise and godly leadership. The synod also decided to divide Kadugli Diocese and create a new diocese based on Heiban. We have no further information, but it may take some time to create and launch the new diocese.

We mentioned the military coup. This has given rise to demonstrations, which continue, particularly in Khartoum. The military government has promised to move to a more democratic form of government, and progress, albeit slow, is being made.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in Kadugli and the whole of Sudan in your prayers.



## Diocesan Synod Meetings in 2022 report from Chris Hicks, Lay Member of Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Board of Finance met three times during last year, as follows:

- Meeting held on 12 February online using Zoom
- Meeting held on 21 June at St Paul's Church, Fisherton Street, Salisbury
- Meeting held on 24 September at St Nicholas, Corfe Mullen, Dorset

### A) February mtg of Diocesan Synod (& Diocesan Board of Finance)

This online meeting had 124 attendees from the three houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity. It was chaired by the **Acting Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Karen Gorham** who gave the Presidential address. She had visited several parishes and was struck by those who had a vision for the future and those who did not. This echoed the famous biblical verse that states that without vision the people perish.

She had spent weeks in meetings including the General Synod, which had looked at the future of the church. This underlined the difference of approach of those people who can and those who cannot plan for the future.

Please refer to previous report that was given to Bradford Deanery Synod held on 18 May 2022 for further information.

### B) June mtg of Diocesan Synod (& DBF)

This was the first meeting to welcome the new **Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Stephen Lake**. The House of Laity Chair introduced **Bishop Stephen – the 79th Bishop of Salisbury**. In his presidential address he mentioned that he and his wife Carol have been 'bowled over by the welcome we received'. He shared some of the inspirational stories following his gift to all attendees and invitation during the Inauguration – *"This £10 talent is for you to take home and to make it grow as a sign of the Kingdom of God."* – "Salisbury's got talent".

Headlines from the presidential address:

'The Diocese of Salisbury can be and should be one of the jewels in the crown of the Church for England. We ought to be leading the way in generosity and evangelism, in social engagement and community resilience. To do this requires understanding the future we are already in and deciding together what we are going to do about it. This is a theological task, a leadership task and an organisational task for our time and place.'

'We need a good strategy that fulfils the priorities of the Gospel today that is an investment in who we are and who we can be. The task is clear. Pastoral care and evangelism need to go hand in hand. The bishop must be ambitious, must ensure alignment and action, and together we must hold ourselves accountable to God and to each other.'

Here is a link to his Presidential Address which is well worth viewing and hearing:-

[\(28\) Bishop Stephen Presidential Address June 2022 - YouTube](#)

### This was also the AGM for the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)

**Outgoing Chair of the DBF – Nigel Salisbury** introduced the AGM section of the meeting – an encouraging story with progress and innovation in the DBF.

Liz Ashmead gave an overview of the accounts accompanied by slides (Accounts Slides) Salient points on the 2021 DBF annual accounts include:

- Overall positive movement in funds by £2.8m mainly due to investments increasing in book value (most of this increase has already been 'lost' in Q1 of 2022 due to the volatile markets)
- The balance sheet is strong at £128m which gives us option; however, 72% / £92m is tied up in clergy property
- Of investments £34m, 26% (£12m) is Glebe and although we have a disposal strategy for part of this it is not a very liquid asset. Cash, if needed, can only come from a) Sale of surplus clergy houses (not many), b) Sale of investments (not advisable at present and we are reliant on investment income) and c) Sale of Glebe lands (some development potential and some sales prospects 2023-2024)
- Our current surplus cash will quickly be used in 2022-24 by the structural deficit and the bank loan repayment
- The external auditors are currently content that the DBF is a going concern as we have some options to utilise our assets such as investments, Glebe and the sale of Church House; we have a plan to eliminate the deficit by 2025; total return does give us a bit more security/options but must be carefully used.

### C) September mtg of Diocesan Synod (and DBF)

The meeting started with a welcome to representatives of the Cathedral Chapter. Then followed a short service of Eucharist with Loyal address and the National Anthem.

The Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos presented the Annual Report of the Cathedral's life and events.

The presidential address from Bishop Stephen was given and a related discussion of **Vision and Strategy 'Your Kingdom Come: here and now'** took place.

