

St Francis' Church, Valley Park

The Ecumenical Church Council of St. Francis', Valley Park, Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership.

(and the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Valley Park)

Annual Report

for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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Annual Report of the Ecumenical Church Council of the Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership of St Francis' Valley Park and the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Valley Park 2022

Aims and purposes

The aims and purposes of St Francis' Church, Valley Park Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SC-LEP) remain unchanged from previous years. The Church and Charity exists to advance the Christian faith within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Valley Park and elsewhere, in accordance with the rites and practices of the participating denominations in the LEP: Church of England, Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

Oversight and management of the work of St Francis' Church is vested in an Anglican Parochial Church Council (PCC), and an Ecumenical Church Council (ECC), which normally meet concurrently, and are collectively known as 'The Church Council'. The Church Council has responsibility, in co-operation with the Incumbent minister, the designated Ministers of the other Participating Churches and the Church Wardens for promoting the Christian faith and enabling the whole mission of the Christian Church.

Objectives

The Charity's objectives continue to focus on Christian Mission and Ministry. St Francis' Church Council works to promote the whole mission of the church through the following objectives. These will be expanded below with reports from ministry leads.

1. **Worship and prayer**, and by providing a range of opportunities for those within the parish, and beyond, to learn about the Christian Gospel and develop a faith in Jesus Christ, and to walk with God;
2. **Pastoral care** for all those within the parish and others who come into contact with the Church;
3. **Mission and community outreach**, involving practical, social and financial support for the local community and wider charitable causes, including work with and through other Churches and Charities;
4. **Building the corporate life of the Church family**, both through collective worship and through social, fellowship and community-focused activities;
5. **Holding St Francis' Church and its land and building in trust, via the Parochial Church Council, for future generations**, maintaining them as a vital and valuable resource in support of other objectives, and sharing them with the other denominations of the LEP through a formal Sharing Agreement;
6. **Working with the neighbouring St Francis C of E (Aided) Primary School.**

Public benefit

St Francis' Church delivers public benefit through engaging in a range of activities, including, but not restricted to:

- The celebration of public worship;
- The teaching of the Christian faith;

- Mission and evangelism;
- Pastoral work, including visiting and supporting the sick and the bereaved;
- The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including, but not restricted to, GP Chaplaincy, Community café, activities to support health and wellbeing
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The extent to which public benefit has been delivered is described in the following pages of this Report.

Ministry Reports (under the objectives above)

1. Worship and Prayer:

2022 began still in the shadow of Covid, and we continued wearing masks and showing caution in singing until Easter 2022. Since then, the return to less restrictions has been welcomed and options to keep more distant continue to be offered, with the ongoing livestreaming of our 10am service through Zoom. At that service we offer a creche, junior church and since Easter we have offered youth group once a month; the youth also meet mid week, each week.

Messy church, a more informal activities based worship, continued throughout 2022, and was well-attended by families from the community each month for the rest of the year (see report). We also continued to visit the local Brendoncare home to take a monthly communion service. Both these activities were headed up by our curate, Revd Joe Sweetnam.

In terms of Occasional Offices, we had a smaller number of baptisms after the post-covid rush (just 3). We also had 3 weddings, one in St Boniface Church (since, as a Parish Centre of Worship church members may elect to use surrounding parish churches for occasional offices) , as well as some funerals both in the church building and at local crematoria, carried out both by vicar and curate.

It was a joy to host a service of confirmation in September when 5 of our church family were confirmed. It was the same weekend as the death of the late Queen Elizabeth 2nd and so we welcomed retired Bishop Geoff Annas to St Francis for the confirmations and also to collate priest-in-charge Sarah, to vicar of the parish.

We held a number of festival services: Harvest festival, Service to remember those who've died, and our Advent Service of Light. Christmas was a busy time and we were able to serve the community in many ways. St Francis school came in separate Key Stage Groups and took part in a pop-up nativity, as well as carols outside around the Christmas tree – something that had proved very popular over covid. We had a well-attended carol service for the community followed by refreshments, carols at the pub, and carol services at Brendoncare, and in Café. Messy Christmas was our busiest ever! The crib service returned into the building for the first time in 3 years and was well attended. In church we had our usual midnight communion, 8.30am communion and a Christmas day all age communion service too. What a joyful celebration!

Our ministry team has grown. Steve was licensed as an LLM at Winchester cathedral in October 2022. We now have two retired ministers on the team, Nick and Allen, and also Mary, URC support and development officer who takes an active part as her busy job allows. We also enjoyed contributions from Peter who has BPP, and Joe our curate. We have a number of folk with BCMs who minister too. Ian enrolled with Winchester School of Mission to start LLM training in September 2022.

Reports from Ministry heads of music, Creche, Junior Church, Youth Group and Messy Church follow:

Music Group

2022 was a year of building on the work of the last few years. We now have 16 people involved in leading the church in sung worship, with Sofia and Luke joining us from the youth group (sadly Luke has now moved on with Joe) and just before Christmas, Dawn started playing regularly again. The result of the larger group of musicians has meant we've been able to provide a variety of band setups for services and covered the busy Christmas season without having to ask individuals to play or sing for multiple services.

We've had regular practices and gradually introduced some new songs to our worship. Feedback suggests they are enjoyed by band and congregation alike, although we are aware that many love singing traditional hymns as well. We've started broadening the songs we have available for all-age services, co-ordinating with Messy church and St Francis school.

Please pray that we find the right songs to introduce, including songs that are more accessible to children and that our focus is always on worshipping God. – *Stephanie Barlow*

Crèche 2022

We have four children's names on the register, but some only come occasionally, so some weeks we have had no children at all.

We always prepare our story, with a craft activity, song and a prayer and I am grateful for the commitment and encouragement of the crèche team.

With the arrival of our Children's And Families Minister, Hannah this month, we have a new enthusiasm for building up our numbers, and look forward to welcoming new families.

Our aim remains that we will bring the stories of Jesus and the love of God to these young lives.

Please continue to pray for us this year.

