The Joint Council of Co Church, Exeter

England & Wales · Charity number 1169445

Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST SIDWELL AND ST MATTHEW, EXETER, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter, ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, EXETER, ST SIDWELL'S CHURCH EXETER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2016-10-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Activities: The Joint Council of Co Church, Exeter (formerly the United Parish of St Sidwell & St Matthew and the Parish of St Andrew's Exwick) has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parishes, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£358,617	£475,672	-	-
2023-12-31	£619,037	£346,103	£1,601,237	5
2022-12-31	£430,842	£335,005	-	-
2021-12-31	£312,179	£286,129	-	-
2020-12-31	£290,575	£397,483	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Edward Hodges	Chair	2019-07-22
Adam Westaway		2026-05-12
Chloe Christine		2022-05-23
Denu Sankey		2026-05-12
Emily Soundy		2026-05-12
Francis Ford		2023-05-09
Harry Mutton		2025-01-12
Janet Spencer		2025-01-13
John Kow		2020-10-20
Jonathan Toby Paul Kenchington		2025-01-13
Kathryn Morgan		2025-01-13
Mark Hobson		2020-10-20
Matt Worrall		2025-01-13
Neil Williams		2020-10-20
Rebecca Barratt		2022-05-23
Rev Joshua Chesworth		2025-06-28
Sophie Baldwin		2025-01-12
Toby Murr		2026-05-12

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter

Registered Charity Number 1169445

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

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Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC confirms that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Objectives and Activities

We do this by:

- Inviting those outside the church to encounter Jesus and explore faith;
- Creating community and developing a deep experience of belonging;
- Equipping our members to live effective Christian lives in every sphere of society; and
- Sending out our members to transform society and proclaim hope wherever they find themselves.

To fulfil this vision, our aims are:

- To build a worshipping, praying and spirit filled community;
- To strengthen community and deepen relationships throughout the church and community;
- To equip every member to live a distinctively Christian life which brings God's Kingdom into homes, schools, universities and workplaces;
- To evangelise and spread the gospel;
- To engage children and young people in the Christian faith; and
- To offer pastoral care and support to those living in Newtown and beyond.

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St Matthew's (St Matt's) was established as a Diocesan Resource Church in 2019 with a 5 year strategic plan to revitalise the existing churches within the parish giving particular focus on students, young adults and families with young children. This strategy has been overseen by the Strategic Development Unit of the Church of England, Diocese of Exeter and the PCC of St Matt's. It was envisaged that this strategic plan would be complete in August 2024 however, the project has been extended due to delays in completing building works.

The two primary foci of St Matt's in 2024 have been the consolidation of new and revitalised ministries initiated over the past 5 years and the preparatory restructuring of governance in anticipation of the formation of a Joint Council to oversee both parishes: St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter and St Andrew's Exwick. In practice this means continuing the outreach, groups and services begun over the last 5 years and establish sustainable patterns to that they could continue without the support of SDF funding. We do this by developing leaders, deepening community and adjusting the services we offer to meet the needs of those who engage with St Matt's on Sundays and throughout the week.

Each Ministry area: Kid's, Youth, Students, Services, Discipleship, Alpha and Social Transformation are overseen by a Ministry Head who holds responsibility for employed staff members and volunteers who contribute to the groups and events that take place throughout the week. These staff and volunteers play a crucial role in enabling and growing the activities of the church

In 2023, the PCC restructured the staff team to consolidate the Youth and Student ministry into a single staff role. This involved making the Youth Pastor role redundant and recruiting a more senior role as a replacement. It proved difficult to recruit a suitable candidate for this role despite several rounds of recruitment and in May 2024, the PCC agreed to open recruitment for a more junior role of Youth & Young Adult Pastor. This role was filled in September 2024 and is having a positive impact in these two important areas of church life. Similarly, our Worship Pastor began ordination training in September 2023 and the PCC sought to recruit a replacement Worship and Creative Pastor also at a more junior level. This role was filled in December with the intention to develop these staff members as the church grows. Volunteers continue to play a crucial role part in the running of St Matt's. Our team includes some 'Super Volunteers' who play a key part in the delivery of our groups, maintenance of our buildings and through our Leadership Development Programme.

