

# ST JUDE'S UNITED CHURCH, ENGLEFIELD GREEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1169401

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2016-09-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): A)THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B)THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C)MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D)PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E)THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F)THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

**Activities:** We provide religious activities - services, social events, training events, musical events and the like for adults and children in our buildings and elsewhere in Englefield Green. We also make the buildings available to some other organizations. These aim to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

## Geography

- Surrey

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£315,656	£286,815	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,417	£95,402	-	-
2022-12-31	£109,010	£130,464	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,732	£87,203	-	-
2020-12-31	£87,006	£80,073	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Judith Mary Allford	Chair	2019-09-26
David James Major Walker		2021-06-24
Deacon Jacqueline Esama-John		2026-01-01
Dr ANDREW FRANK SHEER		1971-05-01
Dr GEOFFREY ALEXANDER CHEW		2005-05-01
Gillian Sloan		2026-01-19
JENNIFER VERE CHEW OBE		2014-04-27
MICHAEL BROOKING		2012-05-01
RENUKA HUMPHRYS		2012-05-01
ROY GOURIET		2005-05-01
Rev Lansford Penn-Timity		2026-01-01
Susan Harben		2018-04-22

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# Accounts

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St Jude's United Church  
Englefield Green  
2024

Registered Charity Number 1169401

*Vicar*

The Revd Canon Judith Allford

*Methodist Minister*

The Revd Andrew Reed

*Hon. Reader*

Roy Gouriet

*Churchwardens*

Claudia Tubb

Mike Brooking

*Hon. Treasurer, PCC*

Brian Hooker

*Hon. Secretary, PCC*

Marion Paige

*Organist and Choirmaster*

Professor Geoffrey Chew

*Lay Vice Chair*

Andrew Sheer

# Annual Report for 2024

## Background

St Jude's Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Judith Allford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Jude's, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green and for the Church Hall in Bond Street, Englefield Green.

## Membership

Members of the Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the Church Council:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Canon Judith Allford\*

*Methodist Minister:* The Revd Andrew Reed\*

*Reader:* Roy Gouriet\*

*Verger:* vacancy

*Churchwardens:* Mike Brooking\*

Claudia Tubb\*

*Representatives on the* Jackie Kjos (elected 2023 for three years)

*Deanery Synod:* Marion Paige (elected 2023 for three years)

*Members:* Geoff Chew\* (elected 2022 for three years)  
Susie Harben\* (elected 2022 for three years)  
Brian Hooker (elected 2022 for three years)  
Elizabeth Hopkins (elected 2021 for three years)  
Renuka Humphrys\* (elected 2022 for three years)  
Andrew Sheer\* (elected 2021 for three years)  
Dave Walker\* (elected 2021 for three years)

\* - Trustees of the registered charity.

Church Council sub-committees and terms of reference are as follows:

### **Standing Committee**

Regular meetings to plan agenda for Council meetings. Authorised to make decisions, exclusive of Council, as and when necessary.

### **Worship, Outreach and Social Committee**

Regular meetings to consider aspects of mission, both spiritual and practical, within Church and in the wider community. Reports back to Council. Organises Lent groups, etc. Partial ecumenical aspect. Liturgical and music matters and planning for social events.

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss Council proposals and explore stewardship issues.

### **Fabric Committee/Health and Safety Committee**

Meetings generally informal to discuss matters as they arise including issues related to Covid-19.

### **Village Centre Management Committee**

Meeting regularly to oversee the work of the Village Centre.

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[www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) and [www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk)

## Report on our worship

We continued to see a slight increase in the number of our regular worshippers but remain saddened that we see very few younger worshippers. However, the Vicar ran a small confirmation class in the summer and autumn, and on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December two young people and one adult were confirmed by Bishop Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking, at St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe.

We maintained our established pattern of worship throughout the year.

### **8.00am Sunday**

A service of Holy Communion (said) with BCP service on the first Sunday of each month. We missed the regular ministry at this service of the Revd Orion Edgar, former Anglican Chaplain to RHUL, following his transfer to parish ministry.

### **9.30am Sunday**

Sung Eucharist (live-streamed) with the first Sunday service taken from the Methodist liturgy. Our intention remained to offer a non-Eucharistic on a Fifth Sunday.

### **4.00pm Sunday**

Fourth Sunday at Four: a non-eucharistic worship service with hymns.

### **6.00pm Sunday**

Compline via Zoom on the second Sunday in each month.

### **10.00am Wednesday**

Midweek service of Holy Communion (said) with a short sermon. During Lent this service was moved to 11.00am and was followed by a simple Lenten lunch.

As always, we had a full programme of festival services which once again included a Christingle service in December for some of our local uniformed groups. Our Christmas Crib service was hugely well attended as usual, and there was record attendance too at our Christmas Carol Service, when our choir was once again augmented by the Allegra Choir directed by our AV co-ordinator, Guy Bunce.

Once again in 2024 we hosted two village memorial services: F. Harrison and Son, Funeral Directors, sponsored our summer service for a second year and Lodge Brothers our Christmas memorial service

for a fourth year. The Remembrance Sunday parade service took place as usual in November with excellent attendance from our local uniformed groups.

We remain grateful to our team of worship leaders including our Methodist Associate Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed, our Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Roy Gouriet and our occasional preacher, Mrs Diana Bendall, for their contribution to our worship. On occasions when the Vicar was absent, we benefitted from the ministry of the Revd Janet Franck (retired and with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Guildford) and the Revd Matt Prior (St John's Egham). Thank you to Roy Gouriet who co-ordinates our preaching rota. Roy's Permission to Officiate was renewed again in 2024.

Thank you to our regular teams of readers and intercessors and to Mrs Diana Bendall for co-ordinating this ministry. It has been good to welcome some new members to our readers' rota. Paul Murphy has also joined the team of contributors to our weekly prayer diary which has proved very helpful. Special thanks are due to our organist, Geoff Chew, and to our choir for leading our music in worship.

There are many others who contribute to our worship in vital, but perhaps less obvious ways. They include our church cleaning team, flower arrangers, members of our live-streaming rota and all who provide refreshments to follow our worship. Thank you all.

## Occasional Services

During the year there were 7 baptisms (12 in 2023), 4 weddings (3), 15 funerals in church (22), 8 funerals conducted by our vicar in local crematoria (7), 1 graveside funeral conducted by our vicar (2), and 4 interments of cremated remains (3).

## Church Council meetings

The Church Council met on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> November. The APCM was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

We are grateful to our Churchwardens, Church officers, Council members and committee chairs for another year of generous service.

## Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll for 2024 stood at 90, an increase of 5 on 2023.

## Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues were reported. We remain grateful to Mrs Diana Bendall for continuing to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Lead and for supporting the Revd Andrew Reed who holds that role for our Village Centre. Effective safeguarding was an ever more important priority in 2024.

## Concert Series

2024 saw a programme of 11 concerts and we are grateful to Professor Geoff Chew for arranging an attractive programme for us once again.

The concerts took place as follows: 3 February Community Concert, 9 March Royal Holloway students, 27 April Royal Holloway students, 11 May James Kirby's students, 15 June Vox Mundi, 6 July Cath Chew and Geoff Chew (1 and 2 pianos), 10 August Asia Bonuccelli (piano), 21 September Lesley Shrigley-Jones (cello), 9 November Valerie Fry/Dimitri Kennaway Words & Music WWII programme, 23 November James Kirby (piano), 14 December Geoff Chew (piano).

## Social Events

Coffee Mornings were held on 24 February, 14 September and 26 October, an indoor Summer Fair/Coffee Morning on 13 July, St Jude's Stall at the Village Fair on 22 June, Harvest Lunch on 12 October in church, Christmas Market on 30 November in our Village Centre, and Mince Pie and Lebkuchen Tea on 4 December. Our grateful thanks to all who coordinated and contributed to these events.

## Fabric

The clock face had been removed for refurbishment in 2023 and brought great joy when it was re-installed. A drainage survey was undertaken, and a couple of items were highlighted to the Fabric Committee for further discussion and exploration. Some damage was sustained to the large west window (at the back of the church), and a repair is being progressed. We received a grant from RBC to refurbish the two lampposts in the churchyard, and a grant from the Methodist Church to help pay for the stonework repairs and refurbishment of the clock face. Repairs were carried out to the organ, the boilers were serviced and a quinquennial inspection took place. The latter gave us a considerable list of items to be dealt with in 2025. We are grateful to the churchwardens for all their work on these projects and to the group of church members who carry out minor maintenance and cleaning.

## Monsell Room lettings

Our thanks to Andrew Sheer for continuing to co-ordinate and administer all bookings. The users of the Monsell Room were Alcoholics Anonymous, Angeli's art classes, Egham Choral, Englefield Green Councillors' Surgery, Englefield Green Village Residents Association, Royal Holloway Music Department, Royal Holloway Women's Club, Ruth Hopkins' singing classes, Sue Lowe's cello classes. In addition to these regular bookings there were a few "one-off" hirings.

## Mission and Outreach

**Donations to the Runnymede Foodbank:** total cash donations £640 (2023 £686). This, plus donations in kind, enabled a total donation by weight of 1073kg (an appreciable increase over the 2023 figure of 819kg). Thank you to Geoff Chew for continuing to manage and pass on our donations.

**Donations to other appeals:** we were pleased to be able to send donations to WaterAid, the Royal British Legion and the Children's Society.

**Giving in kind:** We continued to contribute to Revive and Thrive, a charity based at a Baptist Church in Mytchett who send knitted items and reconditioned tools to countries across the world. Thank you to Di and Alan Fone and to Pat and Brian Summers for continuing to co-ordinate this ministry. Donated items in 2024 included 4 manual sewing machines! Teddies, jumpers and hats have been knitted in quantity for children. Knitted squares have been sewn together to create blankets of varying sizes. We continue to be supported by knitters at Lynwood Village in Sunningdale. We are grateful to all our knitters and sewers, and we need knitters and donations of wool, please, to help us continue this work into 2025!

## The Ship Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is produced and circulated electronically by Brian Hooker who also uploads it to our website. Similarly, Andrew Sheer posts it on our Facebook page. Our thanks to them both.

## Digital Outreach

This continued through our Facebook page and website. We are grateful to everyone who helped us with publicity in 2024, including Brian Hooker, Andrew Sheer, Roger Downing and Guy Bunce.

## Our Church Schools

2024 was a busy year for our St Jude's Schools Federation. Both schools were inspected by Ofsted. Disappointingly, but not altogether surprisingly, our Infant School received a "Requires Improvement" judgment. But the inspectors were warm in their acknowledgment of all the changes the school has faced over the last few years, and of all the positive work that is being done to raise standards and improve on our performance. Very shortly afterwards Ofsted came to our Junior School and this time the assessment was "Good" and the feedback especially appreciative of the Leadership Team. The final inspection of the year was that of the "Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools" (SIAMS). The written report which followed was high in praise – of the emphasis placed by all the team on the Christian ethos of the school and of the embedding of our Christian vision and values throughout the school. The good relationship between St Jude's Church and our schools was highlighted in the report.

We are very grateful to Mrs Pat Summers and Mrs Deborah Kidd, both of whom read regularly with the children in Year 3. We know that this is hugely appreciated by the school. Our Vicar and the Revd Jeremy Brown from Christ Church, Virginia Water have continued to share the leading of the church collective worship at both schools. Both of them continue to serve on the Governing Body.

## From the Vicar

As we look back on 2024, we can perhaps see it as a year of preparing for the opportunities and challenges which will lie ahead in 2025. During 2024, several conversations took place with the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Martin Breadmore, and one of the Guildford Diocesan Mission enablers, the Revd Jens Mankel. Our discussion focussed on the possibility of developing a closer partnership with St John's Egham. [At the end of 2024 it is clear that there is lots to do in order to work out what this may look like for both our churches](#), but I thank God with you for the exciting possibilities for growth that it could mean for us all. It will be a joy to work alongside Holly Byles, Curate at St John's, as we explore these opportunities together.

As the year closes and a new year dawns I am reminded of words from the pen of Paul – "He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24). A timely promise for us all!

God bless you. *Judith Allford*

## Village Centre Annual Report for 2024

The Village Centre reopened on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 after the Christmas break. Our Community Fridge opened again on Monday and Friday mornings, 9am to 11am, from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, and the Child Contact Centre from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Our film nights resumed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. However, during the first week of January the hall floor was completely re-laid so regular hall bookings and classes resumed in the second week of the month. During the month we issued a challenge via our social media outlets: Do you want to volunteer?

During January we received a Youth Fund Grant of £3190 for seven children's cooking classes which we were able to spread throughout the year. Our expression of interest to the major development

fund for the refurbishment of the kitchen was accepted and the full application submitted. An initial grant application to the Methodist South-East District for salary costs was also submitted this month.

Maintenance of the premises remained an ongoing task throughout 2024 and not least during the early months of the year. Many of the smaller tasks have continued to be carried out by our volunteer handy man with contractors only being used for larger or specialist tasks.

March saw a busy month at the Village Centre. We received a visit from the CEO of Runnymede Council, Andrew Pritchard. A new shopping service to Brooklands via Community Minibus was launched, a Seniors' tea party was hosted by students from RHUL, and an adults' cooking class was held in conjunction with Surrey County Council 'Let's talk about Food' initiative. We also received an award, as part of the Runnymede Civic Awards, for contribution to the Community.

The Village Centre Management Committee (VCMC) continued to support the work of the Centre throughout the year. In January we sadly had to say "farewell" to Sharon Edgar, who has moved away from the village. Other members of the Committee continued their various roles: Siobhan Elliot co-ordinating our social media presence, Diana Bendall acting as our Minutes Secretary, Jonathan Griffiths supervising our maintenance jobs and Andrew Sheer maintaining his role as Honorary Treasurer. However, early in the year Andrew announced his wish to step down from that role, which he has undertaken since the inception of the Centre in 2010. At the time of the issue of this Annual Report a successor to Andrew has not yet been found. Andrew has generously continued to fulfil the role for the time being, but the appointment of a new treasurer remains an urgent need.

One of the tasks undertaken by members of the VCMC has been providing monthly Village Centre Reports for the SHIP newsletter on a rota basis. April was another very busy month with a variety of Cooking Classes both for adults and children. Another special event took place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April when Jo Layton, an Englefield Green resident and CEO of CAP Worldwide brought a team of volunteers to the Centre for the day. Between them they did some cooking for the Community Fridge and the Café, served in the Café, put together Baby Basics referral baskets, painted the hall and cleared weeds and debris from the alley and the lane! It was a hugely worthwhile day. At the end of April Hubbub, an award-winning environmental charity and sponsor of our Community Fridge, sent a film crew along to film the Fridge in action!

May saw the launch of a Monday Lunch Club for the over 55s. The Community Cooking Day was changed from a Monday to a Tuesday to accommodate this. Deliveries now go out on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday. The Lunch Club was an immediate success, and numbers have continued to grow throughout the year.

At the beginning of June, we held a fundraising barn dance. Tickets sold out! Our caller was Barrie Bullimore, who had previously run weekly barn dances at Laleham Methodist Church. A good time was held by all! During the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June we were able to participate in "The Big Green Week" Events included a visit from Richard Emmett with his display beehive. We also had a visit from Elaine Gill, who had just begun her second term as Mayor of Runnymede.

The Revd Andrew Reed was away from us on a well-earned sabbatical from June to August. Events continued but with the usual reduction in café opening hours during the school holidays. Our Child Contact Centre was especially busy in June, following the closure of a neighbouring Contact Centre in Egham. This has meant an increase in referrals to our centre, so we also increased our volunteer database to cope with the increase in families attending.