Thank you, - *Sue Bowles*

2022 Junior Church Annual Report

2022 was the first time in two years that no National Lockdown was experienced. Finally, the Junior Church team at St Francis could deliver their term-time faith provision to children in person throughout the year. The focus for Junior Church – celebration – celebrating the life of Jesus and being in God's house each week remained the main theme.

The Junior Church sessions continued to adopt a 'party' like structure with food and games being offered during the sessions. The AV equipment, kindly donated by the Kazbaas band and set-up in the meeting room, was certainly put to good use by members of Junior Church.

Whilst a couple of our children in Junior Church progressed onto Youth Group during the year and some families moved out the area, our numbers attending Junior Church remained strong. We've had several new families visit us during the course of 2022 to get a flavour of the kind of exciting and fun activities we get up to in Junior Church.

We too in Junior Church also covered elements of the Bible Course just like the rest of St Francis' congregation did in 2022.

Not only did this provide an opportunity for parents to engage and support their children with their understanding of the Bible but allowed the children to develop and cement their knowledge about the structure of the Bible, to learn the books of the Bible and build an awareness of the timeline / sequence of events.

In Junior Church we zipped along the timeline, starting with Creation in Genesis and finishing in Revelation over an 8-week period, only to return to the very beginning and start again with different stories. Each week we would look at a story from either The Rhyming Bible by Bob Hartman or the

Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, encouraging the children to read the stories to camera for their friends to enjoy and watch.

Our thanks go to our amazing children and leaders who make our weekly Junior Church sessions so special and fun – it is a delight to witness our children explore, grow and be encouraged in their faith. This year we would very much welcome prayer for the exciting opportunity we now have to expand the Junior Church team with the appointment of a Children & Families Minister. Please pray for our Children & Families Minister as they get to meet the team and families, and for how their role develops. Thank you. *Debbie Reed*

The Youth Group Report

The group continues to grow spiritually and maintain numbers attending. We continue to look at Jesus, faith & growing in Christ as they grow into adulthood.

We have looked a little at the Bible Course and many other resources to help open up scripture to us.

We meet every Tuesday evening With Cliff, Fiona & now Sam Reeves (St Mary's Church, Southampton, son of Deb Reeves) leading. We now meet once per month on a Sunday morning too.

Please pray for:

- those on the edge of faith, that they find it easier to attend
- that the group would continue to invite friends
- that those going the group from junior church would find a welcome
- that we would be able to grow the leadership team to expand the number of Sundays that the group is run – *Cliff McClelland*

Messy Church

I am pleased to say that 2022 was a good year for Messy Church at St Francis. It was only January that was affected by covid. Guests have come and enjoyed the same mix of crafts and activities, songs, stories, and puppets. Not forgetting the coffee and cakes, of course! Each month there have been a variety of Old and New Testament themes from Daniel and the Lion's Den and Jonah and the Whale through to the Prodigal Son and Feeding the 5000.

With guests we are now in a good position where there are regular attenders who come monthly and also new guests arriving each time. The numbers fluctuate but generally the figures range from 40-70. It was a pleasure at Christmas to see people from Messy Church attending other services in addition to the Messy and Crib service.

Two highlights of the year were definitely the Summer and Christmas Parties with over a hundred guests at each. Both celebrations were more effort than the standard services, but it was most certainly worth it with many happy children and parents enjoying their time here at St Francis. Through all of this we are continuing to build a lot of good relationships.

Messy Church has now also become more eco-friendly as our final purchase of disposable cups was in September. We now have branded lidded cups which we are very pleased with.

A massive thank you to all of the volunteers who help in a variety of ways – you know who you are! Thank you so much, as it would not be possible without you. I hope the Messy Church services continue to grow from strength to strength.

Please pray for the relationships built with families in the community to become stronger and to enable people to grow their own personal relationships with God or to grow their existing relationships deeper. – *Joe Sweetnam*

2. Pastoral Care:

Our pastoral team, led by Fiona – who holds a BCM (Pastoral) – has continued to meet with and engage a range of individuals, both from within the church and more widely, offering friendship, fellowship and an opportunity for quiet prayer for those who wish. Our Prayer network has continued to enable collective prayer for those who request it. Following some training, a small team have been able to start offering prayer ministry after our 10am services.

Pastoral care and concern are also a key element of the work of our House Groups, ably headed up by Nick Grew, where study of Scripture and matters of topical concern to Christians are coupled with prayer, fellowship and support in a variety of ways. Groups meet however suits them, whether on zoom, in person, or a mixture of both, offering options for those with differing vulnerabilities and preferences. Over Lent 2022, we studied the Bible Course, which proved very engaging.

Reports from Ministry heads of Pastoral care, Home Groups and Mens' group follow:

Pastoral Team

The pastoral team has again been available to support and provide practical help, and it is indeed a privilege to be able to get alongside people at a time of need. The team is very dedicated and act quietly and effectively. Thank you to them all for using their gifts in this way. The prayer chain is an extension of this work and again we have seen God working in the lives of those who have asked for prayer, either in hoped for or unexpected and wonderful ways. There have been over 50 prayer chains during the year. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to pray for the needs of others in this way. If you aren't already involved and would like to be, please ask Caroline in the office to add you to the list – Fiona Grove

Home Groups

When Jesus gathered his 12 disciples Mark's Gospel tells us that he did it, 'that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach' [Mark 3:14]. Homegroups are places where people spend time with one another, in the presence of Jesus, so that they can live lives that bear witness to Him. We may not be sent out specifically to preach but, as we were thinking in church recently, all of us bear the salt and light of Jesus in us to the places and among the people where we live every day.

For much of the time, homegroups focus upon themes and studies that are appropriate to their interests and needs. So, this year amongst the different groups we've seen topics such as Revelation, women in the Bible, 1Timothy, John's Gospel, 'An Ordinary Day with Jesus', 'The Life You've Always Wanted', Bible characters, the Beatitudes... But all groups, whether on Zoom or in person, set aside time for sharing and prayer for one another as well.