Works to construct an extension on the church to house six toilets and a small break-out room have continued throughout the year. The project has faced significant delays caused by weather and material shortages. We anticipate that this work will be completed by Easter 2025.

A significant focus of the last 12 months has been the growing partnership between

St Matt's and St Andrew's Exwick. St Matt's was invited to propose a plan for a strategic partnership between our churches to enable church growth in Exwick in 2022. In August 2023, Rev Ed Hodges was licensed as Priest in Charge of Exwick parish and Rev Mack Deptula was appointed Curate at both St Andrew's and St Matthew with St Sidwell. The PCC have spent considerable time forming a Joint Council to act as the single governing body and legal entity of both parishes. This governing body, now named The Joint Council of Co Church, Exeter, is the first step towards long term sustainability for these churches and future planting opportunities that we may be invited to take part in by the Diocese of Exeter.

On 1 January 2025, The Joint Council of Co Church Exeter, was created by putting into abeyance the PCCs of St Matthew with St Sidwell and St Andrew's, Exwick. The new Joint Council was formed and the accounts of the two PCCs will merge effective from 1 January 2025. The individual PCC accounts for the year ended 2024 will be calculated and reported separately. The Charity Commission has sanctioned that the existing charity registration of St Matt's can be re-named The Joint Council of Co Church, Exeter whilst keeping the existing charity number. This existing registration will continue for ease of administration and be the new corporate body of the Joint Council.

Looking forward, we aspire for St Matt's to become a core part of Co Church by building a growing community of active Christians who embody the Diocesan vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

The largest gathering of people at St Matt's continue to be our services of worship, encouragement and prayer on Sundays. There have been three weekly services held throughout the year including:

- A midweek traditional Eucharist; and
- Two contemporary and accessible Sunday services at 10am and 6pm.

Collectively these services attract up to 400 worshippers each week, including over 60 children. Services are supported by a variety of volunteer teams including cafe, hosting, kids, worship and production and overseen by employed members of staff. These teams offer opportunities to serve the wider work of the church and encourage hands-on engagement in our worship and mission.

Prayer and worship provide an important foundation for the wider activities of the church. Having designated 2023 as a 'Year of Prayer', we held weekly lunchtime prayer meetings and increasing our 'Kingdom Come 'events to every month. Collectively these increased the appetite for prayer and worship within our community. Having received positive feedback, we have continued the monthly nights of worship and prayer into 2024 and beyond. These provide an opportunity for worship and to pray for the needs of the church and city. St Matt's has a growing worship team, resourced by approximately 50 volunteers who lead worship at our services and events like Kingdom Come and Alpha.

Creating and Strengthening Community

A significant part of our mission is to create belonging for those who come into contact with St Matt's. One of the ways this is achieved is through midweek Groups. In response to strategic analysis by our staff team, we restructured groups to make them more easily accessible in 2023. At present there are 12 groups meeting fortnightly across Exeter and beyond. These groups are led by trained volunteers who organise, teach and pastor their attendees. Groups provide the environment for deep, long-lasting relationships and support for pastoral needs. They create opportunities for spiritual growth and seek to find ways they can impact their local communities. We actively encourage groups to play their part in the transformation of their locality.

Equipping the Church

St Matt's seeks to be a church that equips every member to influence the world around them. Our intention is to deploy equipped and motivated Christians into a variety of areas, supported by the church to reduce poverty and isolation and transform society in Exeter. We also continue to support and encourage members of our community to play an active role in outreach and social action through partner organisations. These have included organisations supporting those leaving the care system, adoption, fostering and homeless feeding programmes.

Over the last year, we have continued to offer, River Café, a women only space where women on probation can come and meet their Probation Officers and Support Workers. The vision for River Café is to create a welcoming space where the women who come feel soon, valued and respected.

We also seek to invest in leaders and future leaders of the Church of England. St Matt's is responsible for the training and development of Rev Mack Deptula who is currently serving a hybrid curacy between St Matt's and St Andrew's Exwick. We also welcomed Rev Kate Jackson as a Curate. We continue to identify potential candidates for ministry within the Church of England and support their training and development.

Evangelism

We are committed to running the Alpha course from Holy Trinity Brompton as an accessible and replicable model of evangelism. Each term, we promote the upcoming course and encourage our members to invite family, friends and colleagues to try Alpha and explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. We also continue to offer other courses and events which provide easy opportunities for those attending to explore faith and find out about Christianity.