June and July also saw us welcome a number of new student volunteers to the Centre, through local colleges and the DofE project. Students are provided with experience across all outreach programmes of the Centre to ensure that they receive a rounded level of experience within a charity environment. Another successful adults cooking class took place in July, which was very well supported by the local community. We also welcomed a pop-up stall from the Englefield Green Shop, to help them advertise their services and raise funds for the upkeep of their shop.

The Community Bus had a very well supported trip to the Chertsey Museum in August, where attendees were given an opportunity to view their vintage clothing exhibition and enjoy lunch in the sunshine. August also saw another children's cooking class, where local children donned their aprons and had a great time cooking up some culinary delights under the supervision of our volunteers. The children sat and ate their food together and also had some to take home to their families.

Baby Basics is another project that has continued to flourish. Referrals came into us from local midwives and health visitors at Ashford/St Peters Hospitals and Frimley Park. We also supported families referred to us via the Prison Service and Runnymede Resettlement Team.

The Centre has remained busy throughout the year with private bookings for birthday parties, baby showers and other family gatherings. The Flow Church has continued to meet on our premises each Sunday.

The latter part of the year saw further cooking classes, bus trips and tea parties. However a large chunk of time was spent on administration to ensure the building is maintained, grant applications are applied for, and that our licensing is up to date. We revised our current premises license to ensure that all regulations are always followed and our neighbours are protected, and our five-yearly Quinquennial also took place at this time, where the whole building was inspected and action plan for remedial work proposed.

The year was rounded off with our annual Christmas Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> November, which was organised in conjunction with St Jude's United Church. The Village Centre hosted a children's fair in the back hall, whilst St Jude's Church held a market in the café area. It was a hugely successful afternoon, where we saw many local residents and families pass through our doors. We were incredibly grateful to the Egham United Charity who provided funds to provide free gifts and prizes to the children in attendance.

Finally we said goodbye to a longstanding member of staff on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Sarmila, who worked for the Village Centre initially as a volunteer and then later as a dedicated member of staff, left the area for pastures new. We were incredibly sorry to lose her, but incredibly proud and happy for her new beginning.

Our thanks as always to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers who have led us through another busy and happy year. And to Ali Griffin for her visionary and tireless management which is such a blessing to us all. Thanks above all to our ever-gracious God for his unfailing provision.



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Receipts and payments account**

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date 01-Jan-24	<b>To</b>
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
<b>Church</b>			
Donations	107,741	-	-
Grants	-	12,841	
<b>Village Centre</b>			
Interest (Central Finance Bank)	107	-	
Child Contact Centre	3,550	-	
The Fridge Account	23	6,343	
Donations	46,394	-	
Trading Income (Café)	52,015	-	
Trading Income (Hall)	31,096	-	
Grants	-	55,546	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>240,926</b>	<b>74,730</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>240,926</b>	<b>74,730</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
<b>Village Centre</b>			
Child Contact Centre	4,379	-	
The Fridge Account	30	1,021	



<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>248,387</b>	<b>38,428</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 7,461</b>	<b>36,302</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>			
Church Account	42,168	-	
Village Centre Accounts	-	-	
Central Finance Board	6,755	-	
Contact Centre	4,821	-	
Fridge Account	-	-	
Village Centre	1,222	4,677	
Petty Cash	200	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,166</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>47,705</b>	<b>40,979</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
	A5 Transfers between funds	-
	A6 Cash funds last year end	55,166
	A7 Cash fund this year end	
	<b>Church Account</b>	<b>42,286</b>
	<b>Village Centre Accounts</b>	
	Central Finance Board	6,862
	Contact Centre	3,992
	Fridge Account	5,314
	Village Centre	- 5,685
	Petty Cash	178
	Sub total	10,661
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>47,705</b>
	account(s)	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-
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**B3 Investment assets**

**Details**


**Fund to which asset belongs**


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

**Details**


**Fund to which asset belongs**


**B5 Liabilities**

**Details**


**Fund to which liability relates**


Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Period end date  
31-Dec-24

**CC16a**



**Total funds**

**Last year**

to the nearest  
£  
2024

to the nearest £  
2023

107,741  
12,841


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<b>2023</b>





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Print Name

Date of approval



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

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Claudia Tubb\*

*Representatives on the* Jackie Kjos (elected 2023 for three years)

*Deanery Synod:* Marion Paige (elected 2023 for three years)

*Members:* Geoff Chew\* (elected 2022 for three years)

Jenny Chew\* (elected 2021 for three years)

Susie Harben\* (elected 2022 for three years)

Brian Hooker (elected 2022 for three years)

Aidan Hopkins (elected 2022 for three years)

Elizabeth Hopkins (elected 2021 for three years)

Renuka Humphrys\* (elected 2022 for three years)

Andrew Sheer\* (elected 2021 for three years)

Dave Walker\* (elected 2021 for three years)

\* - Trustees of the registered charity.

Church Council sub-committees and terms of reference are as follows:

### **Standing Committee**

Regular meetings to plan agenda for Council meetings. Authorised to make decisions, exclusive of Council, as and when necessary.

### **Worship, Outreach and Social Committee**

Regular meetings to consider aspects of mission, both spiritual and practical, within Church and in the wider community. Reports back to Council. Organises Lent groups, etc. Partial ecumenical aspect. Liturgical and music matters and planning for social events.

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss Council proposals and explore stewardship issues.

### **Fabric Committee/Health and Safety Committee**

Meetings generally informal to discuss matters as they arise including issues related to Covid-19.

### **Village Centre Management Committee**

meeting regularly to oversee the work of the Village Centre.

### **Address for correspondence:**

The Vicarage, 21 Willow Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0DQ

### **Address of Church:**

St Jude's Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0BZ

### **Email:**

[enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info)

### **Websites:**

[www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) and [www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk)

## **ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023**

### **Worship**

Numbers of worshippers rose slightly over the course of the year, but we were saddened that very few of our younger worshippers continued to attend. We maintained our established pattern of worship throughout the year:

**8.00am Sunday** Holy Communion (said). On the first Sunday of each month we used the Book of Common Prayer service.

**9.30am Sunday** Sung Eucharist ([live-streamed on our YouTube channel](#)). On the first Sunday in the month this service remained more informal, taken from the Methodist liturgy, and led by the Revd Andrew Reed. On the fifth Sunday in each month our aim was to offer a non-eucharistic service, but this was inconsistent since some fifth Sundays coincided with a significant festival of the Church.

**4.00pm Sunday** Fourth Sunday at Four: a non-Eucharistic worship service with hymns.

**6.00pm Sunday** Compline via Zoom on the second Sunday in each month.

**10.00am Wednesday** A midweek service of Holy Communion (said) with a short sermon.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mandie Shirnia, from the parish of St John's Egham, to spend three months with us on placement as she completed her training for ordination. Mandie contributed to our worship with preaching and leading intercessions, as well as spending time with individual church members. We were lessed by her ministry.

We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla within our informal Holy Communion service on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Later in the year we hosted two Village Memorial Services. The summer service took place in July and was sponsored by F. Harrison and Son, Funeral Directors. The Christmas Service of Remembrance was sponsored for the third year running by Lodge Brothers of Englefield Green. The church was full on both occasions and similarly full in November for the Armistice Day Parade Service. Our speaker this year was Mr John Scott MBE. As always, our Christmas Crib service, led by Mrs Claudia Tubb, saw St Jude's full to overflowing!

Early in the year Guildford Diocese launched a new "Parish Needs Process". Most members of our ECC attended a strategy meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This was led by the Diocesan Mission Enabler Team and included a presentation on three priorities for mission at the heart of the Diocesan Programme for growth: Transforming Church, Transforming Lives. The three are: Growing Disciples, Growing Community, Growing Diversity. Through the

year we were asked to put together a Church Development Plan which reflected these priorities. We were assisted by the Revd Jens Mankel, one of the Mission Enablers for revitalisation. Our CDP was signed off by the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Martin Breadmore, when he made his five-yearly visit to meet with the Vicar and Wardens in September. Achieving the aims of the plan remains a significant challenge and one we need urgently to address. We remain grateful to our team of worship leaders, including our Methodist Associate Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed, our Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Roy Gouriet and our occasional preacher, Mrs Diana Bendall, for their continued contribution to our worship. On the first Sunday of each month, we enjoyed the ministry at our 8am service of the Revd Dr Orion Edgar, Anglican Chaplain to Royal Holloway, University of London. In December Orion moved on to take up an appointment in the parish of Christchurch, Roath Park, Cardiff. During the year we continued to welcome the occasional ministry of the Revd Janet Franck.

We remain indebted to our regular teams of Readers and Intercessors. During the year Mrs Cassandra Gouriet stepped down from co-ordinating this rota after many years. We are grateful to Cassandra and to Diana who has now taken on this vital task. Special thanks are due to our organist, Geoff Chew, and to our choir for leading our music in worship. Also, to our wonderful church cleaning team, flower arrangers, members of our live-streaming rota plus all who provide refreshments to follow our worship. Your hidden acts of service do not go unnoticed. Thank you all.

### **Occasional services**

During the year there were 12 baptisms (18 in 2022), 3 weddings (1), 22 funerals in church (20), 7 Funerals conducted by our Vicar in local crematoria (14), 2 Graveside Funerals conducted by our Vicar (1) and 3 Interment of Cremated Remains (3).

### **Church Council meetings in 2023**

The Church Council met on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The APCM was held on Sunday 14<sup>h</sup> May. We are grateful to our Churchwardens, Church Officers, Council members and Committee Chairs for another year of generous service.

### **Electoral Roll**

Our Electoral Roll stands at 86, an increase of 1 on 2022.

### **Safeguarding**

No safeguarding issues were confirmed. One concern was reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead but was deemed after discussion not to have been a safeguarding incident. We remain grateful to Mrs Diana Bendall for continuing to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Lead and for enabling us to reach Level 2 on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. As a United Church we remain committed to ensuring that Safeguarding remains a priority within the life of St Jude's and our Village Centre.

### **Concert Series**

2023 saw a programme of 9 concerts and we are grateful to Professor Geoff Chew for arranging an attractive programme for us once again.

The concerts took place as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> February Community Concert, 18<sup>th</sup> March Royal Holloway students, 29<sup>th</sup> April Royal Holloway students, 13<sup>th</sup> May James Kirby's students from Royal Holloway, 3<sup>rd</sup> June River City Saxes, 8<sup>th</sup> July James Webb (piano), 2<sup>nd</sup> September Music and Words (Valerie Fry, reciter/Dimitri Kennaway, piano), 28<sup>nd</sup> October James Kirby (piano), 25<sup>th</sup> November Geoff Chew (piano).

### **Social Events**

Coffee Mornings were held on 4<sup>th</sup> March (proceeds to DEC earthquake appeal), 29<sup>th</sup> April, and 26<sup>th</sup> August. Coronation Tea Party at the Vicarage, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Indoor Summer Fair/Coffee Morning 15<sup>th</sup> July, St Jude's Stall at Village Fair 24<sup>th</sup> June, Harvest Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> October in church, Christmas Market 11<sup>th</sup> November and Mince Pie and Lebkuchen Tea 9<sup>th</sup> December. Our grateful thanks to all who co-ordinated and contributed to these events.

### **Fabric**

Following much discussion during the previous year, 2023 was a year of considerable achievement. Extensive repair work was carried out to the south and east of the tower stonework, a new noticeboard was fitted, the audio-visual equipment installation was completed, the toilet block was refurbished, the south nave windows were re-covered in

new polycarbonate sheets, and the clock face was removed for complete renovation. We are very grateful to the churchwardens for all their work on these projects.

### **Monsell Room Lettings**

Our thanks to Andrew Sheer for continuing to co-ordinate and administer all bookings. The users of the Monsell Room were Alcoholics Anonymous, Angeli's Art Classes, Englefield Green Councillors' Surgery, Englefield Green Village Residents Association, National Childbirth Trust, Royal Holloway Music Department, Royal Holloway Women's Club, and Sue Lowe's cello classes. In addition there were a few "one-off" hirings.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Village Centre: Please see separate report.

Donations to the Runnymede Food Bank

Total cash donations: £686. This, plus donations in kind, enabled a total donation by weight of 819kg (in both cases an appreciable increase over 2022). Thank you to Geoff Chew for continuing to manage and pass on our donations.

Donations to other appeals

We were pleased to be able to send donations to the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal, Water Aid, the Royal British Legion and The Children's Society.

Giving in kind

We continued to contribute to Revive and Thrive, a Charity based at a Baptist Church in Mytchett who send knitted items and reconditioned tools to countries across the world, including Africa and Eastern Europe. A fair proportion of what we were able to give in 2023 once again came via our links with Lynwood Village in Sunningdale. We remain grateful to Di and Alan Fone and to Pat and Brian Summers for overseeing this.

### **The Ship Newsletter**

Brian Hooker continued to circulate the monthly *Ship* electronically, via Mailchimp, approximately 200 in total. A few printed copies were made available in church for those unable to read the newsletter online. The *Ship* was also accessible on our website and Facebook page.

### **Digital Outreach**

We continued to use Facebook, our website, and Zoom as a means of reaching our community and providing additional opportunities for worship. Please refer to the Worship part of our report for details of our Zoom service of Compline.

### **Our Church Schools**

At the beginning of 2023 the St Jude's CofE Infant School and the Junior School went through the process of Federation. The two Governing bodies became one and the process of embedding the schools' vision ("Inspired by St Jude, we pursue Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community and Courage through Faith") and the schools' values (Forgiveness, Responsibility, Compassion and Hope) across the two schools has continued. Our Vicar and the Revd Jeremy Brown (Family and Children's Minister at Christchurch, Virginia Water) continued to lead regular assemblies on each school site. In July, for the first time, Year 2 from the Infant School held their Leavers' Service in St Jude's. The School Harvest and Christmas Services in church were, for the first time, attended by both schools.

### **From the Vicar**

*Once again, we owe everything to the grace of God at work among us. It is exciting to see tiny green shoots of growth in our numbers. I am especially thrilled that we have been able to maintain our online worship and to welcome those who would otherwise be prevented by illness or frailty from worshipping with us. I humbly pray with you for fresh encouragements in 2024.*

## Village Centre Annual Report for 2023

January 2023 saw the New Year reopening of the Village Centre with our regular activities and Outreach Programmes all set to get under way for another year. The Café closed for a day in January whilst outside security lights were repaired and light bulbs within the café were replaced with LEDs.

There was special news for the Centre during February when our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, married her fiancé, James, and became Mrs Ali Griffin. Belatedly, we would like to record our joy and congratulations to them both!

During the Easter Holidays the Centre was opened from 10am to 2pm. Special Easter activities were on offer. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we held an Easter Arts and Crafts session with free admission, which proved highly popular. We also ran a Children's Cooking Class for children aged 7-11 years. The class was fully booked, and the children enjoyed cooking, eating, and learning about Jamaican dishes including a delicious coconut cake! Both Adult and Children's Cooking classes continued throughout the year and remained very popular. We were very grateful to Huda, Project Manager of our Community Fridge, for continuing to lead these classes.

Following the accession to the throne of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, we were able to hold our won Coronation celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We received funding from the local authority which enabled us to make this event free to everyone who attended. We ran two bounce and play sessions, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm and these were followed by a dinner of hotdogs and cake! The Hall hosted a bouncy castle and giant games such as Connect 4, Jenga and Lego. Approximately 20 children attended each event.