Around Lent all groups studied the same material – The Bible Course – and some people joined groups specially to be part of that. The course gave a good overview of the Bible and how the different books fit together. There was a visual installation which you can see represented on the Junior Church board in the Meeting Room. People were generally very positive about the course and felt it gave them greater confidence in handling the Bible.

There are around 50 people in homegroups but we'd love there to be more because these are places that help us all grow in faith and discipleship through giving space for questions and sharing insights. Have you considered joining a group? There are currently 4 evening groups and 2 daytime groups with a mix of fortnightly and weekly, but we'd look to create more if demand required! If you are interested, please talk to me or Sarah.

Finally I want to acknowledge that the leaders of the groups do an amazing job that covers both teaching and pastoral care. I'm sure all those in groups would want to join with me in saying a huge 'thankyou' to them all. - Nick Grew

Men's group

Men's breakfasts are an opportunity for informal fellowship over a hearty breakfast, with a short bible-focussed talk relevant to the group or the season. Those who attend (typically between 6-12) get a great deal of strength and blessing from these times, and it would be excellent to welcome others who might drop in to see what we get up to – a warm greeting is guaranteed. We meet on the second Saturday of each month, starting fairly early at 8.30am in order to finish without disrupting the day too much.

We've continued to meet across the year, breaking over the summer and in the month we held the Men's Weekend, and have dates planned for the year ahead. In summer months we eat round a table in the lovely church garden, if the weather allows – which it usually does: a real joy on a sunny morning. Other times we meet inside – usually with a breakfast menu to match. Do join us!

The *Men's Weekend* took place in September, and as in previous years this was a first class way to enjoy God's creation in good company, and share with friends old and new. This year we had the privilege of returning to Houghton, nestling on the South Downs Way near Arundel – the bunkhouse there is excellent, superbly appointed and in a great setting (<https://www.southdownsbunkhouse.co.uk/>). As in previous years we've used a well-proven format – arrive on Friday for pizza, beer and catching up, Saturday starts with a full breakfast and thought-for-the-day before a day's walking on the hills (not too strenuous...) before returning for tea and cake ahead of preparing a meal with full options for the evening, and Sunday starts with a short service with communion before a morning walk. The nearness of this venue meant some could join us just for the day. Cliff led the spiritual programme for the weekend again, as ever with great generosity and huge insight into the real lives and issues of men, and linked to his work in the prison – thanks Cliff. - Peter Rhodes

3&4 Mission and Community Outreach, & Building the corporate life of the Church family:

The church cafe is a well established aspect of our mission and community outreach. A report on café follows:

Café

The church cafe runs on Monday from 11:00am to 12:30pm and Wednesday mornings 9am to 10:30am. It is now registered as a Warm Space. The cafe provides a great place for members of church and the wider community to meet and socialise while enjoying coffee and biscuits (sometimes cake!) We don't make a charge but there is the opportunity for people to donate. On Wednesday morning Margaret provides craft for young children. This has proved so popular that during the holidays the children who are now at school want to come back to see Margaret and take part in her art activities. Thank you Margaret. The cafe couldn't run without a fab team of volunteers, so a huge thank you to them for all their hard work. It isn't just about serving coffee and washing up, but also engaging with the visitors and making them feel welcome and cared for. If you would like to join the team please do let me know, it is a fun couple of hours and very much appreciated by the visitors – Fiona Grove.

In 2019, we launched our current Mission Action Plan in and have continued to work towards it in 2022, as follows:

i. Foundations for mission

Caroline our administrator, appointed in March 2021, has settled in and is enabling us to make best use of our church management software, iKnow church.

Following the challenges of covid, we recognised the need to restructure the church leadership, restoring lines of accountability through heads of different ministries. A safeguarding requirement is that volunteers have role descriptions, and rolling this out is a work in progress.

ii. Children and Young People

At the start of the year we made a proposal to the congregation to employ a Children and Families worker, as our work in this area is growing. This was accepted, and money pledged in January 2022, and it wasn't until December, after three attempts at advertising, that we employed Hannah Hiscock, to start in early 2023.

We continue to make links with the community through Messy Church, café, and St Francis school.

iii. Healing and Wholeness

This continues to be one of our foci, reflected throughout the welcome we look to give on a Sunday, at café and at other times. Specifically we continue to offer GP Chaplaincy and Take Time Meditations: reports below:

GP Chaplaincy

- What's been happening?

It's now nearly three years since we started the pilot of the GP Chaplaincy service: the essentials of what's involved have continued, but this past year new things have also been on the move! I continue to meet with patients referred to GP Chaplaincy by the GPs or the Social Prescriber from our local GP Surgery (Park and St Francis). We often now meet face to face, mainly in the Chapel or the church garden or sitting at the back of the Church, or on the telephone for people who have difficulty getting out of their homes, or occasionally still on Zoom. I'm still amazed and encouraged by how often the listening to the range of things people want to talk about seems so often to lead naturally to them talking about things like meaning and purpose in life, what's the point of it all, how to stay hopeful, and how often they recall people or events in their lives when they've felt God, or "someone or something bigger than themselves" was at work. This happens with people who often say at the start that they have no background in faith or anything "spiritual" as well those who do. Many also seem to be experiencing significant loneliness or isolation and it has been possible to link them up with the Café, or other church events (social or Christmas services), or the "Taketime" meditations in person or on Zoom. Some of the people who have come to the Café through GP Chaplaincy have then themselves reached out and supported others at the Café. Lots of scope for things to develop further here in the "mix" with the pastoral side of things!

- What's new?

Another really encouraging thing this past year has been linking up with Tim Peppiatt, who recently retired as a GP and was licensed last May as the first Chaplain in Primary Care and Community Health in Winchester Diocese. He's forging lots of great links with the local Integrated Care Board, who now plan and deliver Medical and Care services in our community, and is looking to get funding to be able to establish GP Chaplaincy in many more local Surgeries. This whole area continues to feel like one of massive potential for us as a church and other churches and GP Surgeries. In some

parts of the country there are already well-established teams of GP Chaplains working alongside the Social Prescribers in what's often called a "Listening and Guidance" service. Basically it means there's a way to care for someone as a "whole person" in all dimensions, including the spiritual dimension, and to provide time for listening..... which as you can imagine is massively stretched for GPs and other staff on the frontline of trying to provide medical care in the NHS these days.