In September 2024, we began offering Alpha at St Sidwell's parish with an emphasis on inviting the street attached population in our local area. The course offers hot refreshments, a simplified film exploring elements of the Christian faith followed by a totally open discussion. Each week is attended by 2-5 guests.

Children and Young People

St Matt's is an intentionally multigenerational church with an emphasis upon reaching those groups who are least likely to attend church. Namely, families with young children, students and young adults. St Matt's designation as a Diocesan Resource Church places special emphasis upon engaging children, families and university students and these continue to be top priorities for St Matt's. Despite the lack of a designated Student or Youth Pastor for much of 2024, we continued to offer these groups and events. The student ministry is now attended by around 30 students. Having now appointed a Youth and Young Adult Pastor we expect to see these ministries grow as they remains an under-reached area of the city's demography.

A crucial area of engagement with children and young people is at our Sunday services. Our Sunday Kids groups regularly attract over 60 children and their parents and are led and facilitated by a volunteer team in the church hall. In addition there are Sunday groups for 11-14 year olds and groups for young people aged 15-18.

To support families of younger children, we offer POLO, (Parents of Little Ones) a mid-week group for parents and toddlers with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in the early stages of their children's lives. This has been a great group to invite local families to who might otherwise not attend church as it has a wider appeal to those who value the support of other parents with young children. We regularly see over 50 kids and 50 adults attending. In addition to this throughout 2024 we have offered POLO Tinies (for children aged 1 and under). This group has grown and developed significantly and currently has between 15-20 regular attendees.

St Matt's also plays an active role in its designated parish school, St Sidwell's. Our Kids and Families Pastor is supported by key volunteers in delivery of collective worship and providing pastoral care to the school staff team.

Other Activities (inc. Ecumenical Relationships)

As a Resource Church, St Matt's is committed to fruitful partnerships with other churches and faith-based organisations. This is partially achieved by the involvement of clergy and lay-leaders in ecumenical groups, and we are also members of Churches Together in Exeter. We continue to offer consultancy and training to local organisations and churches seeking to enhance their own services and activities using our models.

Additionally a number of other faith based and community organisations make use of our premises. This has included hosting regional strategic events on behalf of the Diocese of Exeter, regional Alpha UK events, local school performances and charity fundraisers.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year was £319,284 (2023: £270,917) of which £252,482 (2023: £222,499) was donations. The £39,333 (2023: £348,120) of restricted income includes £36,613 (2023: £347,920) of SDF income. £475,672 (2023: £346,103) was spent to provide Christian ministry at St Matt's and St Sidwell's Churches, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. This is the amount that the churches in the diocese are asked to contribute to cover these costs. It is calculated by a formula based mainly on the head count of the congregation. The expenditure also includes £218,897 (2023: £69,052) spent on major improvements to the church building.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £117,055 (2023: surplus of £272,934) before gains/losses on investments. After adjusting for losses on investments, the net deficit for the year was £195,672 (2023: surplus of £278,132). The loss on investments includes a £80,000 revaluation loss of the charity's investment property, Crown House.

The charity receives rental income from renting the church hall, hall car park and some spaces in the church car park.

The charity has designated approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends to charities of their choice. This designated fund is called "Charitable Giving" in the accounts. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2025 is £8,000.

Reserves Policy

The Finance Team has built on the established budget monitoring process to develop more detailed reporting and analysis to support the decision making of the PCC as it leads the church through a period of growth and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. The PCC aims to hold free reserves broadly equivalent to 3 months' expenditure (£65,000) for the following reasons:

1. To manage cash flow and contractual obligations;
2. In case of significant building maintenance being required; and
3. Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

The PCC has approved a budget for 2025 with a deficit of £37,000. This deficit is predominantly due to the PCC approaching the end of our SDF funding. We are now funding all staff and operational costs. There is still some SDF funding remaining to be spent solely on the buildings. The PCC was willing to approve a deficit budget as expenditure will be reviewed throughout the year against projected and actual income and spending can be reduced if deemed necessary. The PCC have also been anticipating this need to bridge the gap between SDF funding and ongoing financial sustainability and as such, have reserves available to cover the deficit if necessary.