During May we said "Thank you and Farewell" to our IT wizard, Paul Doherty. Paul had supported the work of the Village Centre for several years as a volunteer by running a regular computer "Drop In" session each Wednesday. Many users of the Village Centre had benefited from Paul's wisdom and expertise in guiding them through some of the complexities of the world of technology, troubleshooting a variety of personal devices and even setting up new items of equipment. Paul was moving away from Englefield Green and we wished him well – but his departure was a loss to us.

Early in the summer Andrew Reed reported a personal contact with a beneficiary of one of our outreach programmes. Baby Basics seeks to provide help for families who, for all sorts of reasons find it difficult to make provision when a baby is born. A mum needed help and was so grateful for the equipment she received that she spread the news to family and friends. During the year pupils from St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Primary School in Englefield Green presented us with the collection they had made of 6 boxes filled with newborn essentials.

Each of our Outreach programmes continued to thrive during the year. We especially promoted our "Buy it Forward" initiative. Our Café customers were invited to give an extra donation on top of their meal or drink and the additional money was used to help buy a meal or drink for someone who otherwise would otherwise be unable to pay. We were able to begin offering meal vouchers to those who attended our Runnymede Food Bank sessions and "Buy it Forward" has helped to support the cost of providing those meals. Our Child Contact Centre continued to provide support for estranged parents and their children. Our Community Fridge and Kitchen weathered challenges with the availability of food items for collection, and unwieldy queues at opening times! But despite those issues it continued to thrive and to give residents access to food that otherwise be wasted.

Throughout the year we continued to be grateful for the generosity of donors to the Centre, both regular gifts and one-off donations. In July Harrison's funeral directors held a Village Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Donations from the service, which amounted to £325.00, were generously earmarked for the work of the Centre.

The Summer Holidays got off to a busy start especially as unsettled weather made the Café a warm inside venue for children. Most of our regular classes took a well-earned summer break. But we introduced a 3-week Children's Summer Camp run by a qualified teacher which proved popular. The Mental Health Sports Charity, Sport in Mind, provided a free weekly Pilates class for those struggling with mental health issues.

During the summer our long-standing Duke of Edinburgh student finished her placement, and two new Silver students joined us. It was our volunteers and their diversity of age, social background, and skills who once again in 2023 supported many areas of the work of the Centre, and supported our Manager and staff team, cheerfully and tirelessly. Mark, our "odd job man", has completed many jobs for us. Louise has provided regular administrative support for our Centre Manager.

During the summer the Centre's new Fire Alarm system was installed. The system brought the Centre in line with current fire safety regulations. Centre Staff can be made instantly aware of the location of a fire. Smoke detectors were remotely fitted to navigate our listed building status. The system was linked to mobile phones, so control can be managed remotely if needed.

In the autumn we welcomed GLOWFIT classes on Monday evenings. GLOWFIT is a dance class with participants holding on to their glow sticks and dancing to well-known tunes. The aim is to have fun! Our Film Club was in full swing on occasional Friday evenings.

In November students from Royal Holloway once again organised a Tea Party for our older Village residents. This was greatly appreciated as always and, not least, because transport is provided for those who are unable to make their own way to the Centre. The St Jude's Christmas Market also took place in November. Attendance at this traditional event was boosted by those who came to see the Children's Fair happening in the Hall. Early in December, as in previous years, Ali, our Manager, visited Enterprise in Egham to collect the children's Christmas parcels which were prepared for us by the staff there. Ali went on to visit the Foodbank in Egham where she collected some generously donated food parcels. We were grateful to both Enterprise and the Foodbank for this very welcome Christmas cheer.

The work of the Village Centre continued throughout the year to be overseen by our Village Centre Management Committee (VCMC) jointly chaired by our Methodist Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed and our Vicar, the Revd Canon Judith Allford. During 2023 several members of the Committee stepped down. Two members, Jayne Pooley and Sharon Edgar, moved away from the area, and Roy Gouriet retired from the Committee, having served on it since the inception of the Centre.

Others stayed on, including Andrew Sheer who continued to serve as Treasurer, cashing up at the end of each day, banking week by week, managing our accounts and maintaining our relationship with the Charity Commissioners. Thanks to Andrew and to Roger and Jonathan Griffiths for their support with payroll and fabric issues. Our thanks to Siobhan Elliot for taking the lead in updating our social media.

Thanks to Diana Bendall for acting as Minutes Secretary and for continuing to act as Safeguarding Lead alongside Andrew Reed and Ali. No safeguarding issues were reported but safeguarding remained a standing issue on our VCMC Agenda, and our policy was reviewed and updated.

We owe a heartfelt thank you to Ali and the Staff Team – Sarmila, Debbie, Lily and Huda, for all their work in 2023. Special thanks to Ali for her tireless networking, fundraising, grant applications, and the consistently warm welcome she has provided to all users of the Centre. All our staff keep alive our vision to demonstrate God's love for Englefield Green in as many practical ways as we can.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Free will envelopes	5057		4997	
Banker's Orders	31365		29445	
Give As You Earn	330		360	
Cash in collections	4419		4119	
SumUp receipts	3161		2487	
Income tax recovered	13325	57657	10001	51409
<i>Other income</i>				
Charitable Trusts	30		30	
Fees from weddings, etc	5168		3532	
Concerts	2080		1831	
Church House rent	15450		15450	
68 Victoria Street rent	6538		11040	
Christmas Market	720		634	
Coffee mornings, etc	665		358	
Village Fair	402		376	
Harvest lunch/cream tea	310		481	
Hire of Monsell Room	5610		5277	
Diocesan Energy support	1000		1000	
Refund from Diocese (cremations)	403		558	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	102	38478	109	40676
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	282	282	78	78
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>96417</b>		<b>92163</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's/Vicarage expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0	0	0	
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone	4524		3816	
Telephone and broadband	528		225	
Repairs and replacements	3964		923	
Musical instruments	260		857	
Organist	0		0	
Altar supplies and Baptism register	625		210	
Newsletter cards	0		299	
Service books and leaflets	780		780	
Catering/hospitality	0	10681	0	7110
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3416		3362	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	298		282	
Management fee Church House	2317		2317	
Management fee 68 Victoria Street	0		1987	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	0		1328	
Repairs Church House	1944		2865	
Subscriptions	377		395	
Covid purchases	0		16	
Cleaning materials etc	191		0	
Tablet/SumUp device	0		71	
Performing rights licences	0	8543	36	12659
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	68618		66169	
Methodist Circuit	7500		7500	
DBS checks	0		0	
Bank charges	60	76178	82	73751
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>95402</b>		<b>93520</b>

	2023	2022
Excess payments over receipts	0	1357
Excess income over payments	1015	0
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	3548	4905
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4563	3548

*Charitable donations not included in these accounts*

Children's Society	£300
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	£1000
Royal British Legion	£175
WaterAid	£310

Bankers

National Westminster Bank, 67 High Street, Staines, Surrey TW18 4PU

Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Brian Hooker, Hon. Treasurer

## BUILDING FUND Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Legacy	2000	10021
Donations for organ	175	150
Audio/Visual equipment	2313	0
Clock Face appeal	7943	0
One off donations	6000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18431</b>	<b>10171</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
AV equipment	2290	5344
Boilers replacement	0	20940
Stonework	10616	0
Noticeboard	2652	0
Deposit for clock face repair	2063	0
Lift tower for clock face	504	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18125</b>	<b>26284</b>
Excess expenditure over income	0	16113
Excess income over expenditure	306	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	14862	30975
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	15168	14862

## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	6328	6672
Interest	43	4
	6371	6676
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	3067	2421
Insurance	1708	1681
Cleaning	0	600
Telephone	371	564
Fire extinguishers	165	306
Repairs	600	5088
	5911	10660
Excess expenditure over income	0	3984
Excess income over expenditure	460	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	21978	25962
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	22438	21978

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Staines Group, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

Brian Hooker

Hon Treasurer

## VILLAGE CENTRE ACCOUNT (1st Sept 2022-31st Aug 2023)

<b>Receipts</b>	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Grants	10100	54649
Donations	15801	9328
Gift Aid	710	668
Payment for lane access	1350	0
Baby Basics	3942	0
Community Fridge	8042	840
Bookings	28248	24980
Café takings	45119	25596
Insurance claim	0	1726
Events	100	145
Interest	449	124
Other	15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>113876</b>	<b>118056</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Building	5613	61670
AV and computer costs	675	639
Other equipment	1488	2132
Advertising	897	200
Insurance	1922	1801
Wages and salaries	58524	66940
Regular items	776	938
Heat, light, water, telephone	9210	8207
Food for café	12688	6363
Films and licences	469	157
Hospitality	451	0
Events	612	0
Baby Basics	740	311
Community Fridge	7762	6001
Bank charges	561	433
Other	38	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>102426</b>	<b>155997</b>
Excess income over expenditure	11450	0
Excess expenditure over income	0	37940
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022		3390
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023		14750

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

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Englefield Green

Egham, Surrey

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	3547	14821		18368
Barclays			21978	21978
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	3547	14862	21978	40387

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<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	4563	15126		19689
Barclays			22438	22438
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	4563	15167	22438	42168

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Englefield Green  
2023

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### **Standing Committee**

Regular meetings to plan agenda for Council meetings. Authorised to make decisions, exclusive of Council, as and when necessary.

### **Worship, Outreach and Social Committee**

Regular meetings to consider aspects of mission, both spiritual and practical, within Church and in the wider community. Reports back to Council. Organises Lent groups, etc. Partial ecumenical aspect. Liturgical and music matters and planning for social events.

### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss Council proposals and explore stewardship issues.

### **Fabric Committee/Health and Safety Committee**

Meetings generally informal to discuss matters as they arise including issues related to Covid-19.

### **Village Centre Management Committee**

meeting regularly to oversee the work of the Village Centre.

### **Address for correspondence:**

The Vicarage, 21 Willow Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0DQ

### **Address of Church:**

St Jude's Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0BZ

### **Email:**

[enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info)

### **Websites:**

[www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) and [www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk)

## **ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023**

### **Worship**

Numbers of worshippers rose slightly over the course of the year, but we were saddened that very few of our younger worshippers continued to attend. We maintained our established pattern of worship throughout the year:

**8.00am Sunday** Holy Communion (said). On the first Sunday of each month we used the Book of Common Prayer service.

**9.30am Sunday** Sung Eucharist ([live-streamed on our YouTube channel](#)). On the first Sunday in the month this service remained more informal, taken from the Methodist liturgy, and led by the Revd Andrew Reed. On the fifth Sunday in each month our aim was to offer a non-eucharistic service, but this was inconsistent since some fifth Sundays coincided with a significant festival of the Church.

**4.00pm Sunday** Fourth Sunday at Four: a non-Eucharistic worship service with hymns.

**6.00pm Sunday** Compline via Zoom on the second Sunday in each month.

**10.00am Wednesday** A midweek service of Holy Communion (said) with a short sermon.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mandie Shirnia, from the parish of St John's Egham, to spend three months with us on placement as she completed her training for ordination. Mandie contributed to our worship with preaching and leading intercessions, as well as spending time with individual church members. We were lessed by her ministry.

We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla within our informal Holy Communion service on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Later in the year we hosted two Village Memorial Services. The summer service took place in July and was sponsored by F. Harrison and Son, Funeral Directors. The Christmas Service of Remembrance was sponsored for the third year running by Lodge Brothers of Englefield Green. The church was full on both occasions and similarly full in November for the Armistice Day Parade Service. Our speaker this year was Mr John Scott MBE. As always, our Christmas Crib service, led by Mrs Claudia Tubb, saw St Jude's full to overflowing!

Early in the year Guildford Diocese launched a new "Parish Needs Process". Most members of our ECC attended a strategy meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This was led by the Diocesan Mission Enabler Team and included a presentation on three priorities for mission at the heart of the Diocesan Programme for growth: Transforming Church, Transforming Lives. The three are: Growing Disciples, Growing Community, Growing Diversity. Through the

year we were asked to put together a Church Development Plan which reflected these priorities. We were assisted by the Revd Jens Mankel, one of the Mission Enablers for revitalisation. Our CDP was signed off by the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Martin Breadmore, when he made his five-yearly visit to meet with the Vicar and Wardens in September. Achieving the aims of the plan remains a significant challenge and one we need urgently to address. We remain grateful to our team of worship leaders, including our Methodist Associate Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed, our Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Roy Gouriet and our occasional preacher, Mrs Diana Bendall, for their continued contribution to our worship. On the first Sunday of each month, we enjoyed the ministry at our 8am service of the Revd Dr Orion Edgar, Anglican Chaplain to Royal Holloway, University of London. In December Orion moved on to take up an appointment in the parish of Christchurch, Roath Park, Cardiff. During the year we continued to welcome the occasional ministry of the Revd Janet Franck.

We remain indebted to our regular teams of Readers and Intercessors. During the year Mrs Cassandra Gouriet stepped down from co-ordinating this rota after many years. We are grateful to Cassandra and to Diana who has now taken on this vital task. Special thanks are due to our organist, Geoff Chew, and to our choir for leading our music in worship. Also, to our wonderful church cleaning team, flower arrangers, members of our live-streaming rota plus all who provide refreshments to follow our worship. Your hidden acts of service do not go unnoticed. Thank you all.

### **Occasional services**

During the year there were 12 baptisms (18 in 2022), 3 weddings (1), 22 funerals in church (20), 7 Funerals conducted by our Vicar in local crematoria (14), 2 Graveside Funerals conducted by our Vicar (1) and 3 Interment of Cremated Remains (3).

### **Church Council meetings in 2023**

The Church Council met on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The APCM was held on Sunday 14<sup>h</sup> May. We are grateful to our Churchwardens, Church Officers, Council members and Committee Chairs for another year of generous service.

### **Electoral Roll**

Our Electoral Roll stands at 86, an increase of 1 on 2022.

### **Safeguarding**

No safeguarding issues were confirmed. One concern was reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead but was deemed after discussion not to have been a safeguarding incident. We remain grateful to Mrs Diana Bendall for continuing to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Lead and for enabling us to reach Level 2 on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. As a United Church we remain committed to ensuring that Safeguarding remains a priority within the life of St Jude's and our Village Centre.

### **Concert Series**

2023 saw a programme of 9 concerts and we are grateful to Professor Geoff Chew for arranging an attractive programme for us once again.

The concerts took place as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> February Community Concert, 18<sup>th</sup> March Royal Holloway students, 29<sup>th</sup> April Royal Holloway students, 13<sup>th</sup> May James Kirby's students from Royal Holloway, 3<sup>rd</sup> June River City Saxes, 8<sup>th</sup> July James Webb (piano), 2<sup>nd</sup> September Music and Words (Valerie Fry, reciter/Dimitri Kennaway, piano), 28<sup>nd</sup> October James Kirby (piano), 25<sup>th</sup> November Geoff Chew (piano).

### **Social Events**

Coffee Mornings were held on 4<sup>th</sup> March (proceeds to DEC earthquake appeal), 29<sup>th</sup> April, and 26<sup>th</sup> August. Coronation Tea Party at the Vicarage, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Indoor Summer Fair/Coffee Morning 15<sup>th</sup> July, St Jude's Stall at Village Fair 24<sup>th</sup> June, Harvest Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> October in church, Christmas Market 11<sup>th</sup> November and Mince Pie and Lebkuchen Tea 9<sup>th</sup> December. Our grateful thanks to all who co-ordinated and contributed to these events.

### **Fabric**

Following much discussion during the previous year, 2023 was a year of considerable achievement. Extensive repair work was carried out to the south and east of the tower stonework, a new noticeboard was fitted, the audio-visual equipment installation was completed, the toilet block was refurbished, the south nave windows were re-covered in

new polycarbonate sheets, and the clock face was removed for complete renovation. We are very grateful to the churchwardens for all their work on these projects.

### **Monsell Room Lettings**

Our thanks to Andrew Sheer for continuing to co-ordinate and administer all bookings. The users of the Monsell Room were Alcoholics Anonymous, Angeli's Art Classes, Englefield Green Councillors' Surgery, Englefield Green Village Residents Association, National Childbirth Trust, Royal Holloway Music Department, Royal Holloway Women's Club, and Sue Lowe's cello classes. In addition there were a few "one-off" hirings.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Village Centre: Please see separate report.

Donations to the Runnymede Food Bank

Total cash donations: £686. This, plus donations in kind, enabled a total donation by weight of 819kg (in both cases an appreciable increase over 2022). Thank you to Geoff Chew for continuing to manage and pass on our donations.

Donations to other appeals

We were pleased to be able to send donations to the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal, Water Aid, the Royal British Legion and The Children's Society.

Giving in kind

We continued to contribute to Revive and Thrive, a Charity based at a Baptist Church in Mytchett who send knitted items and reconditioned tools to countries across the world, including Africa and Eastern Europe. A fair proportion of what we were able to give in 2023 once again came via our links with Lynwood Village in Sunningdale. We remain grateful to Di and Alan Fone and to Pat and Brian Summers for overseeing this.

### **The Ship Newsletter**

Brian Hooker continued to circulate the monthly *Ship* electronically, via Mailchimp, approximately 200 in total. A few printed copies were made available in church for those unable to read the newsletter online. The *Ship* was also accessible on our website and Facebook page.

### **Digital Outreach**

We continued to use Facebook, our website, and Zoom as a means of reaching our community and providing additional opportunities for worship. Please refer to the Worship part of our report for details of our Zoom service of Compline.

### **Our Church Schools**

At the beginning of 2023 the St Jude's CofE Infant School and the Junior School went through the process of Federation. The two Governing bodies became one and the process of embedding the schools' vision ("Inspired by St Jude, we pursue Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community and Courage through Faith") and the schools' values (Forgiveness, Responsibility, Compassion and Hope) across the two schools has continued. Our Vicar and the Revd Jeremy Brown (Family and Children's Minister at Christchurch, Virginia Water) continued to lead regular assemblies on each school site. In July, for the first time, Year 2 from the Infant School held their Leavers' Service in St Jude's. The School Harvest and Christmas Services in church were, for the first time, attended by both schools.

### **From the Vicar**

*Once again, we owe everything to the grace of God at work among us. It is exciting to see tiny green shoots of growth in our numbers. I am especially thrilled that we have been able to maintain our online worship and to welcome those who would otherwise be prevented by illness or frailty from worshipping with us. I humbly pray with you for fresh encouragements in 2024.*

## Village Centre Annual Report for 2023

January 2023 saw the New Year reopening of the Village Centre with our regular activities and Outreach Programmes all set to get under way for another year. The Café closed for a day in January whilst outside security lights were repaired and light bulbs within the café were replaced with LEDs.

There was special news for the Centre during February when our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, married her fiancé, James, and became Mrs Ali Griffin. Belatedly, we would like to record our joy and congratulations to them both!

During the Easter Holidays the Centre was opened from 10am to 2pm. Special Easter activities were on offer. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we held an Easter Arts and Crafts session with free admission, which proved highly popular. We also ran a Children's Cooking Class for children aged 7-11 years. The class was fully booked, and the children enjoyed cooking, eating, and learning about Jamaican dishes including a delicious coconut cake! Both Adult and Children's Cooking classes continued throughout the year and remained very popular. We were very grateful to Huda, Project Manager of our Community Fridge, for continuing to lead these classes.

Following the accession to the throne of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, we were able to hold our won Coronation celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We received funding from the local authority which enabled us to make this event free to everyone who attended. We ran two bounce and play sessions, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm and these were followed by a dinner of hotdogs and cake! The Hall hosted a bouncy castle and giant games such as Connect 4, Jenga and Lego. Approximately 20 children attended each event.

During May we said "Thank you and Farewell" to our IT wizard, Paul Doherty. Paul had supported the work of the Village Centre for several years as a volunteer by running a regular computer "Drop In" session each Wednesday. Many users of the Village Centre had benefited from Paul's wisdom and expertise in guiding them through some of the complexities of the world of technology, troubleshooting a variety of personal devices and even setting up new items of equipment. Paul was moving away from Englefield Green and we wished him well – but his departure was a loss to us.

Early in the summer Andrew Reed reported a personal contact with a beneficiary of one of our outreach programmes. Baby Basics seeks to provide help for families who, for all sorts of reasons find it difficult to make provision when a baby is born. A mum needed help and was so grateful for the equipment she received that she spread the news to family and friends. During the year pupils from St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Primary School in Englefield Green presented us with the collection they had made of 6 boxes filled with newborn essentials.

Each of our Outreach programmes continued to thrive during the year. We especially promoted our "Buy it Forward" initiative. Our Café customers were invited to give an extra donation on top of their meal or drink and the additional money was used to help buy a meal or drink for someone who otherwise would otherwise be unable to pay. We were able to begin offering meal vouchers to those who attended our Runnymede Food Bank sessions and "Buy it Forward" has helped to support the cost of providing those meals. Our Child Contact Centre continued to provide support for estranged parents and their children. Our Community Fridge and Kitchen weathered challenges with the availability of food items for collection, and unwieldy queues at opening times! But despite those issues it continued to thrive and to give residents access to food that otherwise be wasted.

Throughout the year we continued to be grateful for the generosity of donors to the Centre, both regular gifts and one-off donations. In July Harrison's funeral directors held a Village Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Donations from the service, which amounted to £325.00, were generously earmarked for the work of the Centre.

The Summer Holidays got off to a busy start especially as unsettled weather made the Café a warm inside venue for children. Most of our regular classes took a well-earned summer break. But we introduced a 3-week Children's Summer Camp run by a qualified teacher which proved popular. The Mental Health Sports Charity, Sport in Mind, provided a free weekly Pilates class for those struggling with mental health issues.

During the summer our long-standing Duke of Edinburgh student finished her placement, and two new Silver students joined us. It was our volunteers and their diversity of age, social background, and skills who once again in 2023 supported many areas of the work of the Centre, and supported our Manager and staff team, cheerfully and tirelessly. Mark, our "odd job man", has completed many jobs for us. Louise has provided regular administrative support for our Centre Manager.

During the summer the Centre's new Fire Alarm system was installed. The system brought the Centre in line with current fire safety regulations. Centre Staff can be made instantly aware of the location of a fire. Smoke detectors were remotely fitted to navigate our listed building status. The system was linked to mobile phones, so control can be managed remotely if needed.

In the autumn we welcomed GLOWFIT classes on Monday evenings. GLOWFIT is a dance class with participants holding on to their glow sticks and dancing to well-known tunes. The aim is to have fun! Our Film Club was in full swing on occasional Friday evenings.

In November students from Royal Holloway once again organised a Tea Party for our older Village residents. This was greatly appreciated as always and, not least, because transport is provided for those who are unable to make their own way to the Centre. The St Jude's Christmas Market also took place in November. Attendance at this traditional event was boosted by those who came to see the Children's Fair happening in the Hall. Early in December, as in previous years, Ali, our Manager, visited Enterprise in Egham to collect the children's Christmas parcels which were prepared for us by the staff there. Ali went on to visit the Foodbank in Egham where she collected some generously donated food parcels. We were grateful to both Enterprise and the Foodbank for this very welcome Christmas cheer.

The work of the Village Centre continued throughout the year to be overseen by our Village Centre Management Committee (VCMC) jointly chaired by our Methodist Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed and our Vicar, the Revd Canon Judith Allford. During 2023 several members of the Committee stepped down. Two members, Jayne Pooley and Sharon Edgar, moved away from the area, and Roy Gouriet retired from the Committee, having served on it since the inception of the Centre.

Others stayed on, including Andrew Sheer who continued to serve as Treasurer, cashing up at the end of each day, banking week by week, managing our accounts and maintaining our relationship with the Charity Commissioners. Thanks to Andrew and to Roger and Jonathan Griffiths for their support with payroll and fabric issues. Our thanks to Siobhan Elliot for taking the lead in updating our social media.

Thanks to Diana Bendall for acting as Minutes Secretary and for continuing to act as Safeguarding Lead alongside Andrew Reed and Ali. No safeguarding issues were reported but safeguarding remained a standing issue on our VCMC Agenda, and our policy was reviewed and updated.

We owe a heartfelt thank you to Ali and the Staff Team – Sarmila, Debbie, Lily and Huda, for all their work in 2023. Special thanks to Ali for her tireless networking, fundraising, grant applications, and the consistently warm welcome she has provided to all users of the Centre. All our staff keep alive our vision to demonstrate God's love for Englefield Green in as many practical ways as we can.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Free will envelopes	5057		4997	
Banker's Orders	31365		29445	
Give As You Earn	330		360	
Cash in collections	4419		4119	
SumUp receipts	3161		2487	
Income tax recovered	13325	57657	10001	51409
<i>Other income</i>				
Charitable Trusts	30		30	
Fees from weddings, etc	5168		3532	
Concerts	2080		1831	
Church House rent	15450		15450	
68 Victoria Street rent	6538		11040	
Christmas Market	720		634	
Coffee mornings, etc	665		358	
Village Fair	402		376	
Harvest lunch/cream tea	310		481	
Hire of Monsell Room	5610		5277	
Diocesan Energy support	1000		1000	
Refund from Diocese (cremations)	403		558	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	102	38478	109	40676
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	282	282	78	78
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>96417</b>		<b>92163</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's/Vicarage expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0	0	0	
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone	4524		3816	
Telephone and broadband	528		225	
Repairs and replacements	3964		923	
Musical instruments	260		857	
Organist	0		0	
Altar supplies and Baptism register	625		210	
Newsletter cards	0		299	
Service books and leaflets	780		780	
Catering/hospitality	0	10681	0	7110
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3416		3362	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	298		282	
Management fee Church House	2317		2317	
Management fee 68 Victoria Street	0		1987	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	0		1328	
Repairs Church House	1944		2865	
Subscriptions	377		395	
Covid purchases	0		16	
Cleaning materials etc	191		0	
Tablet/SumUp device	0		71	
Performing rights licences	0	8543	36	12659
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	68618		66169	
Methodist Circuit	7500		7500	
DBS checks	0		0	
Bank charges	60	76178	82	73751
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>95402</b>		<b>93520</b>

	2023	2022
Excess payments over receipts	0	1357
Excess income over payments	1015	0
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	3548	4905
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4563	3548

*Charitable donations not included in these accounts*

Children's Society	£300
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	£1000
Royal British Legion	£175
WaterAid	£310

Bankers

National Westminster Bank, 67 High Street, Staines, Surrey TW18 4PU

Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Brian Hooker, Hon. Treasurer

## BUILDING FUND Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Legacy	2000	10021
Donations for organ	175	150
Audio/Visual equipment	2313	0
Clock Face appeal	7943	0
One off donations	6000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18431</b>	<b>10171</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
AV equipment	2290	5344
Boilers replacement	0	20940
Stonework	10616	0
Noticeboard	2652	0
Deposit for clock face repair	2063	0
Lift tower for clock face	504	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18125</b>	<b>26284</b>
Excess expenditure over income	0	16113
Excess income over expenditure	306	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	14862	30975
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	15168	14862

## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	6328	6672
Interest	43	4
	6371	6676
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	3067	2421
Insurance	1708	1681
Cleaning	0	600
Telephone	371	564
Fire extinguishers	165	306
Repairs	600	5088
	5911	10660
Excess expenditure over income	0	3984
Excess income over expenditure	460	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	21978	25962
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	22438	21978

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Staines Group, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

Brian Hooker

Hon Treasurer

## VILLAGE CENTRE ACCOUNT (1st Sept 2022-31st Aug 2023)

<b>Receipts</b>	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Grants	10100	54649
Donations	15801	9328
Gift Aid	710	668
Payment for lane access	1350	0
Baby Basics	3942	0
Community Fridge	8042	840
Bookings	28248	24980
Café takings	45119	25596
Insurance claim	0	1726
Events	100	145
Interest	449	124
Other	15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>113876</b>	<b>118056</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Building	5613	61670
AV and computer costs	675	639
Other equipment	1488	2132
Advertising	897	200
Insurance	1922	1801
Wages and salaries	58524	66940
Regular items	776	938
Heat, light, water, telephone	9210	8207
Food for café	12688	6363
Films and licences	469	157
Hospitality	451	0
Events	612	0
Baby Basics	740	311
Community Fridge	7762	6001
Bank charges	561	433
Other	38	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>102426</b>	<b>155997</b>
Excess income over expenditure	11450	0
Excess expenditure over income	0	37940
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022		3390
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023		14750

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

15 Englehurst

Englefield Green

Egham, Surrey

TW20 0EE

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	3547	14821		18368
Barclays			21978	21978
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	3547	14862	21978	40387

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	4563	15126		19689
Barclays			22438	22438
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	4563	15167	22438	42168

St Jude's United Church  
Englefield Green  
2023

Registered Charity Number 1169401

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The Revd Andrew Reed

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Professor Geoffrey Chew

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Mike Brooking

*Lay Vice Chair*

Andrew Sheer

## Annual Report for 2023

### Background

St Jude's Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Judith Allford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Jude's, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green and for the Church Hall in Bond Street, Englefield Green.

### Membership

Members of the Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the Church Council:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Canon Judith Allford\*

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*Verger:* vacancy

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### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss Council proposals and explore stewardship issues.

### **Fabric Committee/Health and Safety Committee**

Meetings generally informal to discuss matters as they arise including issues related to Covid-19.

### **Village Centre Management Committee**

meeting regularly to oversee the work of the Village Centre.

### **Address for correspondence:**

The Vicarage, 21 Willow Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0DQ

### **Address of Church:**

St Jude's Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey TW20 0BZ

### **Email:**

[enquiries@stjudeschurch.info](mailto:enquiries@stjudeschurch.info)

### **Websites:**

[www.stjudeschurch.info](http://www.stjudeschurch.info) and [www.villagecentre.org.uk](http://www.villagecentre.org.uk)

## **ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023**

### **Worship**

Numbers of worshippers rose slightly over the course of the year, but we were saddened that very few of our younger worshippers continued to attend. We maintained our established pattern of worship throughout the year:

**8.00am Sunday** Holy Communion (said). On the first Sunday of each month we used the Book of Common Prayer service.

**9.30am Sunday** Sung Eucharist ([live-streamed on our YouTube channel](#)). On the first Sunday in the month this service remained more informal, taken from the Methodist liturgy, and led by the Revd Andrew Reed. On the fifth Sunday in each month our aim was to offer a non-eucharistic service, but this was inconsistent since some fifth Sundays coincided with a significant festival of the Church.

**4.00pm Sunday** Fourth Sunday at Four: a non-Eucharistic worship service with hymns.

**6.00pm Sunday** Compline via Zoom on the second Sunday in each month.

**10.00am Wednesday** A midweek service of Holy Communion (said) with a short sermon.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mandie Shirnia, from the parish of St John's Egham, to spend three months with us on placement as she completed her training for ordination. Mandie contributed to our worship with preaching and leading intercessions, as well as spending time with individual church members. We were lessed by her ministry.