- Where are things heading?

On that front we've had a chance to meet up with Greg Eland from Winchester Diocese to talk about ways we might be able to network with other GP Chaplains (there are some in Andover area, but generally not many around in our local area- yet!). We also hope this might lead to encouraging people in other parts of the Diocese to think about exploring GP Chaplaincy. You don't need medical training or theological training, although it can help to have some background in either of these, and there's an excellent "Foundations in GP Chaplaincy" course run by the Association of Chaplaincy in General Practice (ACGP). I was finally able to do the course myself last September, with sessions over two days on Zoom, and it was so helpful in filling in lots of missing bits of the jigsaw and consolidating what I've been learning "on the job" in GP Chaplaincy over the past 3 years. Following the course I was able to apply for Certification in GP Chaplaincy and I'm waiting to hear the outcome of that.

- What's been encouraging?

There's been loads of encouragement (as well as challenges) in what happens with the patients, I've also had lots of encouragement over the past year through regular sessions with Sarah in her "Supervision" role (in addition to her general support and "bounce ideas around" role!). I've also been really encouraged through the regular courses run by the ACGP, with teaching from some experienced GP Chaplains but also meeting (even if only online) other GP Chaplains starting out and having many overlapping experiences and questions to mine.

- What can you be praying for?

Things I would really value prayer for are

- the Chaplaincy patients themselves, some of whom have extremely challenging things going on
- all the staff working flat out at our local Surgery
- my own energy and balancing time doing the GP Chaplaincy as a voluntary role (it can sometimes feel a bit complicated and a little lonely!)
- for another person or people to join me in our GP Chaplaincy so we can expand to see more patients and offer more care for staff at our local Surgery
- for GP Chaplaincy to expand in our local area.

- And thanks!

I'm really thankful for the prayer support from the church and for the way the journey has developed over the past year, with so many encouragements and with the sense of God unfolding and opening up new things slowly but surely – Katie Warner

TakeTime

TakeTime has continued through 2022 twice monthly, once in person during the day with the option of zoom and once on zoom only in the evening. Attendance has been fairly constant, with a number of different people dipping in. It is proving a useful oasis for leaders and attendees alike. Some of the people who have accessed Chaplaincy have also found the simplicity of the Bible story and beauty of being invited sit and talk with Jesus helpful.

Please pray that we continue to discern the best way to use this resource. -- Stephanie Barlow

Other mission and community outreach activities:

Valley ParkLife Festival

A highlight of the year was a free festival put on for the whole parish – and their friends! Music was provided by talented church members, from the pianists, to Elliot Frisby, and the Kazbaahs and we danced the night away, a little rain not detracting. Early on there was tea, cake, face-painting and craft, and later a pop up cocktail bar, barbecue and beer. It was well received by all!

Mission Giving partners

Alongside locally oriented outreach, our Church has continued to support charities whose work is in line with our aims including Fair Trade, and Eastleigh Basics Bank. Regular collections of foodstuffs and essentials continue to be made, now at 3 points in the parish.

We again tithed a tenth of our unrestricted income in 2022, to Stop the Traffik, Christian Aid, Christians Against Poverty, Care for the Family, and Fledge Youth Support.

5. Holding St Francis' Church and its land and building in trust, via the Parochial Church Council, for future generations:

The responsibility for maintaining the Church building and premises has continued as an important background task for our Churchwardens and supporting volunteers. AV equipment installed last year has been well used as per the following report:

Audio Visual

AV for services has been very stable this year, with a consistent team of 4 leads and 4 helpers growing in skill and experience. The equipment has remained robust and not required any replacement. In particular the 3 younger helpers have grown significantly in experience and creativity in use of the video equipment. This number keeps demand under control and gives flexibility – we are enormously grateful to this team of capable volunteers who keep our services outward-looking. We typically have 12-20 joining on Zoom each Sunday, including those unable to join because of ill health, infirmity or distance – occasionally a new visitor joins through this route. The recordings are made widely available via website and social media, although we have no indication of how well used this resource is. This all feels like good value for the relatively low expenditure in 2021 to replace all equipment and put the offering on a professional footing.

Additional use of the AV resources was made over Christmas (carol service, crib service, school singing carols round Christmas tree etc), and for occasional offices – one of the helpers has become confident to operate the AV solo for a number of funerals across the year, and we supported some widely-attended funerals with zoom as well, which was appreciated by the families. We presented the Queen's funeral live in both the worship area and large meeting room with refreshments, with 40 guests attending in total. The AV lead provides AV support to the GP surgery Patient Participation Group's quarterly meetings, further building relationships but also supporting this worthwhile group – typically 40-60 attend and the excellent speakers are informative and relevant.

Additional equipment installed over the year has included:

- Worship area:
 - Replacement projector (the old ones image was starting to distort and lose colour – kept for occasional stand-alone use, and the one previously held for this was installed on the wall in its place)
 - Special screen paint applied to the front wall for better all round viewing, brightness and colour response
- Large meeting room:
 - Permanently-installed PC with wireless mouse & keyboard and cabled internet to replace the laptop and mess of wires (PC was previously used as the main worship area projection PC)
 - Input sockets beside the screen for use with a presenter's laptop etc
 - WiFi hub, independently switchable from the main AV desk functions, making this more accessible to occasional users and groups (Purchased during the 2021 upgrade but installation delayed)

There are no plans for further equipment, however a review of the band's inputs and monitor returns is required to make best use of the equipment we already have - *Peter Rhodes*

St Francis' Church Council well recognises the importance of making our building available as a hub for the local community. As a result, we have been pleased to make parts of the building available on hire to a number of organisations, including St Francis School breakfast and after-school Care Clubs (daily morning and afternoon in term time). A lunch Club run by MHA restarted in the autumn.