The total net assets as at the year end were £1,405,565, and of these, £101,832 are restricted reserves. Of the remaining £1,303,733 unrestricted general funds, £577,429 is held as tangible fixed assets, and £250,000 in investment property. The remaining free reserves held by the PCC are £476,304.

This is in excess of the reserves policy by £411,304. We are continuing to hold reserves in excess of the policy as we work towards establishing financial sustainability now the external SDF funding period is over. Detailed forecasting has been carried out to build a clear financial picture of the next 5-10 years. We are anticipating deficit budgets until 2030 so the reserves are being held to cover these deficits.

Risk Management

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities in which the PCC is involved, including employers' and public liability.

We have in place a resilient safeguarding procedure for the recruitment of staff and new volunteers particularly for the Kids and Youth team.

The PCC holds a Risk Register that is reviewed on a regular basis by the senior staff team and is presented to the PCC each year.

Our investments have stabilised having dropped in value earlier in the year.

Income and expenditure is being actively monitored by the Finance Team. We currently have reserves that would be able to support activity should the need arise toward the end of 2025. The PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, the Church Wardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. There were 119 members in 2024.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Ecclesiastical purposes, and the power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers.

The PCC met 6 times during 2024. During these meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 14th May 2024.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and two other PCC members.

This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

A Finance Team has been established to work towards the PCC being self-sustainable at the end of the SDF income and to review the quarterly management accounts and other financial papers.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

The staff team comprises an Operations Director, Worship & Creative Pastor, Kids & Families Pastor, Youth, Students & Young Adults Pastor, Finance Officer & Leadership Administrator and Operations Administrator. Each staff member has an annual Personal Development Review which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year, identifying which strategic organisation priorities they are responsible for.

We also have a volunteer Parish & Teams Administrator in post who supports the staff team by completing various administrative tasks and a Facilities Co-ordinator who helps to oversee the maintenance and cleaning of the buildings. We have also more recently recruited a volunteer DBS Administrator who processes all our DBS checks and references.

Every staff team member meets regularly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

Safeguarding

Parish safeguarding is supported by Andrea Pethick and Janet Spencer.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) which has been incorporated into the Church Safeguarding Policy and embedded through our safeguarding practices.

The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Dashboard for monitoring compliance with safeguarding best practice.

Reference and administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter has pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Church Addresses

St Matthew's Parish Church, Lower Summerlands, Exeter EX1 2LJ
St Matthew's Church Office, St Matthew's Church Hall, Clifton Road, Exeter EX1 2BS

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024 when the Co Church Joint Council was formed are listed below. Those trustees who have resigned fully from the charity are noted separately whereas the remaining trustees continue on the formation to the Joint Council as of 1 January 2025.

Ex Officio members
Clergy

Rev Edward Hodges		Incumbent
Rev Maciej Stanislaw Deptula		Vicar
Rev Vanessa Pestridge	Resigned 14 July 2024	Curate

Church Wardens
Mark Hobson
Rebecca Barratt

Elected Members

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Neil Williams		Treasurer
Kate Jackson		
Kim Wilding	Resigned 31 December 2024	
Jon Kow		
Georgia Hutson	Resigned 31 December 2024	
Adam Westaway	Resigned 31 December 2024	
Jade Faulkner-Lloyd	Resigned 31 December 2024	
Chloe Christine		
Frank Ford		

Co-opted Members

Mike Cleveland	Retired Clergy

Key management personnel include all members of the PCC as well as the Operations Director (Sophie Giles) and the Kids & Families Pastor (Jessica Hodges).

Investment Managers

CCLA, One Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 234 High Street, Exeter, EX4 3NL

Independent Examiner

Mrs S Truran FCCA, FCA
Streets Bush Chartered Accountants,
2 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX1 1QT

This report was approved by the Joint Council on 28th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev Edward Hodges — Mark Hobson

Chair — Church Warden
On behalf of the Co Church Joint Council

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
Year Ending 31 December 2024

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the church's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