We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla within our informal Holy Communion service on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Later in the year we hosted two Village Memorial Services. The summer service took place in July and was sponsored by F. Harrison and Son, Funeral Directors. The Christmas Service of Remembrance was sponsored for the third year running by Lodge Brothers of Englefield Green. The church was full on both occasions and similarly full in November for the Armistice Day Parade Service. Our speaker this year was Mr John Scott MBE. As always, our Christmas Crib service, led by Mrs Claudia Tubb, saw St Jude's full to overflowing!

Early in the year Guildford Diocese launched a new "Parish Needs Process". Most members of our ECC attended a strategy meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This was led by the Diocesan Mission Enabler Team and included a presentation on three priorities for mission at the heart of the Diocesan Programme for growth: Transforming Church, Transforming Lives. The three are: Growing Disciples, Growing Community, Growing Diversity. Through the

year we were asked to put together a Church Development Plan which reflected these priorities. We were assisted by the Revd Jens Mankel, one of the Mission Enablers for revitalisation. Our CDP was signed off by the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Martin Breadmore, when he made his five-yearly visit to meet with the Vicar and Wardens in September. Achieving the aims of the plan remains a significant challenge and one we need urgently to address. We remain grateful to our team of worship leaders, including our Methodist Associate Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed, our Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Roy Gouriet and our occasional preacher, Mrs Diana Bendall, for their continued contribution to our worship. On the first Sunday of each month, we enjoyed the ministry at our 8am service of the Revd Dr Orion Edgar, Anglican Chaplain to Royal Holloway, University of London. In December Orion moved on to take up an appointment in the parish of Christchurch, Roath Park, Cardiff. During the year we continued to welcome the occasional ministry of the Revd Janet Franck.

We remain indebted to our regular teams of Readers and Intercessors. During the year Mrs Cassandra Gouriet stepped down from co-ordinating this rota after many years. We are grateful to Cassandra and to Diana who has now taken on this vital task. Special thanks are due to our organist, Geoff Chew, and to our choir for leading our music in worship. Also, to our wonderful church cleaning team, flower arrangers, members of our live-streaming rota plus all who provide refreshments to follow our worship. Your hidden acts of service do not go unnoticed. Thank you all.

### **Occasional services**

During the year there were 12 baptisms (18 in 2022), 3 weddings (1), 22 funerals in church (20), 7 Funerals conducted by our Vicar in local crematoria (14), 2 Graveside Funerals conducted by our Vicar (1) and 3 Interment of Cremated Remains (3).

### **Church Council meetings in 2023**

The Church Council met on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The APCM was held on Sunday 14<sup>h</sup> May. We are grateful to our Churchwardens, Church Officers, Council members and Committee Chairs for another year of generous service.

### **Electoral Roll**

Our Electoral Roll stands at 86, an increase of 1 on 2022.

### **Safeguarding**

No safeguarding issues were confirmed. One concern was reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead but was deemed after discussion not to have been a safeguarding incident. We remain grateful to Mrs Diana Bendall for continuing to serve as our Parish Safeguarding Lead and for enabling us to reach Level 2 on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. As a United Church we remain committed to ensuring that Safeguarding remains a priority within the life of St Jude's and our Village Centre.

### **Concert Series**

2023 saw a programme of 9 concerts and we are grateful to Professor Geoff Chew for arranging an attractive programme for us once again.

The concerts took place as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> February Community Concert, 18<sup>th</sup> March Royal Holloway students, 29<sup>th</sup> April Royal Holloway students, 13<sup>th</sup> May James Kirby's students from Royal Holloway, 3<sup>rd</sup> June River City Saxes, 8<sup>th</sup> July James Webb (piano), 2<sup>nd</sup> September Music and Words (Valerie Fry, reciter/Dimitri Kennaway, piano), 28<sup>nd</sup> October James Kirby (piano), 25<sup>th</sup> November Geoff Chew (piano).

### **Social Events**

Coffee Mornings were held on 4<sup>th</sup> March (proceeds to DEC earthquake appeal), 29<sup>th</sup> April, and 26<sup>th</sup> August. Coronation Tea Party at the Vicarage, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Indoor Summer Fair/Coffee Morning 15<sup>th</sup> July, St Jude's Stall at Village Fair 24<sup>th</sup> June, Harvest Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> October in church, Christmas Market 11<sup>th</sup> November and Mince Pie and Lebkuchen Tea 9<sup>th</sup> December. Our grateful thanks to all who co-ordinated and contributed to these events.

### **Fabric**

Following much discussion during the previous year, 2023 was a year of considerable achievement. Extensive repair work was carried out to the south and east of the tower stonework, a new noticeboard was fitted, the audio-visual equipment installation was completed, the toilet block was refurbished, the south nave windows were re-covered in

new polycarbonate sheets, and the clock face was removed for complete renovation. We are very grateful to the churchwardens for all their work on these projects.

### **Monsell Room Lettings**

Our thanks to Andrew Sheer for continuing to co-ordinate and administer all bookings. The users of the Monsell Room were Alcoholics Anonymous, Angeli's Art Classes, Englefield Green Councillors' Surgery, Englefield Green Village Residents Association, National Childbirth Trust, Royal Holloway Music Department, Royal Holloway Women's Club, and Sue Lowe's cello classes. In addition there were a few "one-off" hirings.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Village Centre: Please see separate report.

Donations to the Runnymede Food Bank

Total cash donations: £686. This, plus donations in kind, enabled a total donation by weight of 819kg (in both cases an appreciable increase over 2022). Thank you to Geoff Chew for continuing to manage and pass on our donations.

Donations to other appeals

We were pleased to be able to send donations to the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal, Water Aid, the Royal British Legion and The Children's Society.

Giving in kind

We continued to contribute to Revive and Thrive, a Charity based at a Baptist Church in Mytchett who send knitted items and reconditioned tools to countries across the world, including Africa and Eastern Europe. A fair proportion of what we were able to give in 2023 once again came via our links with Lynwood Village in Sunningdale. We remain grateful to Di and Alan Fone and to Pat and Brian Summers for overseeing this.

### **The Ship Newsletter**

Brian Hooker continued to circulate the monthly *Ship* electronically, via Mailchimp, approximately 200 in total. A few printed copies were made available in church for those unable to read the newsletter online. The *Ship* was also accessible on our website and Facebook page.

### **Digital Outreach**

We continued to use Facebook, our website, and Zoom as a means of reaching our community and providing additional opportunities for worship. Please refer to the Worship part of our report for details of our Zoom service of Compline.

### **Our Church Schools**

At the beginning of 2023 the St Jude's CofE Infant School and the Junior School went through the process of Federation. The two Governing bodies became one and the process of embedding the schools' vision ("Inspired by St Jude, we pursue Excellence in Education, Kindness in Community and Courage through Faith") and the schools' values (Forgiveness, Responsibility, Compassion and Hope) across the two schools has continued. Our Vicar and the Revd Jeremy Brown (Family and Children's Minister at Christchurch, Virginia Water) continued to lead regular assemblies on each school site. In July, for the first time, Year 2 from the Infant School held their Leavers' Service in St Jude's. The School Harvest and Christmas Services in church were, for the first time, attended by both schools.

### **From the Vicar**

*Once again, we owe everything to the grace of God at work among us. It is exciting to see tiny green shoots of growth in our numbers. I am especially thrilled that we have been able to maintain our online worship and to welcome those who would otherwise be prevented by illness or frailty from worshipping with us. I humbly pray with you for fresh encouragements in 2024.*

## Village Centre Annual Report for 2023

January 2023 saw the New Year reopening of the Village Centre with our regular activities and Outreach Programmes all set to get under way for another year. The Café closed for a day in January whilst outside security lights were repaired and light bulbs within the café were replaced with LEDs.

There was special news for the Centre during February when our Centre Manager, Ali Watts, married her fiancé, James, and became Mrs Ali Griffin. Belatedly, we would like to record our joy and congratulations to them both!

During the Easter Holidays the Centre was opened from 10am to 2pm. Special Easter activities were on offer. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we held an Easter Arts and Crafts session with free admission, which proved highly popular. We also ran a Children's Cooking Class for children aged 7-11 years. The class was fully booked, and the children enjoyed cooking, eating, and learning about Jamaican dishes including a delicious coconut cake! Both Adult and Children's Cooking classes continued throughout the year and remained very popular. We were very grateful to Huda, Project Manager of our Community Fridge, for continuing to lead these classes.

Following the accession to the throne of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, we were able to hold our won Coronation celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We received funding from the local authority which enabled us to make this event free to everyone who attended. We ran two bounce and play sessions, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm and these were followed by a dinner of hotdogs and cake! The Hall hosted a bouncy castle and giant games such as Connect 4, Jenga and Lego. Approximately 20 children attended each event.

During May we said "Thank you and Farewell" to our IT wizard, Paul Doherty. Paul had supported the work of the Village Centre for several years as a volunteer by running a regular computer "Drop In" session each Wednesday. Many users of the Village Centre had benefited from Paul's wisdom and expertise in guiding them through some of the complexities of the world of technology, troubleshooting a variety of personal devices and even setting up new items of equipment. Paul was moving away from Englefield Green and we wished him well – but his departure was a loss to us.

Early in the summer Andrew Reed reported a personal contact with a beneficiary of one of our outreach programmes. Baby Basics seeks to provide help for families who, for all sorts of reasons find it difficult to make provision when a baby is born. A mum needed help and was so grateful for the equipment she received that she spread the news to family and friends. During the year pupils from St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Primary School in Englefield Green presented us with the collection they had made of 6 boxes filled with newborn essentials.

Each of our Outreach programmes continued to thrive during the year. We especially promoted our "Buy it Forward" initiative. Our Café customers were invited to give an extra donation on top of their meal or drink and the additional money was used to help buy a meal or drink for someone who otherwise would otherwise be unable to pay. We were able to begin offering meal vouchers to those who attended our Runnymede Food Bank sessions and "Buy it Forward" has helped to support the cost of providing those meals. Our Child Contact Centre continued to provide support for estranged parents and their children. Our Community Fridge and Kitchen weathered challenges with the availability of food items for collection, and unwieldy queues at opening times! But despite those issues it continued to thrive and to give residents access to food that otherwise be wasted.

Throughout the year we continued to be grateful for the generosity of donors to the Centre, both regular gifts and one-off donations. In July Harrison's funeral directors held a Village Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Donations from the service, which amounted to £325.00, were generously earmarked for the work of the Centre.

The Summer Holidays got off to a busy start especially as unsettled weather made the Café a warm inside venue for children. Most of our regular classes took a well-earned summer break. But we introduced a 3-week Children's Summer Camp run by a qualified teacher which proved popular. The Mental Health Sports Charity, Sport in Mind, provided a free weekly Pilates class for those struggling with mental health issues.

During the summer our long-standing Duke of Edinburgh student finished her placement, and two new Silver students joined us. It was our volunteers and their diversity of age, social background, and skills who once again in 2023 supported many areas of the work of the Centre, and supported our Manager and staff team, cheerfully and tirelessly. Mark, our "odd job man", has completed many jobs for us. Louise has provided regular administrative support for our Centre Manager.

During the summer the Centre's new Fire Alarm system was installed. The system brought the Centre in line with current fire safety regulations. Centre Staff can be made instantly aware of the location of a fire. Smoke detectors were remotely fitted to navigate our listed building status. The system was linked to mobile phones, so control can be managed remotely if needed.

In the autumn we welcomed GLOWFIT classes on Monday evenings. GLOWFIT is a dance class with participants holding on to their glow sticks and dancing to well-known tunes. The aim is to have fun! Our Film Club was in full swing on occasional Friday evenings.

In November students from Royal Holloway once again organised a Tea Party for our older Village residents. This was greatly appreciated as always and, not least, because transport is provided for those who are unable to make their own way to the Centre. The St Jude's Christmas Market also took place in November. Attendance at this traditional event was boosted by those who came to see the Children's Fair happening in the Hall. Early in December, as in previous years, Ali, our Manager, visited Enterprise in Egham to collect the children's Christmas parcels which were prepared for us by the staff there. Ali went on to visit the Foodbank in Egham where she collected some generously donated food parcels. We were grateful to both Enterprise and the Foodbank for this very welcome Christmas cheer.

The work of the Village Centre continued throughout the year to be overseen by our Village Centre Management Committee (VCMC) jointly chaired by our Methodist Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed and our Vicar, the Revd Canon Judith Allford. During 2023 several members of the Committee stepped down. Two members, Jayne Pooley and Sharon Edgar, moved away from the area, and Roy Gouriet retired from the Committee, having served on it since the inception of the Centre.

Others stayed on, including Andrew Sheer who continued to serve as Treasurer, cashing up at the end of each day, banking week by week, managing our accounts and maintaining our relationship with the Charity Commissioners. Thanks to Andrew and to Roger and Jonathan Griffiths for their support with payroll and fabric issues. Our thanks to Siobhan Elliot for taking the lead in updating our social media.

Thanks to Diana Bendall for acting as Minutes Secretary and for continuing to act as Safeguarding Lead alongside Andrew Reed and Ali. No safeguarding issues were reported but safeguarding remained a standing issue on our VCMC Agenda, and our policy was reviewed and updated.

We owe a heartfelt thank you to Ali and the Staff Team – Sarmila, Debbie, Lily and Huda, for all their work in 2023. Special thanks to Ali for her tireless networking, fundraising, grant applications, and the consistently warm welcome she has provided to all users of the Centre. All our staff keep alive our vision to demonstrate God's love for Englefield Green in as many practical ways as we can.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Free will envelopes	5057		4997	
Banker's Orders	31365		29445	
Give As You Earn	330		360	
Cash in collections	4419		4119	
SumUp receipts	3161		2487	
Income tax recovered	13325	57657	10001	51409
<i>Other income</i>				
Charitable Trusts	30		30	
Fees from weddings, etc	5168		3532	
Concerts	2080		1831	
Church House rent	15450		15450	
68 Victoria Street rent	6538		11040	
Christmas Market	720		634	
Coffee mornings, etc	665		358	
Village Fair	402		376	
Harvest lunch/cream tea	310		481	
Hire of Monsell Room	5610		5277	
Diocesan Energy support	1000		1000	
Refund from Diocese (cremations)	403		558	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	102	38478	109	40676
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	282	282	78	78
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>96417</b>		<b>92163</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's/Vicarage expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0	0	0	
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone	4524		3816	
Telephone and broadband	528		225	
Repairs and replacements	3964		923	
Musical instruments	260		857	
Organist	0		0	
Altar supplies and Baptism register	625		210	
Newsletter cards	0		299	
Service books and leaflets	780		780	
Catering/hospitality	0	10681	0	7110
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3416		3362	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	298		282	
Management fee Church House	2317		2317	
Management fee 68 Victoria Street	0		1987	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	0		1328	
Repairs Church House	1944		2865	
Subscriptions	377		395	
Covid purchases	0		16	
Cleaning materials etc	191		0	
Tablet/SumUp device	0		71	
Performing rights licences	0	8543	36	12659
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	68618		66169	
Methodist Circuit	7500		7500	
DBS checks	0		0	
Bank charges	60	76178	82	73751
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>95402</b>		<b>93520</b>

	2023	2022
Excess payments over receipts	0	1357
Excess income over payments	1015	0
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	3548	4905
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4563	3548

*Charitable donations not included in these accounts*

Children's Society	£300
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	£1000
Royal British Legion	£175
WaterAid	£310

Bankers

National Westminster Bank, 67 High Street, Staines, Surrey TW18 4PU

Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Brian Hooker, Hon. Treasurer

## BUILDING FUND Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Legacy	2000	10021
Donations for organ	175	150
Audio/Visual equipment	2313	0
Clock Face appeal	7943	0
One off donations	6000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18431</b>	<b>10171</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
AV equipment	2290	5344
Boilers replacement	0	20940
Stonework	10616	0
Noticeboard	2652	0
Deposit for clock face repair	2063	0
Lift tower for clock face	504	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18125</b>	<b>26284</b>
Excess expenditure over income	0	16113
Excess income over expenditure	306	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	14862	30975
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	15168	14862

## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	6328	6672
Interest	43	4
	6371	6676
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	3067	2421
Insurance	1708	1681
Cleaning	0	600
Telephone	371	564
Fire extinguishers	165	306
Repairs	600	5088
	5911	10660
Excess expenditure over income	0	3984
Excess income over expenditure	460	0
Bank current account as at	21978	25962
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	22438	21978
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Staines Group, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

Brian Hooker

Hon Treasurer

## VILLAGE CENTRE ACCOUNT (1st Sept 2022-31st Aug 2023)

<b>Receipts</b>	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Grants	10100	54649
Donations	15801	9328
Gift Aid	710	668
Payment for lane access	1350	0
Baby Basics	3942	0
Community Fridge	8042	840
Bookings	28248	24980
Café takings	45119	25596
Insurance claim	0	1726
Events	100	145
Interest	449	124
Other	15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>113876</b>	<b>118056</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Building	5613	61670
AV and computer costs	675	639
Other equipment	1488	2132
Advertising	897	200
Insurance	1922	1801
Wages and salaries	58524	66940
Regular items	776	938
Heat, light, water, telephone	9210	8207
Food for café	12688	6363
Films and licences	469	157
Hospitality	451	0
Events	612	0
Baby Basics	740	311
Community Fridge	7762	6001
Bank charges	561	433
Other	38	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>102426</b>	<b>155997</b>
Excess income over expenditure	11450	0
Excess expenditure over income	0	37940
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022		3390
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023		14750

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

15 Englehurst

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Egham, Surrey

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	3547	14821		18368
Barclays			21978	21978
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	3547	14862	21978	40387

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	4563	15126		19689
Barclays			22438	22438
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
Total	4563	15167	22438	42168

**ST JUDE'S UNITED CHURCH, ENGLEFIELD GREEN**

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# Accounts

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St Jude's United Church  
Englefield Green  
2022

Registered Charity Number 1169401

*Vicar*

The Revd Canon Judith Allford

*Hon. Treasurer, PCC*

Brian Hooker

*Methodist Minister*

The Revd Andrew Reed

*Hon. Secretary, PCC*

Marion Paige

*Hon. Reader*

Roy Gouriet

*Organist and Choirmaster*

Professor Geoffrey Chew

*Churchwardens*

Claudia Tubb

Mike Brooking

*Lay Vice Chair*

Andrew Sheer

## Annual Report for 2022

### Background

St Jude's Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Judith Allford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Jude's, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green and for the Church Hall in Bond Street, Englefield Green.

### Membership

Members of the Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the Church Council:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Canon Judith Allford\*

*Reader:* Roy Gouriet\*

*Verger:* vacancy

*Churchwardens:* Mike Brooking\*

Claudia Tubb\*

*Representatives on the* Roy Gouriet\* (elected 2020 for three years)

*Deanery Synod:* Marion Paige (elected 2020 for three years)

*Members:* Geoff Chew\* (elected 2022 for three years)

Jenny Chew\* (elected 2021 for three years)

Susie Harben\* (elected 2022 for three years)

Brian Hooker (elected 2022 for three years)

Aidan Hopkins (elected 2022 for three years)

Elizabeth Hopkins (elected 2021 for three years)

Renuka Humphrys\* (elected 2022 for three years)

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## **ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022**

### **Worship**

In 2022 the long shadow of COVID was beginning to retreat and our worshipping life was returning to normal. We continued throughout the year to offer the option of online worship. This would either be a live stream of the 9.30am service, if Guy Bunce was available to operate that for us, or a pre-recorded Sunday reflection which Guy would upload on our YouTube Channel to premier on the Sunday from 9.30am. We are very grateful to Guy for all his continuing support.

Our usual pattern of worship continued to be 8.00am Holy Communion (said) and the inclusion of music at the 9.30am Holy Communion Service was gradually extended post-pandemic.

2022 saw the nation in a period of national mourning following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our 9.30am service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September was a special service of Holy Communion offered in thanksgiving and remembrance.

During the year the Worship Committee recommended the introduction of a non-Eucharistic Service at 9.30am on the fifth Sunday in the month. This took place on each fifth Sunday through the year, with the exception of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October when we enjoyed a service of Holy Communion in joint celebration of All Saints' Day and the Feast Day of St Jude.

Two significant events in our church's calendar were reinstated in 2022. On Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November 2022) the traditional Act of Remembrance was held at the Cemetery War Memorials and this was followed by a Parade Service in church attended by our local uniformed organisations. Our preacher was the Revd Will Bissett, from St John's, Egham. During the service St Jude's was formally presented by Mr John Scott MBE with a set of Books of Remembrance in honour of the sons and daughters of Englefield Green who gave their lives during conflict

in WW1, WW2 and since. At Christmas time we were delighted to be able to offer our Children's Christmas Eve Crib Service once again. We are especially grateful to Mrs Claudia Tubb who once again led that service for us.

A "Fourth Sunday at Four" service was introduced. This is a short non-Eucharistic service at 4pm on the fourth Sunday in the month. We have been pleased already to welcome a small congregation. Our Zoom Service of Compline at 6pm on the second Sunday in the month continues.

We are grateful to our team of worship leaders, including our Methodist Associate Minister, the Revd Andrew Reed and our Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Roy Gouriet, for their continued contribution to our worship. We are grateful also to the Revd Dr Orion Edgar, Anglican Chaplain to RHUL; to the Revd Janet Franck, SSM at St Paul's Egham Hythe, and to Mrs Diana Bendall for their assistance in leading and preaching during the year. We are also indebted to our regular teams of readers, intercessors and welcomers/sidespeople. Our special thanks to our organist, Geoff Chew, and to our choir for leading our music in worship.

### **Occasional services**

During the year there were 18 baptisms (6 in 2021), 1 wedding (4), 20 funerals in church (19). Funerals conducted by the Vicar in local crematoria 14 (10), graveside funeral conducted by the Vicar 1 (1), interment of cremated remains 4 (3).

Sadly, our funeral services in 2022 included that of Miss Rita Berry, Methodist Local Preacher, who had been active in ministry in our church and village over many years.

### **Church Council meetings in 2022**

The Church Council met on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The APCM was held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

We are grateful to our Churchwardens, Church Officers, Council members and Committee Chairs for another year of generous service.

### **Electoral Roll**

Our Electoral Roll stands at 85, an increase of 3 on 2021.

### **Safeguarding**

No safeguarding issues were raised during the year. We remain grateful to Mrs Diana Bendall for continuing to serve as our Safeguarding Lead.

### **Concert Series**

Our concert programme was almost entirely reinstated in 2022 and we are grateful to Professor Geoff Chew for arranging an attractive programme for the year.

The concerts took place as follows: 5<sup>th</sup> March Royal Holloway students, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Royal Holloway students, 23<sup>rd</sup> April Barbican Trio, 7<sup>th</sup> May James Kirby's students (piano), 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June RHUL Music Department summer festival, 11<sup>th</sup> June Becky Ryland-Jones and friends, 25<sup>th</sup> June Matthew Stanley and Geoff Chew (two pianos), 3<sup>rd</sup> September Geoff Chew (piano), 22<sup>nd</sup> October James Kirby (piano), 3<sup>rd</sup> December Vox Mundi.

### **Social Events**

Coffee Mornings: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> September

Platinum Jubilee Tea Party at the Vicarage: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

St Jude's stall at Village Fair: 18<sup>th</sup> June

Cream Tea: 28<sup>th</sup> August

Harvest Lunch: 8<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Market: 12<sup>th</sup> November

Mince Pie Tea: 27<sup>th</sup> November

Our grateful thanks to all who co-ordinated and contributed to these events.

### **Fabric**

During the year much thought and discussion took place about various items from the previous quinquennial inspection (mainly the refurbishment of the clock face and necessary repairs to the stonework). The heating boilers were replaced early in the year and the first payment was made on the camera equipment for the AV system. Repairs included work on the plumbing, water heater in the kitchen and electrics in the Monsell Room and chancel.

## **Monsell Room Lettings**

Our grateful thanks to Andrew Sheer for co-ordinating and administering these bookings for the following users: Alcoholics Anonymous, Alliance for Better Care (vaccinations), Angeli's Art Classes, ColourWheel, Englefield Green Councillors' Surgery, Englefield Green Village Residents' Association, National Childbirth Trust, Papplewick School, Progeny, Royal Holloway Music Department, Royal Holloway Women's Club, Sue Lowe's cello classes.

## **Mission and Outreach**

Village Centre: Please see separate report.

### Donations to the Runnymede Food Bank

Total cash donations: £587. This, plus donations in kind, enabled a total donation by weight of 663kg. Thank you to Geoff Chew for continuing to manage and pass on our donations.

### Donations to other appeals

Cash collections were organised during Christian Aid Week. Money raised at two of our Coffee Mornings plus cash donations were given to the USPG appeal for Ukraine.

### Giving in kind

We continued to contribute to Revive and Thrive, a charity based at a Baptist Church in Mytchett who send knitted items and reconditioned tools to countries across the world. A fair proportion of what we were able to give in 2022 came via our links with Lynwood Village in Sunningdale. Knitted goods: 39 blankets, 59 jumpers, 54 hats, 4 scarves, 28 teddies plus a box of tools. We are grateful to Di and Alan Fone and to Pat and Brian Summers for overseeing this.

## **The Ship Newsletter**

In the past, until the interruption of the COVID pandemic, 2500 copies of the newsletter would be printed each month and delivered to most of the village. In March 2022 Brian Hooker began to circulate copies electronically, via Mailchimp. Current mailing is around 190 each month.

## **Digital Outreach**

We have continued to make good use of Facebook, our website, and of Zoom as a means of reaching our community and providing additional opportunities for worship. Our 9.30 Sunday service on YouTube generally has about 60 views by the end of the week.

## **Our Church Schools**

Our Vicar served throughout 2022 on the Full Governing Bodies of both St Jude's Infant and Junior Schools. She also continued to lead regular assemblies at both schools, and the schools also held Harvest Festival and Christmas Services in St Jude's. Mrs Pat Summers volunteered once again to read with some of the younger children and this was warmly welcomed.

## **From the Vicar**

*We have great cause to thank God for His goodness to us in 2022. It was good to return to face to face worship on a regular basis, following the disruption of the pandemic. My prayer for 2023 is that we shall grow in love for one another and in our desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ better and to make Him better known. I am grateful to everyone who contributes to our common life.*

## Village Centre Annual Report for 2022

Following a busy period at the back end of 2021, January at the Village centre saw us reopen following the Christmas break. All children's and adults' classes returned to the Centre and our Outreach Programmes – Child Contact Centre, Baby Basics and Community Fridge & Kitchen all got back into full swing.

We were looking forward to the refurbishment of our Cafe, with a planned start date in April. In February the Café closed for a week, whilst phase 1 of the refurbishment commenced. This involved essential repairs on the wooded floor in the Café Area. Some floor boards and joists needed to be removed and replaced and the whole area was then sanded and re-varnished. Our Outreach Programmes continued to run during this time.

Following the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine War, we joined in with the local appeals to help the Ukrainian community by setting up a collection point for donations at the Village Centre. At the beginning of March, we joined forces with another organisation who were coordinating the collection of items and ensuring safe passage to those in need in the Ukraine. After a week of collecting we were very proud to donate 3 large car loads of items.

The New Egham Singers held a charity concert in aid of the Child Contact Centre in March. The event took place at St Mary's school in Ascot and our volunteers were invited along to serve refreshments and run a raffle during the interval of the concert. The proceeds of which were given to the Contact Centre. We were also able to speak about the Contact Centre prior to the concert to raise awareness of our service. The event was very successful, raising a great financial contribution towards keeping our contact centre running and we also gained two new volunteers as an outcome of the evening.

After receiving a grant from Local Authority section 106 funding and gaining all permissions needed from the Methodist property department, April saw the Village Centre closed for refurbishment. After many months of planning it was a time of great excitement for the Centre. Staff carried on working their hours behind the scenes, helping with sorting and painting, moving furniture and creating a new adult and child menu for the Café. Our Contact Centre was unable to run during this time, however our Baby Basics scheme and Community Fridge and Kitchen continued as normal. The Community Fridge teamed up with the Hub on Larchwood Avenue and ran their free children's cooking class from there.

We finally reopened our doors to the public following our Café refurbishment on Tuesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> May. Everyone who came loved the new look and menu as well as the revamped play areas. This reopening was further compounded by a visit from the Mayor and two of the local councillors on the evening of the 04<sup>th</sup> May. Our staff and Management team as well as Friends of the Village Centre were invited for a sociable evening with drinks and nibbles to celebrate the completion of such a long awaited project.

There was much fun going on at the Centre during May to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. We held various complimentary children's arts & crafts days, where local children could come to the Café and receive free drinks and cake whilst decorating jubilee crowns and flags. All days saw the Café full to the brim with lots of happy faces.

The final day in May saw another children's cooking event, run by the Village Centre Community Fridge. The children were excited to be making Japanese Raman and then enjoying their cooked meal as a group and with their families at the end of the session.

In June our Computer Drop in Service restarted after being closed during the Covid period. Every Wednesday between 11am-1pm, you are able to come to the Centre with a laptop, phone or tablet and ask for assistance. Our desktops computers on the balcony are also available for use during this time.

July saw our Jazz club host their end of term jazz concert which was free of charge to attend. 'The Woodshed' runs a regular Jazz club at the Village Centre on a Monday evening, where all locals are invited to come along and learn or just join in the 'jam session'.

After receiving some funding from the Co-op we were delighted to put on an Afternoon Tea and Bounce session at the Centre. As a complimentary event, local families were invited to book in to attend and received a sit down afternoon tea followed by fun in the Hall where we hired a bouncy castle and giant interactive toys. The event was a huge success with 35 children in attendance.

On August 25th our Community Fridge ran another free children's cooking class, where they learnt to cook a Turkish dish together. Parents were invited in after the class to enjoy the lunch that the children had made. It was an incredibly fun day.

September saw a new children's class start at the Village Centre – Jam and Jelly Messy Play. All young kids like to get dirty so the class was very popular from the outset. The new class also draws parents into the Café after the session on a Tuesday which helps with Café takings.

We had quite a bit of movement of families in our Child Contact Centre in September. Most families successfully moved on into the community which is the best outcome we can hope for. The contact centre then went through a period of transition whilst new families applied and got bedded into the Centre. It was great to see the Contact Centre running without Covid restrictions in place, making it a much more enjoyable environment for families and volunteers.

October saw the launch of our new website after months of meetings and the uploading of up to date information. The site was promoted on our social media pages and gained very positive feedback. It contains all current class information and one of the big positives of the site is that information can be updated directly from social media to the site, which keeps information looking fresh.

The Community Fridge ran another complimentary children's cooking class on the 27<sup>th</sup> October, where the children learnt how to make Lebanese dishes. The class was fully booked and great feedback was received.

For the whole of October we were helping many Afghan families through the local authority. We provided toys and clothing to those who were new arrivals into the country and being placed in hotels.

Later in the year, we made the decision to not hold our community Christmas dinner but to hold a joint family event with St Jude's Church as an alternative. Our Free Children's Christmas Fair took place in the Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, whilst St Jude's church used the Café area to sell bric a brac, cakes and refreshments and ran a tombola. We had approx. 150 people through the door on the day. We received lots of positive feedback and thanks for the event, which we will certainly look to run again in the future.