Accessibility is a vital aspect of making the building available and we have become a 'Roofbreaker' church as the following report explains:

Roofbreakers Report for 2022 – Positive about Disability Inclusivity (PADI)

In 2022, St Francis became a "*Roofbreaker*" Church, one of a nationwide network of churches aiming to make people with a disability feel welcome and included in church life. As the 100th church we featured in their quarterly magazine "*Vital Link*"!

Roofbreakers is an initiative of "*Through the Roof*," a UK based Christian organisation supporting people with disabilities in various ways.

To promote *Roofbreakers* locally there were articles in the Church Newsletter and Chrysalis. Our website was updated to emphasise our welcome to people with additional needs as this is often the first port of call for people to learn about the church and find out if it really is inclusive. A poster of the two *Roofbreaker* representatives - Helen Kelso and myself - is in the Narthex.

- **What more has been achieved this year?**

An audit "Removing Barriers" was undertaken and specific advice sought from Rachel Fox, (wheelchair user) and Joe Sweetnam (Curate and previously an Architect).

Updated Signage for the Accessible Toilet - in time for the June Park Fest!

Makaton was used at the Carol Service – simply the chorus to Hark the Herald which was well received with good congregation participation and positive comments afterwards. Thanks to Stephanie Barlow for leading us in such a helpful way.

Basic training for Welcomers emphasising the importance of being proactive when a wheelchair user arrives (e.g. where would they like to be placed, considering the needs of the carer). Basic training on this issue was also discussed by Fiona Grove at Church Council.

Preliminary discussions with AV Lead Peter Rhodes about overheads, size of font, quantity of words per slide, background colour, painting screen area with special reflective paint.

- **What else for the coming year?**

- For *Roofbreakers* to be an item on Council Agenda for regular (succinct!) updates.
- Training for the whole church about inclusivity. *Through the Roof's* Roofbreaker Lead, Janet Eardley, runs a Zoom Training session for churches, which could be done with church members present in church and able to break into discussion groups.
- Upgrade the Accessible Toilet - improvement needs highlighted by the Audit included providing a mirror at wheelchair user's level, adding a secure soap dispenser, revising grab rails and considering an auto door opener button.
- Further AV improvements (point 5 above.)
- Possibility of further Makaton or BSL at next Carol Service? (Advertised well in advance.)

If anyone has suggestions on how to improve our welcome and promote inclusivity for those with a disability, please do contact Helen Kelso or me. - *Christine Grew*

6. Working with the neighbouring St Francis C of E (Aided) Primary School.

Work with St Francis CE Primary School, with which the church shares a campus site, has continued with the lead minister and curate providing a weekly video assembly for the whole school, shown in classes each week. There's also been the opportunity to join classes virtually initially, and then in person, to explore topics like the Kingdom of God, and ceremonies to mark stages of faith. St Francis Church continues to provide Foundation Governors who take a very active role in governance at the school.

Structure, governance and management

Legal form: The *Church of England Parish of Valley Park* was established in 1991.

Simultaneously, a *Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SC-LEP)* was formed by *The Church of England, The Methodist Church and The United Reformed Church*, under a formal Constitution agreed on 4th October 1991. A new Model Constitution was adopted in October 2015, and *St Francis', Valley Park Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership* is registered as a Charity with the *Charity Commission for England and Wales*. The members of the Ecumenical Church Council are the Trustees of the registered Charity.

Church building: St Francis' Church is the Parish Church of the Anglican Parish of Valley Park. It is also the centre of worship for the SC-LEP, under the terms of a Sharing Agreement, established on 30th August 1995 under the provisions of the *Sharing of Church Buildings Act, 1969*. The Church building was dedicated rather than consecrated, and it is not subject to Faculty Jurisdiction.

Joint Council: In 1991, formal oversight of the operation of the SC-LEP was vested in *Churches Together in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*, and is administered via a Joint Council, comprising governing representatives of the participating denominations, together with representatives of the Church Council. Presently the oversight body is not functioning, but there have been no matters which have required escalation to a Joint Council during the year, which consequently has not met.

Clergy and Church Council: Since its founding in 1987, St Francis' Church has been led by a resident Church of England minister (the Vicar of Valley Park). This ministry has been complemented by designated Ministers from local Methodist and United Reformed Churches. Working in co-operation these designated clergy are ex-officio members of *St Francis' Ecumenical Church Council*.

In accordance with Anglican Canon Law, two Churchwardens are elected annually at an Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Annual Vestry Meeting) which also elects two Pro- (Deputy) wardens. St Francis' Annual Parochial Church Meeting also elects members to a Parochial Church Council (PCC), of which the Vicar, Churchwardens and Pro-wardens are ex-officio members. Our annual Church meeting took place in April, and at that meeting 2 church wardens were elected and 2 pro wardens.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) comprises ex-officio and elected members of the Anglican PCC, together with ex officio members representing the other participating churches in the SC-LEP. The PCC and ECC normally meet concurrently under the title of "*The Church Council*", for the day to day management of the Church and its affairs, but with appropriate attention to the relative responsibilities of the two bodies. However, there is a requirement for the Anglican PCC to be able to meet independently of, and without conflict of interest with, the ECC, and so the annually elected Pro-Wardens, the Anglican Deanery Synod Representatives, and at least one elected PCC member are not members of the ECC or Trustees of the registered Charity.

The Electoral Roll of the SC-LEP operating in 2022 comprised 129 members.

The whole Church congregation met to conduct business once during 2022 – in April, at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church / Ecumenical Congregational Meetings; the latter two held concurrently.

Denominational activities and ecumenical relationships: St. Francis Church lies within Anglican *Deanery of Eastleigh* in the *Diocese of Winchester*.

The Deanery broadly covers the area from Valley Park in the west to Hamble in the south east. Deanery Synod Meetings are held 3 times a year, with the *Standing Committee* (attended by a sub-group of Synod members) meeting more frequently for more strategic and organisational decision-making. Our minister is part of that group, having become Assistant Area Dean in July 2020.

The *Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Circuit of the Methodist Church* has continued to meet on a quarterly basis through 2022, with St Francis' represented at these meetings.