Approval of the Diocesan Board of Finance Budget for 2023 was given.

[ NB. A guide to the budget was circulated after approval by the Bishop's Council, 15 September] please see here: [2023-budget-guide-sept-22-dbffin.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/2023-budget-guide-sept-22-dbffin.pdf)

This guide contains the need to balance the budget where **the request is for each Parish to increase their contribution by 3%. This is a straight increase for all parishes** except where there has been a change in share deployment in the benefice.

As trustees of the DBF, Bishop's Council must ensure that **the charity remains a 'going concern'**. **This is at risk.** Synod was asked **to approve a budget which takes us forward to 2025, as per our 5-year plan**, with a targeted reduction of deficit each year. This still leaves a substantial operating deficit for 2022. As well as a £642k deficit, which will be funded by the selling of clergy houses, it includes a drawdown of £250k from unapplied Total Return which will come from selling of Glebe land and will be used to subsidise stipend payments.

**A Business Plan will be developed in response to the strategy, covering all areas of income and expenditure.** There was then an update from the Exploring Options Share survey, and next steps given by the new DBF Chair, Jane McCormick.

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### Bradford Deanery Synod Meetings for 2023 at 19:30 taking place as follows:

15 February St. Katharine's Church, Holt  
 14 June Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon  
 18 October St. James' Church, Trowbridge

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# **ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH, HOLT**

## **End of Year Financial Statements**

**For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

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## *Aim and purposes*

St Katharine's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Andrew Evans, within the village community the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic and social (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956).

It is part of a Benefice with St Mary's, Broughton Gifford and All Saints, Great Chalfield. The Benefice forms part of the Melksham group of churches which includes the Melksham Team Ministry and the Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley.

St Katharine's has ecumenical links with the URC in Holt. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of The Coach House, Ham Green, Holt.

## *Objectives and activities*

### St Katharine's Church Vision Statement

We are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all

- We honour God in our village by being generous, hospitable and valuing people for who they are.
- We stay close to God through bible teaching, in worship and in prayer, and we sense His presence and hear His voice.
- We respond to His call to help those on the margins, to heal the sick and to make disciples.
- We offer support and work with other churches to be a gateway for heaven to come to earth.
- We release people to take God's love and blessing to the village and beyond.

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	113,870	4,987	750	—	119,608	147,519
Activities for generating funds	2,448	—	—	—	2,448	202
Investment income	—	—	324	—	324	499
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4,455	—	—	—	4,455	6,138
Other incoming resources	7,509	400	297	—	8,207	1,713
<b>Total income</b>	<b>128,283</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>135,043</b>	<b>156,072</b>
<b>Resources used</b>						
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	—	—	—	—	—	15
Charitable activities	116,102	11,894	1,641	—	129,638	123,018
Governance costs	280	—	—	—	280	270
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>116,382</b>	<b>11,894</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>129,918</b>	<b>123,303</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	(2,384)	—	(2,384)	(1,264)
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>(6,506)</b>	<b>(2,653)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>31,504</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	6,500	—	6,500	6,166
Gross transfers between funds - out	(6,500)	—	—	—	(6,500)	(6,166)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>(6,506)</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>31,504</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>39,091</b>	<b>18,638</b>	<b>254,918</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>312,647</b>	<b>281,143</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>44,491</b>	<b>12,131</b>	<b>258,764</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>315,388</b>	<b>312,647</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	44,491	—	—	—	44,491	39,091
<b>Designated</b>						
Conferences & Camps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dominica	—	256	—	—	256	256
India	—	180	—	—	180	371
Kadugli	—	98	—	—	98	188
Youth worker	—	11,596	—	—	11,596	17,821
<b>Restricted</b>						
Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	44	—	44	44
Churchyard	—	—	(3,315)	—	(3,315)	(931)
Conferences & Camps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gateway Healing	—	—	20	—	20	20
New Buildings and alterations	—	—	235,850	—	235,850	229,591
Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	25,450	—	25,450	25,728
Tiny Tots	—	—	715	—	715	464

## Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets (Note 1)	264,000	264,000
Investments (Note 2)	15,385	17,770
	<b>279,385</b>	<b>281,770</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors (Note 3)	9,388	7,394
Cash at bank and in hand	68,506	73,384
	<b>77,894</b>	<b>80,778</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year (Note 4)	15,392	17,402
	<b>15,392</b>	<b>17,402</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>62,502</b>	<b>63,376</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>341,888</b>	<b>345,147</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year (Note 5)	26,500	32,500
	<b>26,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>315,388</b>	<b>312,647</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
General fund	44,491	39,091
<b>Designated</b>		
Conferences & Camps	—	—
Dominica	256	256
India	180	371
Kadugli	98	188
Youth worker	11,596	17,821
<b>Restricted</b>		
Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	44	44
Conferences & Camps	—	—
Gateway Healing	20	20
Tiny Tots	715	464
Churchyard	(3,315)	(931)
Repairs and Maintenance	25,450	25,728
New Buildings and alterations	235,850	229,591
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<b>315,388</b>	<b>312,647</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Investments</b>							
CBF Fixed interest shares -		616	—	14,769	—	15,385	17,770
<b>Totals</b>		<b>616</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14,769</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,385</b>	<b>17,770</b>
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>							
Coach House -		—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Leasehold Land -		—	—	4,000	—	4,000	4,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>264,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>264,000</b>	<b>264,000</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>							
Lloyds Bank Account -		46,504	12,039	9,962	—	68,506	73,384
<b>Totals</b>		<b>46,504</b>	<b>12,039</b>	<b>9,962</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,506</b>	<b>73,384</b>
<b>Current assets - Debtors</b>							
Accounts Receivable -		7,947	92	33	—	8,072	5,274
Other Debtors and Prepayments -		1,315	—	—	—	1,315	2,120
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9,262</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,388</b>	<b>7,394</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>							
Creditors - Long Term Loans -		(500)	—	27,000	—	26,500	32,500
<b>Totals</b>		<b>(500)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>							
Accounts Payable -		—	—	3,000	—	3,000	3,315
Other Creditors & Accruals -		12,392	—	—	—	12,392	14,087
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12,392</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,392</b>	<b>17,402</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>44,491</b>	<b>12,131</b>	<b>258,764</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>315,388</b>	<b>312,647</b>



## Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
<b>Bells - Bells - Repairs and</b>							
Restricted	44	—	—	—	—	—	44
<b>Sub-total for Bells</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>CONF - Conferences &amp; Camps</b>							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sub-total for CONF</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Dominica - Dominica</b>							
Designated	256	—	—	—	—	—	256
<b>Sub-total for Dominica</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>India - India</b>							
Designated	371	308	500	—	—	—	180
<b>Sub-total for India</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Kadugli - Kadugli</b>							
Designated	188	1,133	1,224	—	—	—	98
<b>Sub-total for Kadugli</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Star - Gateway Healing</b>							
Restricted	20	—	—	—	—	—	20
<b>Sub-total for Star</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TinyTots - Tiny Tots</b>							
Restricted	464	250	—	—	—	—	715
<b>Sub-total for TinyTots</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>715</b>
<b>Youth - Youth worker</b>							
Designated	17,821	3,945	10,170	—	—	—	11,596
<b>Sub-total for Youth</b>	<b>17,821</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>10,170</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,596</b>
<b>General - General fund</b>							
Unrestricted	39,091	128,283	116,382	(6,500)	—	—	44,491
<b>Sub-total for General</b>	<b>39,091</b>	<b>128,283</b>	<b>116,382</b>	<b>(6,500)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44,491</b>
<b>Churchyard - Churchyard</b>							
Restricted	(931)	442	1,353	910	(2,384)	—	(3,315)
<b>Sub-total for Churchyard</b>	<b>(931)</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>(2,384)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(3,315)</b>
<b>Fabric - Repairs and Maintena</b>							
Restricted	25,728	—	278	—	—	—	25,450
<b>Sub-total for Fabric</b>	<b>25,728</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25,450</b>
<b>Building - New Buildings and al</b>							
Restricted	229,591	680	10	5,589	—	—	235,850
<b>Sub-total for Building</b>	<b>229,591</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5,589</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>235,850</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>312,647</b>	<b>135,043</b>	<b>129,918</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(2,384)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>315,388</b>

## Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income</b>						
Tax efficient planned giving (net of Tax	70,412	2,251	528	—	73,191	84,350
Other planned giving	16,273	852	20	—	17,146	28,808
Other collections at services	2,213	94	—	—	2,307	816
All Other Recurring giving/donations	100	—	—	—	100	—
All Non Recurring giving/donations (inc	7,451	1,240	70	—	8,761	12,121
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	17,419	549	132	—	18,101	20,420
Legacies Received	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Total	113,870	4,987	750	—	119,608	147,519
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds</b>						
Gross Income from fundraising activities	2,448	—	—	—	2,448	202
Total	2,448	—	—	—	2,448	202
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income</b>						
Dividends, Interest, Income from Property	—	—	324	—	324	499
Total	—	—	324	—	324	499
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings	3,852	—	—	—	3,852	5,625
Gross income from trading	603	—	—	—	603	512
Total	4,455	—	—	—	4,455	6,138
<b>Other incoming resources</b>						
Recurring Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Recurring or one off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources	7,509	400	297	—	8,207	1,713
Total	7,509	400	297	—	8,207	1,713
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>128,283</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>135,043</b>	<b>156,072</b>

## EXPENDITURE

### Cost of generating funds

Cost of Generating Funds (cost of events)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

### Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Cost of Trading (Magazine, room hire, bo	—	—	—	—	—	15
Total	—	—	—	—	—	15

### Charitable activities

All Missions Giving, charitable grants &	14,281	1,774	—	—	16,055	19,458
Parish Share paid to Diocese	50,515	—	—	—	50,515	49,590
Salaries/Honoraria	19,373	7,440	—	—	26,813	20,036
Expenses (Clergy, Pastoral, youth worker	1,710	345	—	—	2,055	2,948
Mission and evangelism costs	678	—	—	—	678	160
Church running expenses(insurance cleaning	16,431	575	1,631	—	18,638	20,530
Church Utility Bills	13,113	—	—	—	13,113	7,681
Major Repairs to Church Blds incl redecoration	—	—	—	—	—	462
Major repairs to Church Hall or other PC	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Bld work, Church, other PCC property	—	—	10	—	10	385
Other outgoing resources	—	1,759	—	—	1,759	1,765
Total	116,102	11,894	1,641	—	129,638	123,018

### Governance costs

Governance Costs	280	—	—	—	280	270
Total	280	—	—	—	280	270
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>116,382</b>	<b>11,894</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>129,918</b>	<b>123,303</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>(6,506)</b>	<b>(268)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>32,769</b>

## Notes to the Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### 1 FREEHOLD PROPERTIES

a) The Coach House. This property was purchased during the year to 31.12.14 and is used as the Church offices and other Parish functions. Planning permission has been approved for change of use and for extending the building.

b) Leasehold Land A long lease has been purchased on a small strip of land at the rear of St Katharine's Church.

### 2 INVESTMENTS

11222.37 Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Fund valued at £15,385.87.

### 3 SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Benefice Expenses		
St Mary's	1,164	951
All Saints	<u>574</u>	<u>451</u>
	1,738	1,402
 Sidholme Deposit		1,000
Gift Aid Claims	6,334	3,873
Insurance prepaid	598	675
CCLI licences prepaid	<u>718</u>	<u>673</u>
	7,650	6,221
	<u>9,388</u>	<u>7,623</u>

### 4 SUNDRY CREDITORS

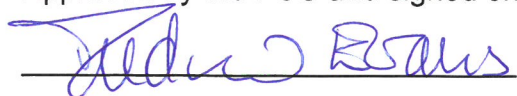
	2022 £	2021 £
A Matthew, churchyard	-	315
Tithes & giving	11,600	8,000
Peru	300	-
Help in Holt Appeal	212	5,092
Retirement gift	-	725
Accountancy Fees	<u>280</u>	<u>270</u>
	<u>12,392</u>	<u>14,402</u>

### 5 LONG TERM CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Diocese loan	<u>26,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>
	<u>26,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>

This report dated: 14/03/2023

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Andrew Evans (PCC Chairman)







# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

**Section A**
**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

 ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH HOLT  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1 1 6 5 3 8 3

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**Respective responsibilities of trustees  
and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's  
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed



Date

30.3.23

Name

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## Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose