

St Michael and All Angels, Somerton

Annual Report and Accounts  
of the  
Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2022

Priest in Charge

Vacancy

Registered Charity no 1168799



# 2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels, Somerton

## Aims and Purposes

St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) primary purpose is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. During the vacancy it has the responsibility in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the use and maintenance of the parish Church and its environs. The PCC is also responsible for making known and putting in to effect any provisions made by Diocesan or Deanery Synod and bringing to those synods notice any matters or advice which the council deems necessary.

## Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to become Disciples of Christ and join our church family at St Michaels. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer
- The provision of pastoral support for people living in the parish
- Children and Young People's work
- Specific outreach activities.
- Church Refurbishment
- Ecumenical relationships
- Charitable giving

## Achievements and performance

The Priest in Charge the Reverend Alan Symonds retired in January 2022. During 2022 a return to a normal schedule of services and meetings was warmly welcomed by the congregation.

## *Worship and Prayer*

We try to offer a range of services each month on both Sundays and weekdays which benefit our community and provide spiritual input.

The Sunday service consisted of a mixture of Eucharistic and non-Eucharistic worship at 11am. During the week we again hold a mixture of Communion and Worship services. The Saturday morning prayer meetings have restarted where a group meet together to pray for the needs of the parish and the world. We also held fellowship groups which met regularly and provided bible study, teaching, prayer and discussion to build up our faith. A Prayer Circle is made up of 61 members from the Congregation, Benefice and the town. Urgent requests are circulated to these members requesting Prayer for need, individuals and their families.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 113 Parishioners on the Church electoral roll. In the last year sadly 7 have died, 3 have moved but 3 have joined. The average weekly attendance counted through October was 69, slightly up on the last year and the membership has also increased to 79.

As well as our regular services we like to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for a life now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 3 baptisms, 2 weddings, and supported families through 19 funerals during 2022.

## *Pastoral Care*

There is a team from the Benefice who help prepare families for Baptism and Weddings. Our retired clergy support the Bereaved. We also have the Caring Hands group who provide lifts to medical appointments or other needs and the Shepherding Scheme which provides pastoral care for those on the electoral roll. We run tea and chat sessions in conjunction with the other churches in the Benefice for those who found it difficult to get out.

## *Children and Young People's Work*

We work regularly with the King Ina C of E Academy, who are now firmly established in their single building. We provide collective worship through the clergy and the Open the Book Team. Foundation directors are provided to sit on the Academy's board. After a gap of two years we were pleased to welcome the Academy into church for their Christmas carol service.

## *Specific outreach activities*

During the year the social activities were again severely curtailed as a result of Covid-19. The Saturday coffee mornings were restarted and during the Christmas period, we hosted a Carol service for the town.

## **Financial Review**

2022 has again been an unpredictable year but we are slowly returning to some sort of normal. We are grateful to the congregation who continued throughout 2022 to maintain their regular giving. The 2022 receipts were £76,433 against payments of £89,077 meaning that we are in a 2022 unrestricted deficit position of £12,644. The 2022 balance sheet now shows unrestricted reserves of £22,966 so we should be financially viable for at least the next two years, based on our current level of receipts/payments. However it is hoped the number of weddings will increase and additional fund raising will be undertaken to reduce the deficit in 2023. The PCC is also actively exploring ways of generating additional income using new technology.

We are also extremely fortunate to have Church Lands Trust who for 2022 covered payments such as insurance/energy/repairs and maintenance to a total of £13,221 included a pressurisation unit for the boiler at a cost of £2,608.

## **Reserves Policy**

Our current reserves policy aligns with the Diocese view that reserves should be set at 3 months expenditure. From our 2023 budget that figure will be £22,269. Our unrestricted reserves at the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 stands at £22,966.

## **Risk Management**

Potential Risks to the Charity have been identified as: -

### **1. Damage to the Building**

The building is insured, and there are other potential halls for hire in the vicinity to enable worship to continue whilst repairs are carried out.

### **2. Less Funding – fewer public donations**

We are holding a regular giving review encouraging members to review their giving, we also hold fund raising events to support income.

### **3. Damage to Charity's reputation**

We attempt to build our reputation by the excellence of service to our community, by advertising our activities and by ensuring thought is given to avoiding all potential safeguarding risks.

### *Church Refurbishment*

During the year we have had some minor maintenance work done to the building and are planning to rectify the issues identified in the Quinquennial report produced during the year.

### *Ecumenical Relationships*

The Church is part of Churches Together in Somerton whose regular activities include joint Lent groups, a walk of witness on Good Friday, a Dawn service on Easter Sunday, collecting during Christian Aid week, services during the week of prayer for Christian Unity and Worship services at Wessex House. Joint Benefice services are held on the fifth Sunday of each month.

### *Charitable Giving*

During 2022 we have supported Churches Together in Somerton (Arts Festival), Archies Xtra, the people of Ukraine and the Salvation Army Toy Appeal..

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard in so many different ways to make our Church community, the exciting and welcoming place it is.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Measure.

The church is a charity and registered with the Charity Commission, our charity number is 1168799

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation rules. At St Michaels the membership of the PCC consists of our Priest in Charge, the churchwardens and members who are elected by those who are on the electoral roll of the church. Other licensed clergy and our benefice reader are also entitled to attend and if they do so, have full voting rights. All those who attend church or are linked in some way to the church are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be used.

The full PCC met nine times during the calendar year with an average attendance of 82%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees which deal with particular aspects of church life. These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly. The Committees are:

- Worship which supports the Incumbent in reflecting upon worship services held and helping to plan those in the future
- Social who are responsible for planning and organising social events for the fellowship.

## **Administrative Information**

St Michael and All Angels Church is situated in the Market Square Somerton. It is part of the Benefice of Somerton, the Charltons and Kingsdon, the deanery of Ivelchester, the archdeaconry of Wells and the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Church, Market Place, Somerton TA11 7NB.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022,

Ex Officio members: -

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Alan Symonds (Chairman) until 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Wardens: Mrs MaryAnn Pike

Mrs Sue Cave until 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Mr Rodger Calderwood from 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Synod Members

Mr James Turner (Deanery Synod)

Elected Members

Mrs Patricia Allen from 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Mr Geoff Bryant

Mrs Jacky Calderwood

Mr Martin Cave

Mr Alan Hilborne from 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Mrs Joy Rattenbury

Mr John Saunders

Mrs Pauline Saunders

Mr David Speed (PCC secretary)

Mrs Irene Stone (Safeguarding Officer (Until 23<sup>rd</sup> May) and Treasurer)

Mr Graham Taylor

Mrs Jan Turner

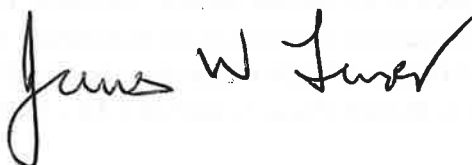
Mrs Rowena Wallace from 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Also entitled to attend

Reader: Mrs Jenny Gollop

Approved by the PCC on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

and signed on their behalf by the James Turner (PCC Vice Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Turner', with a checkmark at the end.



# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, SOMERTON

		STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES			
		For the year ending 31 December 2022				For the year ending 31 December 2021			
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>									
Voluntary Income	2a	£ 67,899	£ 465	£ 759	£ 69,123	£ 83,402	£	£ 145	£ 83,547
Activities for generating funds	2b	£ 3,527	£ 459	£ -	£ 3,985	£ 928	£	£ -	£ 928
Income from Investments	2c	£ 79	£ 65	£ -	£ 144	£ 12	£ 4	£ -	£ 16
Church Activities	2d	£ 4,929	£ -	£ -	£ 4,929	£ 6,350	£	£ -	£ 6,350
Rounding						£ 1			£ 1
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>£ 76,433</b>	<b>£ 989</b>	<b>£ 759</b>	<b>£ 78,182</b>	<b>£ 90,693</b>	<b>£ 4</b>	<b>£ 145</b>	<b>£ 90,842</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>									
	3	£ 89,077	£ 406	£ 722	£ 90,205	£ 84,665	£ 5,028	£ 252	£ 89,945
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>£ 89,077</b>	<b>£ 406</b>	<b>£ 722</b>	<b>£ 90,205</b>	<b>£ 84,665</b>	<b>£ 5,028</b>	<b>£ 252</b>	<b>£ 89,945</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>-£ 12,644</b>	<b>£ 583</b>	<b>£ 37</b>	<b>-£ 12,024</b>	<b>£ 6,028</b>	<b>-£ 5,024</b>	<b>£ 107</b>	<b>£ 897</b>
<b>LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>-£</b>	<b>£ 50,549</b>	<b>-£</b>	<b>£ 50,549</b>		<b>£ 82,772</b>		<b>£ 82,772</b>
Rounding									
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>-£ 12,644</b>	<b>-£ 49,966</b>	<b>£ 37</b>	<b>-£ 62,572</b>	<b>£ 6,028</b>	<b>£ 77,748</b>	<b>-£ 107</b>	<b>£ 83,669</b>
Balances b/fwd 1 January 2022		£ 35,610	£ 578,573	£ 3,168	£ 617,351	£ 29,582	£ 500,825	£ 3,275	£ 533,682
Rounding									
Balances c/fwd 31 December 2022		£ 22,966	£ 528,607	£ 3,207	£ 554,780	£ 35,610	£ 578,573	£ 3,168	£ 617,351