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

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

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

S. Truran

Mrs S Truran FCCA, FCA
Streets Bush Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Barnfield Crescent
Exeter EX1 1QT
Dated: 14 May 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COJNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year Ending 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
INCOME FROM							
Donations and legacies	2a)	252,482	37,203	289,685	222,499	347,920	570,419
Charitable activities	2b)	3,963	2,130	6,093	2,114	200	2,314
Other trading activities	2c)	22,917	-	22,917	21,253	-	21,253
Investments	2d)	39,922	-	39,922	25,051	-	25,051
TOTAL INCOME		319,284	39,333	358,617	270,917	348,120	619,037
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable Activities	3c)	223,257	252,415	475,672	176,132	169,971	346,103
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		223,257	252,415	475,672	176,132	169,971	346,103
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		96,027	(213,082)	(117,055)	94,785	178,149	272,934
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	(78,617)	-	(78,617)	5,198	-	5,198
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		17,410	(213,082)	(195,672)	99,983	178,149	278,132
Transfers	13	31,972	(31,972)	-	27,741	(27,741)	-
Reserves brought forward	13	1,254,351	346,886	1,601,237	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105
Reserves carried forward	14	1,303,733	101,832	1,405,565	1,254,351	346,886	1,601,237

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		577,429		589,252
Investment Property	8		250,000		330,000
Investments	9		61,824		60,441
			889,253		979,693
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	10	24,688		20,137	
Cash at bank and in hand		513,201		624,363	
		537,889		644,500	
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	11	21,577		22,956	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			516,312		621,544
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,405,565		1,601,237
NET ASSETS			1,405,565		1,601,237
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted Reserves					
General			1,303,733		1,254,351
Designated			-		-
	13		1,303,733		1,254,351
Restricted Reserves	13		101,832		346,886
			1,405,565		1,601,237

These financial statements were approved by the Joint Council on 28th April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ed Hodges

Rev Edward Hodges
Chair

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1	(104,214)	376,794
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of fixed assets		(6,948)	(24,868)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(6,948)	(24,868)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(111,162)	351,926
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		624,363	272,437
Total cash and cash equivalents at the year end	2	513,201	624,363

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
As at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	(195,672)	278,132
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	18,771	20,793
(Gain)/loss on investments	78,617	(5,198)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	1,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,551)	74,579
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(1,379)	7,488
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(104,214)	376,794
2 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	502,538	613,700
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	10,663	10,663
	513,201	624,363

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity is continuing as a Joint Council as stated in the annual report.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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

Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities
Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities
Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments
Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Dividends are accounted for when due and payable.

Expenditure
Raising funds
Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities
Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

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

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Freehold property
Freehold property is valued at purchase price. The PCC does not depreciate its freehold properties as it judges any depreciation charge to be immaterial on the basis of the long life and high residual value on the basis of the PCC's policy of regular maintenance. The PCC carries out periodic impairment reviews.

Other fixed assets
Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
Computers and equipment - 5 years

Investment properties
Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations as at the year end.

Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the year end as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
2a) Donations and legacies				
Planned giving	183,144	-	183,144	137,946
Gift aid recoverable	36,463	-	36,463	32,484
Collections	5,467	-	5,467	6,693
General donations and appeals	27,408	550	27,958	52,857
SDF grants	-	36,613	36,613	338,289
Other grants	-	40	40	2,150
	252,482	37,203	289,685	570,419
2b) Charitable activities				
Weddings and funerals	2,037	-	2,037	518
Student weekend away and activities	1,926	2,130	4,056	1,741
Youth Spree	-	-	-	55
	3,963	2,130	6,093	2,314
2c) Other trading activities				
St Matts Hall rental	13,778	-	13,778	11,770
St Matts parking	9,139	-	9,139	9,483
	22,917	-	22,917	21,253
2d) Investments				
Dividends and interest	19,922	-	19,922	4,728
Crown House rental	20,000	-	20,000	20,323
	39,922	-	39,922	25,051
Total income	319,284	39,333	358,617	619,037

3 Expenditure on		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a) Charitable activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	(Note 6)	11,995	836	12,831	8,378
LYN Food bank	(Note 13)	-	-	-	568
Diocesan common fund		59,946	-	59,946	56,326
Ministry costs		2,011	30	2,041	2,194
Cost of services		14,474	415	14,889	18,567
Worship & production costs		5,235	-	5,235	2,018
Youth, students & children's work		9,390	77	9,467	11,196
Staff costs	(Note 4)	43,279	31,746	75,025	110,288
Maintenance and repairs		17,489	-	17,489	4,594
Major improvements		-	218,897	218,897	69,052
Church running costs		16,881	129	17,010	22,043
Church hall running costs		2,932	-	2,932	2,631
Administrative costs		17,331	285	17,616	13,163
Depreciation		18,771	-	18,771	20,793
Support and governance costs					
Legal and professional fees		643	-	643	1,472
Independent examiner's fee		2,880	-	2,880	2,820
Total Expenditure		223,257	252,415	475,672	346,103