St. Francis' Church was not represented in person at the *Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church* (URC) this year, at its meetings.

St Francis continues to be an active member of *Churches Together in Chandler's Ford*, in partnership with the other local Christian Denominations. A member of St Francis serves as treasurer and another as secretary.

Fabric and assets: Vested in the *Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance*, The Incumbent, Church Wardens, and Church Council (through the PCC), collectively hold St Francis' Church and its fixtures, fittings and property, in trust on behalf of past, present and future generations of worshippers, and the local community.

The *Church Terrier*, recording the Church's furniture, fittings, and assets, and the *Log Book* containing records of all alterations, maintenance, repair and disposals, were kept up to date in 2022, complying with Canon Law.

Safeguarding: All of our Church family life, mission and ministry is underpinned by a strong commitment to Safeguarding. We have a Safeguarding Policy which is regularly reviewed and updated and is easily accessed via the church website and on the Church Notice board.

Dr. Helen Kelso stood down from this position in April 2022 and Linda King has taken up the position, overseeing the development and implementation of appropriate Church Policies and Practices, and the regular DBS checking of volunteers.

The Church Council confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Volunteers: St Francis' Church relies on the voluntary support and assistance of its members who take on a range of roles from the legal duties of Church Warden, to assisting in the organisation and presentation of worship, music, administration, preparing plans, papers and financial reports, and undertaking the routine care and maintenance duties of the building. The Church Council is indebted to members who have stepped forward to take an active role in the life of the Church, and to contribute financially towards it, without whom the ministry and mission of St Francis' Church could not be progressed.

Report was approved by the Church Council on 15th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Dr Sarah McClelland, Vicar and Chair of ECC and PCC

Administrative information:

Ex Officio Members	Expiry of term of office	Notes
Sarah McClelland		
Fiona Grove Church Warden	2023	First elected: 18 th Oct 2020 Re-elected 25 April 2021 & 3 rd April 2022
Debbie Reed Church Warden	2023	First elected: 25 April 2021 Re-elected 3 rd April 2022
Peter Rhodes Prowarden	2023	First elected PW 3 rd April 2022
Caroline Gough Prowarden	2023	First elected PW 3 rd April 2022
Brian King	2023	Deanery Synod Rep
Peter Rhodes	2023	Deanery Synod Rep
Steve Williams	2023	Deanery Synod Rep
Elected members (9+1PCC)		
Andrew Grove	2024	First elected: 18 th Oct 2020 Re-elected 25 April 2021
Jan Southern	2024	First elected: 25 April 2021
Vacant post (3y) x3	2023	
Vacant post (2y)x2	2022	
Rogério Ramos (PCC only)	2024	Re-elected 25 April 2021
Coopted members		
None		
Ex officio:	Ecumenical Church Council (in addition to those in bold above):	
Joe Sweetnam		Curate
David Gurr	2023	Methodist Rep
Vacant position	2023	Methodist Rep
Vacant position	2023	URC Rep
No Coopted members		

Office holders appointed annually by the Annual Congregational Meeting (not attending Council):

Mr. Chris. Goodhead FCA	(2021)	Independent Examiner.	Re-appointed: 3 rd April 22
Mrs Linda King	(2021)	Electoral Roll Officer	Re-appointed: 3 rd April 22
Mr. Geoff. Roberts	(2021)	Gift Aid Secretary	Re-appointed: 3 rd April 22

Financial Overview

General financial situation: Financial overview from our treasurer, Andrew Grove

I am pleased to report that the church ended 2022 in a good financial position.

Overall income was up £17,000 on 2021 although £18,000 were for Solar panels and Children and Families Worker. However general giving was down but I am hopeful this will increase in future.

Overall expenditure was up £6,000. One factor was our Parish Share had decreased by £3,000. The day to day running expenses were up compared to 2021 due to cost of living crisis increases.

We ended the year with a surplus after being able to commit to a full tithe to our charity partners. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the running of the church in 2022.

Gift Aid and GASDS giving for the year ending December 2022 – from our Gift Aid Secretary, Geoff Roberts

47 gave within the Gift Aid scheme. (This represents 73 individual people as some giving is on behalf of a couple). This is ten less than the previous year, due to a lack of one off gifts from visitors. The sumup contactless card system has probably replaced those and we are still able to claim the tax equivalent through the GASDS.

A total of £100,153 (inclusive of £4,098 GASDS) was given to which we added £25,038 in tax claimed back from the inland revenue making a grand total of £125,191. (The GASDS represents giving received in the church building in addition to the standing orders and direct payments.)

Gift aid figures over past years:-

	General	Growth	Tax Claim
	Fund	yr/yr	included
2014	£78,105	12%	£16,386
2015	£80,243	3%	£16,049
2016	£78,731	-2%	£15,746
2017	£79,202	0%	£15,840
2018	£89,194	13%	£17,845
2019	£95,972	8%	£19,195
2020	£94,390	-2%	£18,878
2021	£110,542	17%	£22,108
2022	£125,191	13%	£25,038

Many thanks to all those continuing to take advantage of the gift aid scheme.

Reserves policy and Designated and Restricted Funds:

It is the policy of the Church Council to maintain a modest balance in the General Fund to cover fluctuations in operational expenditure, compared with income, and to transfer appropriate annual sums into Designated Funds intended to provide resources for larger investments in the maintenance and longer-term repair of the Church premises. The General Fund currently stands at £19,918. This increase beyond our target figure of £12,000 enables the Church Council to plan new initiatives with greater confidence.

The Church Maintenance and Repair Reserve Fund. This fund provides for more major investments in maintenance, decoration, repair and replacement of the Church fabric and assets. The balance in this designated fund stood at £ 53,444 as at 31 December 2022, including the net book value of fixed assets of £6,798.