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	5	£ 504,129	£ 554,678
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		£ 45	£ 45
Debtors	6	£ 4,549	£ 5,040
Short Term Deposits		£ 12,158	£ 12,089
Cash at Bank		£ 35,013	£ 48,733
Cash in Hand		£ -	£ -
		<u>£ 51,765</u>	<u>£ 65,908</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors	7	£ 1,114	£ 3,234
		<u>£ 50,651</u>	<u>£ 62,673</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>£ 554,780</u>	<u>£ 617,351</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		£ 22,966	£ 35,610
Restricted	4	£ 528,607	£ 578,573
Designated	4	£ 3,207	£ 3,168
		<u>£ 554,780</u>	<u>£ 617,351</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Monday 13th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Vice Chair James Turner.

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, SOMERTON

### NOTE 1 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of Financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102)

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of informal groups or gatherings of church members.

##### Fund accounting

Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Expenditure relating to the upkeep and maintenance of the Church building is covered by Church Lands Trust. The Diocesan Head of Finance suggested an alternative way of showing the costs reimbursed by Church Lands. It is the method adopted by the Diocese in their accounts and helps the layperson with the understanding as to what the overall expenditure would be if St Michaels were to cease to receive the Church Lands reimbursement.

St Michaels has elected the Church of England pension scheme Pension Builder 2014.

The pension provider issued a statement For the year ending December 2021 as follows:

For Pension Builder 2014, a bonus of 10.2% was declared in April 2022. In respect of good investment performance to the end of 2021.

##### Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources.

##### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Total	Total
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2.a	Voluntary income								
	Planned giving:								
	Bank Standing Orders	£ 35,837	£ 39,876					£ 35,837	£ 39,876
	Envelopes	£ 4,843	£ 6,067					£ 4,843	£ 6,067
	Tax recoverable	£ 9,388	£ 10,134	£ 40		£ 50		£ 9,478	£ 10,134
	Plate collections	£ 2,956	£ 2,247					£ 2,956	£ 2,247
	Wallbox	£ 772	£ 318					£ 772	£ 318
	Donations	£ 58	£ 7,284					£ 58	£ 7,284
	Legacies		£ 9,165					£ -	£ 9,165
	Grants from Church Lands Trust	£ 12,796	£ 8,312	£ 425				£ 13,221	£ 8,312
	COFEENERGYGRANT	£ 1,250						£ 1,250	£ -
	Bell Main						£ 91	£ -	£ 91
	Flower Fund					£ 694	£ 27	£ 694	£ 27
	Tea & Chat					£ 15		£ 15	£ -
	Rounding	-£ 1	-£ 1					-£ -	-£ 1
		£ 67,899	£ 83,402	£ 465	£ -	£ 759	£ 118	£ 69,124	£ 83,520
2.b	Activities for generating funds								
	Events	£ 3,527	£ 928	£ 459				£ 3,985	£ 928
		£ 3,527	£ 928	£ 459	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,985	£ 928
2.c.	Income from investments								
	Bank interest	£ 76	£ 12					£ 76	£ 12
	NSIB interest		£ -		£ 2			£ -	£ 2
	CBF Deposit Fund interest	£ 3	£ -	£ 44	£ 2			£ 47	£ 2
	Somerset Savings			£ 21				£ 21	£ -
	CBF Shares			-£ 50,549	£ 82,773			-£ 50,549	£ 82,773
		£ 79	£ 12	-£ 50,484	£ 82,777	£ -	£ -	-£ 50,404	£ 82,789
2.d	Income from church activities								
	Fees for weddings & funerals	£ 2,150	£ 3,882					£ 2,150	£ 3,882
	Parish magazine sales	£ 585	£ 609					£ 585	£ 609
	Benefice contributions	£ 1,809	£ 1,809					£ 1,809	£ 1,809
	Hire fees	£ 385	£ 50					£ 385	£ 50
		£ 4,929	£ 6,350	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,929	£ 6,350
	Total incoming resources	£ 76,433	£ 90,692	-£ 49,560	£ 82,777	£ 759	£ 118	£ 27,612	£ 173,587