Our senior citizens tea party, held in conjunction with RHUL students on the 25<sup>th</sup> November was fully booked. Over 30 local residents were collected from their homes by taxi and brought to the Village Centre for a fun afternoon meeting new people whilst eating an abundance of cake.

We also welcomed a new class to the Village Centre in November – Chair Aerobics. It very quickly became popular and had a great turnout to this new regular class.

After nominating several local families, including those who attend the Child Contact Centre, to the Enterprise Angel Tree project, we were able to distribute lovely Christmas gifts to those in need. Staff at Enterprise are allocated someone to buy for within the surrounding area and at the beginning of December we were invited to the Enterprise offices in Egham for a networking event and presentation.

The Village Centre closed its doors for Christmas on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Free will envelopes	4997		3852	
Banker's Orders	29445		27515	
Give As You Earn	360		355	
Cash in collections	4119		6828	
One-off donations	0		4000	
SumUp receipts	2487		915	
Income tax recovered	10001	51409	10815	54280
<i>Other income</i>				
Charitable Trusts	30		29	
Fees from weddings, etc	3532		4608	
Concerts	1831		378	
Church House rent	15450		15412	
68 Victoria Street rent	11040		11040	
Lane rental	0		1350	
Christmas Market	634		0	
Coffee mornings, etc	358		163	
Village Fair	376		0	
Harvest lunch/cream tea	481		0	
Hire of Monsell Room	5277		2426	
Heritage Fund	0		3700	
In memory of Canon John	0		275	
Diocesan Energy support	1000		0	
Refund from Diocese (cremations)	558		0	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	109	40676	109	39438
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	78	78	1	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>92163</b>		<b>93719</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's/Vicarage expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0	0	0	
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone	3816		2077	
Telephone and broadband	225		0	
Repairs and replacements	923		5021	
Musical instruments	857		130	
Organist	0		0	
Altar supplies and baptism register	210		5	
Newsletter cards	299		0	
Service books and leaflets	780		0	
Catering/hospitality	0	7110	0	7233
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3362		3349	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	282		248	
Management fee Church House	2317		2312	
Management fee 68 Victoria Street	1987		1987	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	1328		208	
Repairs Church House	2865		623	
Subscriptions	395		317	
Covid purchases	16		0	
Banners/boards/notelet cards	0		955	
Tablet/SumUp device	71		130	
Performing rights licences	36		89	
Offering envelopes	0	12659	0	10218
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	66169		68160	
Methodist Circuit	7500		3461	
DBS checks	0		14	
Bank charges	82	73751	104	71381
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>93520</b>		<b>89190</b>

	2022	2021
Excess payments over receipts	1357	0
Excess income over payments	0	4529
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 Jan	4905	376
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 Dec	3548	4905

#### Bankers

National Westminster Bank, 67 High Street, Staines, Surrey TW18 4PU

Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Brian Hooker, Hon. Treasurer

## BUILDING FUND Accounts for 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Donations for organ	150	750
Audio/Visual equipment	0	9875
Legacy	10021	0
Heritage Fund	0	14600
<b>Total</b>	<b>10171</b>	<b>25225</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Organ repairs	0	6000
Sound equipment	0	4553
AV equipment	5344	0
Boilers replacement	20940	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26284</b>	<b>10553</b>
Excess expenditure over income	16113	0
Excess income over expenditure	0	14672
Bank current account as at	30975	16303
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	14862	30975
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2022

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	6672	6462
Interest	4	0
	6676	6462
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	2421	2351
Insurance	1681	1649
Cleaning	600	520
Telephone	564	672
Fire extinguishers	306	171
Repairs	5088	2864
Gardening	0	250
Church House minor repairs	0	295
	10660	8772
Excess expenditure over income	3984	2310
Excess income over expenditure	0	0
Bank current account as at	25962	28272
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	21978	25962
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Egham Branch, Staines Group, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

Brian Hooker

Hon Treasurer

## VILLAGE CENTRE ACCOUNT (1st Sept 2021-31st Aug 2022)

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants	54649	5096
Donations	9328	11978
Rent from 68 Victoria Street	0	8266
Gift Aid	668	6044
Baby Basics	0	500
Community Fridge	841	9048
Bookings	24980	7605
Café takings	25596	6467
Insurance claim	1726	0
Events	145	0
Interest	124	40
Other	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>118057</b>	<b>55049</b>
 <b>Expenditure</b>		
Building	61670	2522
AV and computer costs	639	520
Other equipment	2132	563
Advertising	200	0
Insurance	1801	1923
Wages and salaries	66939	32876
Regular items	939	1198
Heat, light, water, telephone	8207	5407
Food for café	6363	2141
Films and licences	157	744
Baby Basics	311	300
Hospitality	0	161
Community Fridge expenses	6001	2321
Mutual Aid expenses	0	254
Bank charges	433	285
Other	205	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>155997</b>	<b>51295</b>
 Excess income over expenditure		 3754
Excess expenditure over income	37940	
 Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021		 41240
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022		3300

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	4905	13708		18613
Barclays			25962	25962
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
CAFBank deposit		17226		17226
<b>Total</b>	<b>4905</b>	<b>30975</b>	<b>25962</b>	<b>61842</b>

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at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	3547	14821		18368
Barclays			21978	21978
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
<b>Total</b>	<b>3547</b>	<b>14862</b>	<b>21978</b>	<b>40387</b>

**ST JUDE'S UNITED CHURCH, ENGLEFIELD GREEN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1169401

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# Accounts

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Englefield Green  
2021

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## Annual Report for 2021

### Background

St Jude's Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Judith Allford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Jude's, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green and for the Church Hall in Bond Street, Englefield Green.

### Membership

Members of the Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Canon Judith Allford\*  
*Reader:* Roy Gouriet\*  
*Verger:* vacancy  
*Churchwardens:* Mike Brooking\*  
Claudia Tubb\*

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:* Claudia Tubb (elected 2020 for three years)  
Marion Paige (elected 2020 for three years)

*Members:* Geoff Chew\* (elected 2019 for three years)  
Jenny Chew\* (elected 2021 for three years)  
Susie Harben\* (elected 2019 for three years)  
Brian Hooker (elected 2019 for three years)  
Aidan Hopkins (elected 2019 for three years)  
Elizabeth Hopkins (elected 2021 for three years)  
Renuka Humphrys\* (elected 2019 for three years)  
Andrew Sheer\* (elected 2021 for three years)  
Dave Walker\* (elected 2021 for three years)

PCC sub-committees and terms of reference are as follows:

#### **Standing Committee**

Regular meetings to plan agenda for PCC meetings. Authorised to make decisions, exclusive of PCC, as and when necessary.

#### **Worship, Outreach and Social Committee**

Regular meeting to consider aspects of mission, both spiritual and practical, within Church and in wider community. Reports back to PCC. Organises Lent groups, etc. Partial ecumenical aspect. Liturgical and music matters and planning for social events.

#### **Finance and Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss PCC proposals, formulate strategies, prepare paperwork/questionnaires and analyse results.

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#### **Electoral Roll 2022**

The Church Electoral Roll for 2021 has been revised and a copy has been placed in Church. There are 85 names on it.

## ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

In 2021 our worshipping life as a Church community was once again disrupted by COVID. In January, February and March the ECC passed a series of resolutions to suspend public worship again due to the prevalence of the virus. Our first service back in church was on Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March and we were able to hold services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Guy Bunce continued to assist us by live-streaming much of our public worship on our YouTube channel.

From April until the end of June we sustained a limited programme of public worship, alternating from Sunday to Sunday between an 8.00am and a 9.30am service of Holy Communion. The exception was Pentecost Sunday on 23<sup>rd</sup> May when two services were held and strict protocol for cleaning the church was observed in between. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July we reintroduced a normal pattern of morning eucharistic worship, and this remained in place throughout the year. We continued, however, to administer Holy Communion in one kind only, in accordance with central Church of England guidance.

We remained grateful throughout the year to Guy Bunce for his continuing technical support and to Chloe Spencer for gift of her music. Equally we were indebted to all, including some of our Junior Church families, who supported our online worship with readings, prayers and unforgettable all-age talks which entranced us all. By November the annual Act of Remembrance at our cemetery War Memorials were able to go ahead but we took the decision not to hold our traditional parade service in church because of the continuing presence of the coronavirus. Similarly, at Christmas, we took the difficult decision not to hold our usual Crib Service. This was the second year that the Crib Service had been unable to take place, and it was greatly missed. We were grateful to the Revd Orion Edgar, Anglican Chaplain to Royal Holloway, University of London, for celebrating a Family Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, and also for regularly presiding at our 8am service of Holy Communion (BCP) on the first Sunday in each month. We were unable this year to return to our provision of Junior Church and are seeking other ways of involving our children and families in our regular worship.

Our APCM for 2021 took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April and was a “Hybrid” meeting, enabling those who wished to do so to attend via Zoom. Claudia Tubb and Mike Brooking were elected as churchwardens. We are especially grateful to our Church Officers, ECC members and Deanery Synod representatives as they continued to serve during such challenging times. Marion Paige-Hagg was for the first time elected as Secretary to the Council and Mike Brooking and Robert Jeffries were thanked for their work in that role during previous years. Our Electoral Roll stands at 82 members, the same number as in 2020.

2021 was a busy year for our committees. Thank you to all who have chaired and served on them, including Brian Hooker who has continued to manage our finances through the additional challenges posed by the pandemic. Andrew Sheer successfully applied on our behalf for a substantial sum of money from the Heritage Culture Recovery Fund. He has also continued to oversee the lettings of the Monsell Room which have picked up following the easing of COVID restrictions.

Our Worship Committee members took part in a “Big PCC Away Day” organised on Zoom by the Diocese of Guildford and this was followed by a personal Zoom meeting for us with Dave Welch from the Diocese. We were challenged to work on our Parish Development plan and to consider whether some of the changes to our worship pattern that have been occasioned by COVID might prove more permanent.

Our Fabric Committee has faced a number of challenges, including the breakdown of one of our church boilers. Due to the age of the boiler it has not been possible to repair it, and installation of new boilers was arranged for early 2022. During 2021 our sound system was upgraded and funds secured to future installation of a facility for live-streaming. Some of the recommendations from our quinquennial report of 2019 were addressed and others remain to be taken forward. Our COVID Committee continued to meet to address the ongoing issues presented by the pandemic.

We have continued to communicate with the church and parish via Facebook, our website and YouTube channel, banners outside St Jude’s and through a monthly email distribution of the monthly newsletter (The Ship). The use of Zoom has been a blessing in enabling us to continue to hold meetings in this way and to maintain our Bible Study groups. Several online concerts were also held. We are grateful to Geoff Chew for masterminding these and for continuing to serve as our Organist through another year. A monthly Zoom service of Compline was also introduced. From the registers, there were 6 baptisms (0 in 2020), 4 weddings (2 in 2020) and 19 funerals (13 in 2020), plus 10 (37 in 2020) funerals at local cemeteries or crematoria and 3 interments of cremated remains. Sadly, two of the funeral

services which took place in St Jude's were those of former priests of this Parish. On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 the Revd James Rattue conducted the Funeral Service of Canon John Fowles and on 15<sup>th</sup> December the Funeral Service of the Revd Lorna Smith was also held in St Jude's. We also heard in July of the death of the Revd Beale Griffin, former Methodist Minister at St Jude's. Two (2) Memorial Services were also held in St Jude's, in both cases because previous COVID restrictions had prevented the attendance at the respective funeral services of many family and friends. In July a Service of Renewal of Marriage Vows was held. In December St Jude's for the first time hosted a Christmas Service of Remembrance arranged and sponsored by Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors. The service was conducted by Andrew Reed and Judith Allford.

Our Vicar has continued to serve on the Governing Body of St Jude's Junior School. During the year she also became a member of the shadow Governing Body of the new St Jude's C of E Infant School, and then a member of the full Governing Body when the School formally opened in September. With the easing of pandemic restrictions we were able to welcome both schools in to St Jude's for their Christmas Celebration Services. Our Vicar has continued to provide regular assemblies, weekly or fortnightly, at both schools.

Once COVID restrictions were eased our Village Centre re-opened. Regular lettings were gradually reinstated. Our local Flow Church has begun to use the premises for Sunday Worship. The pandemic meant some members of staff took voluntary redundancy and two new part-time members of staff were subsequently appointed to new roles within the team. Under the continuing leadership of Ali Watts and with a promised grant from the Local Authority , plans for the refurbishment of the Café were well under way by the end of the year.

Our ecumenical partnership, and in particular the outreach of the Village Centre which now includes both a Community Fridge and a Food Bank collection point, and the ministry among us of the Revd Andrew Reed, continue to bring us joy. St Jude's also regularly donates to our local Food Bank collection point now on the Thorpe Trading Estate. During the year our Vicar served with Andrew Reed on the Circuit Invitations Committee which met to discuss the appointment of a Methodist Minister in 2022 as two retirements also take place then. We benefit greatly from Andrew Reed's ministry, as from that of our LLM Roy Gouriet, whose Permission to Officiate was once again renewed this year, and from our occasional preacher, Diana Bendall.

It would be impossible to thank by name everyone who has once again over the past year contributed to the life and worship of St Jude's. So much is done unseen and we are indebted to so many people in so many ways. We are delighted that 2021 saw the establishment of a St Jude's Cleaning Team which is already doing sterling work!