4 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	71,587	104,573
Social security costs	1,411	3,591
Employers pension contributions	1,413	2,124
Relocation costs	614	-
	75,025	110,288
Average number of employees	4	5
Average full time equivalent	4	4

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2023: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension and employer's national insurance contributions) to key management personnel was £62,275 (2023: £87,282).

5 Related party transactions

Jessica Hodges is married to Edward Hodges, who is the incumbent and chair of the PCC. Jessica Hodges is employed as the kids and families pastor and received a gross salary of £20,565 (2023: £20,565) and employer's pension contributions of £430 (2023: £430).

During the year to 31 December 2024, the charity received £57,080 (2023: £41,273) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The gifts did not have any conditions which require the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

No other transactions or expenses were undertaken with any other PCC member, personal closely connected to them or related parties.

6 Missionary and charitable giving

	2024	2023
	£	£
CTaX	35	35
Crossline	400	-
Exminster Connect	1,000	-
Foodbank	800	1,200
Fusion	1,000	500
Home for Good	400	600
ICF Charitable Trust	500	150
Joyfest	-	416
Nayamba Trust	725	500
Open Doors	725	-
RD&E Neonatal ICU	-	250
St Petrock's	700	500
St Sidwell's School leaver's bibles	260	279
Street Pastors	500	300
Tearfund	725	300
The Beehive Foundation	725	250
YMCA	3,500	2,800
Unlimited Church	500	-
Other Discretionary Gifts	336	298
Total giving	12,831	8,378

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers and equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	514,066	98,528	54,699	667,293
Additions	5,250	-	1,698	6,948
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	519,316	98,528	56,397	674,241
Depreciation				
Brought forward	-	34,932	43,109	78,041
Charge for the year	-	9,853	8,918	18,771
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	44,785	52,027	96,812
Net book value				
Carried forward	519,316	53,743	4,370	577,429
Brought forward	514,066	63,596	11,590	589,252

Land and buildings only contains the St Matthew's Church Hall at deemed cost.

8 Investment property

	£
Market value brought forward	330,000
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	(80,000)
Market value carried forward	250,000

The only investment property held by the charity is Crown House, Exeter EX4 6PB. The charity have carried out a valuation of the property to determine its fair value. This was carried out on 27 March 2025 by an independent valuer, Stratton Creber, who has a relevant professional qualification and experience in this type of property. The valuation concluded that the fair value of the property is £250,000 which resulted in a loss on revaluation of £80,000. This has been reported in unrestricted reserves. A 10 year lease was entered into in 2019 with the current tenant so the charity is unable to realise the investment immediately.

9 Investments

	£
Market value brought forward	60,441
Disposal proceeds	-
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	1,383
Market value carried forward	61,824

Investments by class held at fair value	Investment property	Listed investments	Total
Market value brought forward	330,000	60,441	390,441
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	(80,000)	1,383	(78,617)
Market value carried forward	250,000	61,824	311,824

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,451	4,625
Prepayments	8,310	2,647
Other debtors	11,927	6,313
SDF income	-	6,552
	24,688	20,137

11 Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,647	11,948
Accruals	6,836	3,497
Deferred income	10,687	5,323
Other creditors	407	2,188
	21,577	22,956

12 Contingent assets

During 2019, St Matt's was awarded a Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grant of £1,333,068 by the Archbishops' Council towards the cost of growing mission in the city of Exeter over 5.5 years. This grant was applied for by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF), who was acting as an agent on behalf of St Matt's. The grant is claimed by filing expense claims in arrears, with all moneys going through the EDBF and being passed on to St Matt's. Each claim requires approval by administrators of the SDF to ensure it is in line with the original budget submitted. The Archbishops' Council reserves the right to terminate the award if it becomes substantially unlikely that St Matt's will be able to deliver its outcomes as set out in the original grant application. These performance related conditions prevent the full recognition of the grant. In 2022, St Matt's was awarded a further £269,309 for capital expenditure. So far St Matt's have managed to meet the conditions, so there does not appear to be a reason why the SDF income will not be available for 2025. Of the total grant of £1,602,377, £1,451,177 has been awarded, leaving £151,200 as a contingent asset (of which £50,000 for the second plant and £101,200 remaining for capital expenditure).