The Youth Activities Fund (Designated), established in 2016 holds the balance of the closed St Francis Church SOS53 Youth Club bank account; the Youth Club having closed due to lack of volunteers. A new, smaller, more teaching focused youth group was established in 2019 by Rev Cliff McClelland, Fiona Grove and Jamie Hill. A small sum from the Youth Activities Fund has been spent by this group in 2020 on materials for its members and the remaining funds will be utilised for Youth Group activities in subsequent years.

The Benevolent Fund was set up in 2021 with a transfer from the general fund of £1,500 and additional £500 was transferred from the general fund with £338 expenditure during the year, so the balance at 31 December 2022 was £1,662.

The Children and Families Worker Fund was set up during the year with donations received of £7,444. There was no expenditure during the year with the balance carried forward at 31 December 2022 was £7,444. An officer was appointed in early 2023.

The Special Appeals Fund (Restricted) was set up in 2017 to enable receipt of grants and gifts made to the church expressly for specific projects or works. During the year donations were received for Solar panels. No expenditure was incurred during the year, so the balance at 31 December 2022 was £10,195.

Accounts were approved by the Church Council 8th February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Dr Sarah McClelland Vicar and Chair of ECC and PCC



CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH, VALLEY PARK SC-LEP

**Independent Examiners report to the Church Council of
Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
For the year ending 31 December 2022**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Francis' Church, Valley Park

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Francis' Church, Valley Park for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 19 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records;

or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited
Chartered Accountants
7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Dated: 24 October 2023



CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH, VALLEY PARK SC-LEP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	General Fund Unrestricted £	Other Funds Unrestricted £	Other Funds Restricted £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £		2021 £
INCOME							
Donations and legacies	2(a)	119,692	0	17,639	137,331	121,407	
Fundraising income	2(b)	158	0	0	158	64	
Charitable Activities	2(c)	18,474	0	0	18,474	14,283	
Investments	2(d)	0	0	0	0	0	
Other income	2(e), 11	1,224	0	0	1,224	4,305	
TOTAL INCOME		139,548	0	17,639	157,187	140,059	
EXPENDITURE							
Fundraising costs	3(a)	29	0	0	29	49	
Charitable Activities							
Mission Giving & Charitable Grants/Donations	3(b)	11,000	338	0	11,338	12,000	
Parish shares	3(c)	70,287	0	0	70,287	73,187	
Salaries and honoraria	3(d)	12,940	0	0	12,940	10,778	
People-related Expenses	3(e)	3,870	0	0	3,870	1,898	
Mission and evangelism costs	3(f)	3,929	0	0	3,929	1,888	
Church running expenses	3(g)	16,279	4,169	0	20,448	17,486	
Church utility bills	3(h)	4,601	0	0	4,601	2,930	
Governance costs	3(i)	929	0	0	929	1,840	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		123,864	4,507	0	128,371	122,056	
MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		15,684	(4,507)	17,639	28,816	18,003	
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	7 - 11	(10,500)	10,500		0	0	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,184	5,993	17,639	28,816	18,003	
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		14,734	50,098	0	64,832	46,829	
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		19,918	56,091	17,639	93,648	64,832	



CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH, VALLEY PARK SC-LEP



BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Website Development	4	2,179	3,269
Church Organ & Dishwasher		0	0
AV equipment		<u>4,619</u>	<u>7,699</u>
		<u>6,798</u>	<u>10,968</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses	5	3,782	2,135
Cash at bank		84,798	65,127
Cash in hand		<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
		<u>88,592</u>	<u>67,274</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>1,742</u>	<u>13,410</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>86,850</u>	<u>53,864</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
		<u>93,648</u>	<u>64,832</u>
FUNDS			
General Fund – Unrestricted		19,918	14,734
Church Maintenance & Repair Reserve Fund	7	53,444	47,613
Youth Activities Fund - Designated	8	985	985
Benevolent Fund - Designated	9	1,662	1,500
Children & Families Worker Fund (Restricted)	10	7,444	0
Special Appeals Fund (Restricted)	11	<u>10,195</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS		<u>93,648</u>	<u>64,832</u>

Approved by the Church Council on 8/2/2023, and signed on its behalf by

Rev'd. Dr. Sarah McClelland - Priest in Charge

Andrew Grove - Treasurer



CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH, VALLEY PARK SC-LEP

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

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the Church Council of St Francis', Valley Park, that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church Council.

Designated Funds: The Church Council has designated the following Funds for a particular purpose: The Building Maintenance and Repair Reserve Fund to provide resources for repair and maintenance of the church building and ground and larger one off expenditure as agreed by the Church Council. This has replaced the Church Repair & Maintenance Fund and The Church Roof Restoration Fund. The Youth Activities Fund represents the closed SOS53 Youth Club Bank Account. These designated funds are also unrestricted. In addition the Church operates a Community Café - St. Francis' Rendezvous Community Café. The accounts of this Café's activities during 2020 and 2021 are included in these accounts for information.

Restricted Funds: These represent grants or donations that require that the funds be used in a specific way or for a specific purpose. They may be considered a contract between the donating party and the receiving party.

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

Income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church Council. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Any income tax recoverable and not received by 31 December is provided for in these accounts and included as a debtor in the Balance Sheet.

Grants and legacies to the Church Council are accounted for as soon as the Council is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by social fundraising and similar events are accounted for gross and recognised when received.

Invoiced income from the hiring of the Church Building is recognised when receivable. Any invoiced income not received by 31 December is provided for in these accounts and included as a debtor in the Balance Sheet.

All other incoming resources are accounted for gross and recognised when received.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish share and contributions to other participating denominations are accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on moveable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the Church Council and PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the Church Council and PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 years, website straight line over 5 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the Church Council at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance, Church of England Funds or at the bank.