We look forward to 2022 as a year when there will be less disruption and more opportunity for us to build on some of the tentative signs of growth that we begin to see at St Jude's. As our Vicar wrote last year: *I pray that in the coming years God will lead us into growth that is not simply numerical but that will deepen our spiritual lives and understanding both as individuals and as the people of God in this place.*

*Judith Allford*

*Vicar, St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

## GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Free will envelopes	3852		4815	
Banker's Orders	27515		23440	
Give As You Earn	355		530	
Cash in collections	6828		6670	
One-off donations	4000		6000	
Legacy	0		5000	
SumUp receipts	915		0	
Income tax recovered	10815	54280	9503	55958
<i>Other income</i>				
Charitable Trusts	29		28	
Fees from weddings, etc	4608		3731	
Concerts	378		755	
Church House rent	15412		15000	
68 Victoria Street rent	9053		0	
Lane rental	1350		2700	
Summer Fair/Christmas Market	0		0	
Coffee mornings, etc	163		0	
Village Fair	0		0	
Hire of Monsell Room	2426		1293	
Heritage Fund	3700		0	
Transferred from Teddy Bear	0		1406	
In memory of Canon John	275		0	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	57	37451	106	25019
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>91732</b>		<b>80978</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's/Vicarage expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0	0	0	
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone 2077			3234	
Repairs and replacements	5021		0	
Musical instruments	130		280	
Organist	0		0	
Altar supplies	5		395	
Service books and leaflets	0		195	
Catering/hospitality	0	7233	0	4104
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3349		3302	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	248		0	
Management fee Church House	2312		2250	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	208		0	
Repairs Church House	623		411	
Printing of Newsletter	0		195	
Subscriptions	317		357	
Website	0		0	
Covid purchases	0		178	
Banners etc.	497		453	
Boards	315		0	
Performing rights licences	89		129	
Tablet	130		0	
Cards/notelets	143		0	
Offering envelopes	0	8231	69	7344
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	68160		68160	
Methodist Circuit	3461		1731	
Methodist architects' fees	0		1430	
DBS checks	14		0	
Bank charges	104	71739	60	71381
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>87203</b>		<b>828295</b>

Excess payments over receipts		1851
Excess income over payments	4529	
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 Jan	376	2226
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 Dec	4905	376

Bankers

National Westminster Bank

50 High Street, Egham, Surrey TW20 9EU

Santander

Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue

Kings Hill

West Malling, Kent

ME19 4JQ

Brian Hooker

Hon. Treasurer

## BUILDING FUND

### Accounts for 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations for organ	750	865
Audio/Visual equipment	9875	0
Donations		50
Heritage Fund	14600	0
Total	25225	915
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Replacement lights in nave	0	1860
Organ repairs	6000	0
Audio equipment	4553	0
Total	10553	1860
Excess expenditure over income	0	945
Excess income over expenditure	14672	0
Bank current account as at	16303	17248
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	30975	16303
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	6462	5110
Interest	0	3
	6462	5113
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	2351	2172
Insurance	1649	1626
Cleaning	520	570
Telephone	672	533
Fire extinguishers	171	113
Repairs	2864	0
Gardening	250	250
Church House minor repairs	295	0
	8772	5264
Excess expenditure over income	2310	151
Excess income over expenditure	0	0
Bank current account as at	28272	28423
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	25962	28272
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

Bankers Barclays Bank

Egham Branch. Staines Group

71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

Brian Hooker

Hon Treasurer

## VILLAGE CENTRE ACCOUNT (1st Sept 2020-31st Aug 2021)

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants	5096	11000
Donations	11978	21876
Rent from 68 Victoria Street	8266	0
Gift Aid	6044	98
Baby Basics	500	85
Community Fridge	9048	0
Bookings	7605	17380
Café takings	6467	18896
Events	0	1117
Interest	40	175
Refunds	0	600
Other	5	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>55049</b>	<b>71238</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Building	2522	4318
AV and computer costs	520	1185
Other equipment	563	165
Advertising	0	0
Insurance	1923	1667
Wages and salaries	32887	38644
Regular items	1186	698
Heat, light, water, telephone	5407	6530
Food for café	2141	5223
Films and licences	744	0
Training	0	0
Hospitality	161	425
Baby Basics	300	452
Community Fridge expenses	2322	0
Mutual Aid expenses	254	301
Bank charges	285	845
Other	80	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>51295</b>	<b>60518</b>
 Excess income over expenditure	 3754	 10720
 Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020		 37486
 Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021		 41240

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Teddy</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Bear</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>						
NatWest and CAF	376	15471	0	0		15847
Barclays					28272	28272
Alliance & Leicester	0	41	0	0	0	41
CAFBank deposit	0	791	0	0	0	791
<b>Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>16303</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28272</b>	<b>44951</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Hall</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
NatWest and CAF	4905	13708		18613
Barclays			25962	25962
Alliance & Leicester		41		41
CAFBank deposit		17226		17226
<b>Total</b>	<b>4905</b>	<b>30975</b>	<b>25962</b>	<b>61842</b>

**ST JUDE'S UNITED CHURCH, ENGLEFIELD GREEN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1169401

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# Accounts

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St Jude's United Church  
Englefield Green  
2020

Registered Charity Number 1169401

*Vicar*

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*Methodist Minister*

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*Churchwarden*

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*Organist and Choirmaster*

Professor Geoffrey Chew

## Annual Report for 2020

### Background

St Jude's Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Judith Allford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St Jude's, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green.

### Membership

Members of the Council are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Canon Judith Allford\*  
*Reader:* Roy Gouriet\*  
*Verger:* vacancy  
*Churchwardens:* Diana Bendall\*  
Claudia Tubb\*

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:* Claudia Tubb (elected 2020 for three years)  
Marion Paige Hagg (elected 2020 for three years)

*Members:*

- Mike Brooking\* (elected 2019 for three years)
- Geoff Chew\* (elected 2019 for three years)
- Jenny Chew\* (elected 2018 for three years)
- Susie Harben\* (elected 2019 for three years)
- Brian Hooker (elected 2019 for three years)
- Aidan Hopkins (elected 2019 for three years)
- Elizabeth Hopkins (elected 2018 for three years)
- Renuka Humphrys\* (elected 2019 for three years)
- Robert Jeffries\* (elected 2018 for three years)
- Andrew Sheer\* (elected 2018 for three years)
- Dave Walker (elected 2018 for three years)

PCC sub-committees and terms of reference are as follows:

**Standing Committee**

Regular meetings to plan agenda for PCC meetings. Authorised to make decisions, exclusive of PCC, as and when necessary.

**Outreach Committee**

Regular meeting to consider aspects of mission, both spiritual and practical, within Church and in wider community. Reports back to PCC. Organises Lent groups, etc. Partial ecumenical aspect.

**Worship Committee**

Formal meetings very occasional, informal meetings more frequent. Liturgical and music matters discussed.

**Stewardship Committee**

Meetings ad hoc to discuss PCC proposals, formulate strategies, prepare paperwork/questionnaires and analyse results.

**Fabric Committee**

Meetings generally informal to discuss matters as they arise. Oversees Saturday morning working parties.

**Social Planning Committee**

Meets occasionally during the year to discuss ideas and catering arrangements for specific social events (some ecumenical) at the request of the organiser.

**Joint Church Council**

**(Anglicans and Methodists working together)**

The Revd Andrew Reed\*  
Rita Berry\*  
together with members of St Jude's PCC

\* - Trustees of the registered charity

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Re-reading the annual report from 2019 it is clear that there was no inkling of what lay ahead for us as a church and indeed as a nation in the year which lay ahead. The Vicar concluded last year's report with some words of her own:

*I pray that in the coming years God will lead us into growth that is not simply numerical but that will deepen our spiritual lives and understanding both as individuals and as the people of God in this place.*

In practice we were to discover that from 23rd March 2020 the country was put into lockdown as a protection against the pandemic beginning to sweep the world. Churches along with all other public institutions, restaurants and pubs, sports venues and all but essential retailers were closed down. Our last public service in St Jude's before lockdown was very sadly the funeral of Christine Butterfield on Friday 20th March.

From that point our services went online. We were extremely blessed that Guy Bunce offered to pre-record services for us and he launched our own St Jude's United Church YouTube Channel. Lockdown meant that there could be no congregational or choral singing so we were equally blessed by the generous offer from Chloe Spencer to record our chosen hymns for us, supported either by Geoff Chew or by Guy. Our Holy Week and Easter Services were pre-recorded and made available on YouTube and this pattern continued throughout the period of the first lockdown. We returned to worship in church with an 8.00am service of Holy Communion on Sunday 6th September and continued with a pattern of alternating 8.00am and 9.30am services. Guy kindly live-streamed the latter service from within St Jude's. This pattern continued until the country was returned to lockdown early in November. In December lockdown was lifted again but our Christmas services included both a pre-recorded Carol Service and Children's Crib Service although we were able to enjoy "live" worship, live-streamed, on Christmas morning. On the final Sunday of the year, Sunday 27th December, clergy in the Diocese were given the option of directing their congregations to an online service provided by the Diocese or by the Cathedral. It was just before Christmas that we learned another lockdown was coming into force.

We are extremely grateful to all who have consistently taken part in our online services. We are indebted to Claudia Tubb for providing an all-age talk for each of our pre-recorded services. We have also very much enjoyed the contribution of our Junior Church children and are grateful to the children themselves and to their parents for so consistently recording prayers for us. The Children's Crib Service, which premiered on Christmas Eve, included contributions from almost all the children who had participated during the year. Once again it was Claudia who wrote and led the service and as always Guy who pieced all the contributions together. Andrew Reed, Diana Bendall and Roy Gouriet have all continued to share in the ministry of preaching and leading worship alongside Judith. During the year two "Zoom" Bible Study groups have been established, one meeting each week in an afternoon and one in an evening. Our Concert Programme was uninterrupted for the first three months of the year but once the church had to close our concerts too went online. Thanks both to Geoff and to Guy six concerts were pre-recorded for our YouTube Channel.

The pandemic has presented many other significant challenges. Our APCM for 2020 had to be delayed until 25th October. Communication with our Parish took on a different form as we could no longer deliver the SHIP from door to door. Brian Hooker has continued to produce the newsletter for us month by month and we have been able to distribute it electronically, but to a very much smaller number of people. We have used our website and Facebook pages as other means of staying in touch with our congregation and Parish and Andrew Sheer has produced a series of banners for the railings outside Church as well as laminating copies of our newsletter for the church doors.

For most of the year we have had to suspend our letting of the Monsell Room, which has had a significant impact on our income. A COVID 19 Committee was established from our ECC and we are indebted particularly to Diana Bendall and to Marion Paige Hagg for developing our COVID 19 Risk Assessment and keeping it under regular review. Diana also led the purchase of COVID supplies.

St Jude's has stood unused for much of the year and we are grateful to people like Andrew Sheer, Brian and Pat Summers and Brian Hooker for continuing to keep an eye on the premises whilst they are closed.

From the registers, there were 0 baptisms (10 in 2019) 2 weddings in the church (3 in 2019) and 2 in the college chapel using the church registers, and 13 funerals (20 in 2019), plus 37 (12 in 2019) funerals at local cemeteries and crematoria.

At the APCM Diana Bendall and Claudia Tubb were re-elected as churchwardens. We are grateful to them and to all who have served this year as ECC members and Church officers. We are indebted to them all for the responsibilities they have continued to shoulder during the pandemic. Our Electoral Roll stands at 82 members, the same number as in 2019.

The pandemic has largely prevented us from taking forward the recommendations from our Quinquennial Inspection in July 2019 and this must be a significant challenge for 2021.

Our Vicar has continued to serve on the Governing Body of St Jude's School and, when COVID restrictions have allowed has taken a weekly assembly in school. Since the beginning of the first lockdown only one year group has been able to gather in the school hall and the assembly has been relayed to the other classes via Microsoft Teams. Due to the pandemic we have been unable to welcome either St Jude's School, or Englefield Green Infants School to hold festival services in church.

Our services of Remembrance on 8th November had to be much reduced and there was no service in church following a socially distanced Act of Remembrance at the War Memorials. However, Guy directed and produced an online Act of Remembrance in which some members of our local uniformed organisations took part.

The uncertain and unexpected events of the pandemic have prevented us from looking afresh at a Parish Development Plan. We have, however, been able to review our LEP and have been advised by the District Chair of the South East region of the Methodist Church, and by the Archdeacon of Dorking, that this will not need further review until 2024. Meantime Andrew Reed and Judith continue to enjoy the privilege of working together in ministerial partnership. Our ECC met at the beginning of February to discuss how we see the priorities for the future. This will need to be carried forward into 2021 and prayerfully reviewed in the light of our very much changed circumstances.

The Village Centre has remained the focus of our outreach as a United Church throughout the pandemic. We are indebted to Ali Watts for her sterling and innovative leadership and for the partnership relationships she has continued to develop across the local community and borough. The establishment of Mutual Aid, Egham and Englefield Green saw a large army of volunteers providing many practical forms of care for the most vulnerable in our locality. Ali has also been busy with the development of plans for the refurbishment of the Centre Cafe.

We are encouraged that numbers accessing our services on YouTube have been considerably higher than the number of those who were regularly worshipping with us before the pandemic. However the issue of regular attendance at St Jude's remains a concern for the future. We are still conscious of the warning given by Bishop Jo that unless St. Jude's sees growth within the next few years we shall be unable to appoint a Vicar to follow our present incumbent.

*Judith Allford*

*Vicar, St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green*

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Open Day/Summer Fair	0		1922	
Christmas Market	0		696	
Coffee mornings, etc	0		313	
Village Fair	0		309	
Hire of Monsell Room	1293		3215	
Transferred from Teddy Bear	1406		0	
Easyfundraising.co.uk	106	25019	39	42725
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>80978</b>		<b>83741</b>

## PAYMENTS

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<i>For the Ministry</i>				
Vicar's expenses	0		0	
Assistant Clergy	0		348	
Advert for new Vicar	0		1037	
Vicarage expenses	0	0	-2597	-1212
<i>Church and Services</i>				
Light, heat, water and telephone	3234		3921	
Repairs and replacements	0		4673	
Musical instruments	280		536	
Organist	0		200	
Altar supplies	395		459	
Service books and leaflets	195		780	
Catering/hospitality	0	4104	0	10569
<i>Other Parish Expenses</i>				
Insurance	3302		3253	
Insurance 68 Victoria Street	0		248	
Management fee Church House	2250		2250	
Repairs 68 Victoria Street	0		222	
Repairs Church House	411		705	
Printing of Newsletter	195		780	
Educational Materials	0		0	
Subscriptions	357		355	
Grand Draw licence	0		20	
Website	0		122	
Covid purchases	178		0	
Banners etc.	453		0	
Performing rights licences	129		0	
Offering envelopes	69	7344	67	8022
<i>Outside the Parish</i>				
Parish Share (Diocesan Quota)	68160		64011	
Methodist Circuit	1731		1500	
Methodist architects' fees	1430		0	
Bank charges	60	71381	55	65566
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>82829</b>		<b>82945</b>

Excess payments over receipts	1850	796
Excess income over payments		
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 Jan	2226	1430
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 Dec	376	2226

Bankers

National Westminster Bank

50 High Street, Egham, Surrey TW20 9EU

Santander

Bootle, Merseyside

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue

Kings Hill

West Malling, Kent

ME19 4JQ

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## BUILDING FUND

### Accounts for 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Donations for organ	865	7372
Donations from EGVRA	0	750
Donations	50	0
Total	915	8122
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Replacement lights in nave	1860	0
Excess income over expenditure		8122
Excess expenditure over income	945	
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	17248	9126
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	16303	17248

## TEDDY BEAR CLUB FUND

### Accounts for 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Nil		
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Transferred to main account	1406	
Excess expenditure over income	1406	
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	1406	1406
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	0	1406

## VILLAGE SHARE FUND

### Accounts for 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Nil		
<b>Expenditure</b>		
St Jude's School	162	300
Excess expenditure over income	162	300
Excess income over expenditure	0	0
Bank current account as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	162	462
Bank current account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	0	162

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## CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Hall Lettings	5110	8703
Interest	3	8
	5113	8711
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Light, heat and water	2172	1651
Insurance	1626	1602
Cleaning	570	780
Telephone	533	487
Fire extinguishers	113	138
Repairs	0	1742
Gardening	250	250
Church House minor repairs	0	30
	5264	6680
Excess expenditure over income	151	0
Excess income over expenditure	0	2031
Bank current account as at	28423	26392
1 <sup>st</sup> January		
Bank current account as at	28272	28423
31 <sup>st</sup> December		

Bankers Barclays Bank

Egham Branch. Staines Group

71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4PS

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## Independent Examiner's Report

to the JCC of St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green

I report on the accounts of the JCC of St Jude's United Church Englefield Green for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The JCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and considers that an audit is not required under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act;

and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the JCC concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 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.

Brian Summers

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

	General Building		Teddy Village	Church	Totals	
	Fund	Fund	Bear	Share	Hall	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Monetary assets</i>						
NatWest and CAF	1394	17248	1406	162		20210
Barclays					28423	28423
Alliance & Leicester	41	0	0	0	0	41
CAFBank deposit	791	0	0	0	0	791
Total	2226	17248	1406	162	28423	49465

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

	General Building		Teddy Village	Church	Totals	
	Fund	Fund	Bear	Share	Hall	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Monetary assets</i>						
NatWest and CAF	376	15471	0	0		15847
Barclays					28272	28272
Alliance & Leicester	0	41	0	0	0	41
CAFBank deposit	0	791	0	0	0	791
Total	376	16303	0	0	28272	44951