## 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Total	Total
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church activities									
	Diocesan parish share	£ 60,363	£ 59,749					£ 60,363	£ 59,749
	Benefice expenses	£ 1,401	£ 3,318					£ 1,401	£ 3,318
	Staff costs (2 employees)	£ 10,893	£ 10,323					£ 10,893	£ 10,323
	Employer Staff Costs	£ 328	£ 358					£ 328	£ 358
	Gas & Electricity	£ 3,324	£ 3,199					£ 3,324	£ 3,199
	Insurance	£ 2,569	£ 2,482					£ 2,569	£ 2,482
	Premises	£ 8,096	£ 2,097					£ 8,096	£ 2,097
	Churchyard upkeep	£ 520	£ 1,270					£ 520	£ 1,270
	Cost of services	£ 242	£ 254					£ 242	£ 254
	Events	£ 207	£ 7					£ 207	£ 7
	PCC Costs	£ 176	£ 468					£ 177	£ 468
	Bank Charges	£ 234	£ 226					£ 234	£ 226
	Subscriptions / Professional Fees	£ 474	£ 474					£ 474	£ 474
	Office/other expenses	£ 16	£ -					£ 14	£ -
	Christmas Tree / Lights	£ 116	£ 118					£ 116	£ 118
	Restricted Payments - Chibondo			£ 406	£ 5,028			£ 406	£ 5,028
	Delegated Payments					£ 722	£ 224	£ 722	£ 224
	Church Guides	£ 117						£ 117	£ -
	School bibles		£ 322					£ -	£ 322
		£ 89,077	£ 84,665	£ 406	£ 5,028	£ 722	£ 224	£ 90,205	£ 89,917

Special collections were taken for the following charities:-

Receipts		
Archies Xtra	£ 113	Carole Service
Ukraine	£ 1,111	
CTIS	£ 204	Arts Festival Service
Toy Appeal	£ 505	
	£ 1,932	

#### 4. Movments in Restricted and Designated Funds

RESTRICTED	B/Fwd	Interest Gift Aid	Receipts	Payments	C/Fwd
Church yard	£ 1,033				£ 1,033
Doris Cooper	£ 17,677	£ 52			£ 17,729
Chibondo	£ 1,611	£ 12	£ 459	£ 406	£ 1,676
Fabric	£ 4,000				£ 4,000
Ukraine		£ 38			£ 38
Archies Xtra		£ 3			£ 3
Church Lands	-£ 425		£ 425		£ -
	£ 23,896	£ 104	£ 884	£ 406	£ 24,478

DESIGNATED	B/Fwd	Gift Aid	Receipts	Payments	C/Fwd
Bells/Tower maintenance	£ 2,489				£ 2,489
Music	£ 471			£ 28	£ 443
Flower Fund	£ 112	£ 50	£ 694	£ 694	£ 162
Christmas Lights	-£ 28				-£ 28
Tea & Chat	£ 125		£ 15		£ 140
	£ 3,169	£ 50	£ 709	£ 722	£ 3,207

#### 5. Fixed Assets

##### Investments

	Market Value	Purchases	Disposals	Mkt Value Revaluation	Market value
Doris Cooper Bequest	31.01.22	£ -	£ -		£ 554,678
CBF Inv Fund Shares	31.12.22			-£ 50,549	£ 504,129

#### 6. Current Assets

##### Debtors

	Total	Un Restricted	Restricted
Gift Aid - December	£ 2,491	£ 2,491	
Church Lands	£ 1,003	£ 1,003	
Mid Wessex Ringers	£ 110	£ 110	
Somerton Benefice Fees	£ 945	£ 945	
	£ 4,549	£ 4,549	£ -

#### 7. Current liabilities

	Total	Un Restricted	Restricted
<b>Creditors</b>			
All instruments	£ 90	£ 90	
Opus	£ 419	£ 419	
W Foote	£ 160	£ 160	
Pension costs	£ 52	£ 52	
Printing	£ 16	£ 16	
Ukraine	£ 114		£ 114
SSE	£ 262	£ 262	
	£ 1,114	£ 1,000	£ 114

## 8. Trustee donations

During 2022 the total monies donated by the Trustees (i.e. PCC members) are included in the voluntary income (note 2a ) equals £8967.50

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

St. Michael's + All Angels

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31. 12. 2022

Charity Number (if applicable):

1168799

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 \*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

Derek Long

Date:

15<sup>th</sup> May '23

Name:

DEREK LONG

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any):**

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