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

3 EXPENDITURE

	General Fund Unrestricted £	Other Funds Unrestricted £	Other Funds Restricted £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022 £	2021 £
3(a) Fundraising costs:					
Cost of generating voluntary income	29	0	0	29	49
	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>49</u>
3(b) Mission Giving and Charitable Grants & Donations:					
Benevolent payments	0	338	0	338	0
Home Charities and Good Causes	6,600	0	0	6,600	9,600
Overseas Relief Agencies	4,400	0	0	4,400	2,400
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,338</u>	<u>12,000</u>
3(c) Parish Shares:					
Church of England	67,213	0	0	67,213	69,912
Methodist Church	2,255	0	0	2,255	2,456
United Reformed Church	819	0	0	819	819
	<u>70,287</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,287</u>	<u>73,187</u>
3(d) Salaries and honoraria:					
Parish administration	9,817	0	0	9,817	8,895
Organists and musicians	790	0	0	790	75
Church cleaning and Verger	2,333	0	0	2,333	1,808
	<u>12,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,940</u>	<u>10,778</u>
3(e) People-related expenses:					
Recruitment expenses	991	0	0	991	0
Clergy Mileage, Telephone & Other Exps.	1,893	0	0	1,893	1,391
Education & Training of Staff and Laity	986	0	0	986	507
	<u>3,870</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>1,898</u>
3(f) Mission and evangelism costs:					
Junior/Young people's church	955	0	0	955	893
Outreach activities	2,817	0	0	2,817	745
Teaching and Nurturing costs	131	0	0	131	28
Pastoral costs	26	0	0	26	142
Vacancy costs		0	0	0	80
	<u>3,929</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,929</u>	<u>1,888</u>
3(g) Church running expenses:					
Upkeep of services	468	0	0	468	453
Hospitality and catering	932	0	0	932	602
Café - non catering costs	62	0	0	62	0
Insurance	1,108	0	0	1,108	1,065
Maintenance, cleaning & servicing	6,240	4,169	0	10,409	5,415
Furniture and equipment	0	0	0	0	421
Administration costs	6,369	0	0	6,369	8,540
Church magazine printing costs	1,100	0	0	1,100	990
	<u>16,279</u>	<u>4,169</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,448</u>	<u>17,486</u>
3(h) Church Utility Bills:					
Electricity	1,572	0	0	1,572	1,572
Gas	2,735	0	0	2,735	1,196
Water rates	294	0	0	294	162
	<u>4,601</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,601</u>	<u>2,930</u>
3(i) Governance costs					
Bank charges	53			53	
Professional fees (inc. Independent Examiner's fee)	876	0	0	876	1,840
	<u>929</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>1,840</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	123,864	4,507	0	128,371	122,056



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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2 INCOME

	General Fund Unrestricted £	Other Funds Unrestricted £	Other Funds Restricted £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £ 2021 £	
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Tax efficient planned giving	74,883	0	15,600	90,483	79,852
Other planned giving	5,746	0	0	5,746	2,620
Collections at services/gifts etc.	13,738	0	0	13,738	16,827
Income tax recoverable	23,000	0	2,039	25,039	22,108
Other donations	2,325	0	0	2,325	0
	<u>119,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,639</u>	<u>137,331</u>	<u>121,407</u>
2(b) Fundraising					
Easy Fundraising	158	0	0	158	64
	<u>158</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>64</u>
2(c) Charitable Activities					
Income from outreach activities	2,184	0	0	2,184	543
Statutory fees retained	1,908	0	0	1,908	1,109
Income from use of church building	13,201	0	0	13,201	11,509
Income from Café Trading	1,181	0	0	1,181	1,122
	<u>18,474</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,474</u>	<u>14,283</u>
2(d) Investments					
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2(e) Other income					
Profit on ad hoc sales of equipment & materials	0	0	0	0	40
Other income (incl. Local Fees for Occasional Offices)	1,224	0	0	1,224	0
Grants for Special Appeals / Specific Works	0	0	0	0	4,265
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>1,224</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,224</u>	<u>4,305</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>139,548</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,639</u>	<u>157,187</u>	<u>140,059</u>



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	2022 £	2021 £
4 FIXED ASSETS		
Website Development at cost	5,447	5,447
Church Organ at Cost	5,846	5,846
Dishwasher at Cost	2,820	2,820
AV System at Cost	9,239	9,239
	<u>23,352</u>	<u>23,352</u>
Depreciation at the start of the year	12,384	8,816
Depreciation charged	4,170	3,568
Depreciation at the end of the year	<u>16,554</u>	<u>12,384</u>
Net book value	<u>6,798</u>	<u>10,968</u>
5 DEBTORS		
Prepaid expenses	0	0
Other debtors	<u>3,782</u>	<u>2,135</u>
	<u>3,782</u>	<u>2,135</u>
6 LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accrued Charitable donations	0	12,000
Other Accruals	0	0
Other Creditors	<u>1,742</u>	<u>1,410</u>
	<u>1,742</u>	<u>13,410</u>



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7 CHURCH MAINTENANCE & REPAIR RESERVE FUND - DESIGNATED

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance brought forward at 1 January	47,613	41,951
Transfer from General fund	10,000	0
Transfer from Special Appeals Fund	0	9,230
Depreciation on Dishwasher	0	(940)
Depreciation on Website	(1,089)	(1,089)
Depreciation on AV Equipment	(3,080)	(1,540)
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>53,444</u>	<u>47,613</u>

8 YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND – DESIGNATED

Balance brought forward at 1 January	985	985
Transfer from General fund	0	0
Expenditure during the year	0	0
Transfer to General fund	0	0
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>985</u>	<u>985</u>

9 BENEVOLENT FUND - DESIGNATED

Balance brought forward at 1 January	1,500	0
Transfer from General fund	500	1,500
Expenditure during the year	(338)	0
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>1,662</u>	<u>1,500</u>

10 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FUND – RESTRICTED

Balance brought forward at 1 January	0	0
Donations	7,444	0
Transfer to General fund	0	0
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>7,444</u>	<u>0</u>

11 SPECIAL APPEALS FUND (for expenditure on specific works) - RESTRICTED

Balance brought forward at 1 January	0	0
Donations	8,156	9,495
Gift aid from donation	2,039	0
Transfer to Church Maintenance Fund	0	(9,230)
Third Party Grants towards specific works	0	2,000
Expenditure towards costs of specific works	0	(2,265)
Balance carried forward at 31 December	<u>10,195</u>	<u>0</u>