13 Movement in funds

2024

	Brought forward Reserves	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses)	Transfers	Carried forward Reserves
Unrestricted Reserves	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	1,254,351	306,689	(210,662)	(78,617)	31,972	1,303,733
Charitable Giving	-	12,595	(12,595)	-	-	-
	1,254,351	319,284	(223,257)	(78,617)	31,972	1,303,733
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Reserves						
SDF	334,023	36,613	(250,643)	-	(31,972)	88,021
LYN	2,863	40	(1,287)	-	-	1,616
KM	-	350	(285)	-	-	65
AW	-	200	(200)	-	-	-
Bequest	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Weekend Away Bursaries	-	2,130	-	-	-	2,130
	346,886	39,333	(252,415)	-	(31,972)	101,832
	1,601,237	358,617	(475,672)	(78,617)	-	1,405,565

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is a minimum of 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends and an uplift, as approved by the PCC. The PCC has agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2024 was £10,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC. The amount designated to be spent in 2025 is £8,000.

Restricted funds

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)

This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable.

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)

Love Your Neighbour began as our response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up Foodbank was set up to help those in our local community and we have continued to support the local community through our Neighbourhood Fund. This fund now supports other social transformation ministry including POLO Hope, a toddler group for families on the adoption journey and River cafe, a place where women can come for their probation appointments.

Bequest

This fund contains a bequest to be used on St Andrew's, Exwick. The fund will be spent on building and staff costs.

KW and AW donations

These are kind donations to support the work of the church.

Weekend Away (WA)

We invited people to make donations to cover the cost of those who might not otherwise be able to afford to come on the church weekend away. These funds enabled everyone that wanted to be there, to come on the church weekend away.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

2023

	Brought forward Reserves	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses)	Transfers	Carried forward Reserves
Unrestricted Reserves	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	1,126,627	262,837	(168,052)	5,198	27,741	1,254,351
Charitable Giving		8,080	(8,080)			-
	1,126,627	270,917	(176,132)	5,198	27,741	1,254,351
Restricted Reserves						
SDF (see below)	147,203	338,289	(151,469)	-	-	334,023
LYN (see below)	10,106	581	(568)	-	(7,256)	2,863
Extension	9,000	-	(9,000)	-	-	-
Capital Projects	19,480	8,250	(7,245)	-	(20,485)	-
BTG	689	-	(689)	-	-	-
Bequest CW	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-
	196,478	348,120	(169,971)	-	(27,741)	346,886
	1,323,105	619,037	(346,103)	5,198	-	1,601,237

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is made up of approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends. The PCC has agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2023 was £8,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC. The amount designated to be spent in 2024 is £10,000.

Restricted funds

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)

This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable.

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)

Love Your Neighbour is our social response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up food bank was set up to help those in our local

Extension

This fund was spent in 2023 on the extension work to the church.

Capital Projects

This fund contains a restricted gift from members of the congregation to be used on the kitchen refurbishment in the hall and replacement of church carpets. Carpet and kitchen expenses totalled £7,245 and £20,485, respectively, with kitchen refurbishments being treated as capital expenditure.

BTG (Bridge the Gap)

This fund was used for an Exeter football tournament. Funds were received into the LYN fund in 2021 which have been transferred to the BTG fund in 2022 and 2023.

Bequest

This fund contains a bequest to be used on the plant at Exwick which will take place in 2024. The fund will be spent on building and staff costs.

Donation

This fund was used to pay for children's toys from a donation of £1,000 during the year, which has been fully used up.

14 Analysis of Assets and Liabilities Between Funds

2024	Unrestricted Reserves £	Restricted Reserves £	Total £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	577,429	-	577,429
Investment Property	250,000	-	250,000
Investments	61,824	-	61,824
	889,253	-	889,253
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	15,463	9,225	24,688
Cash at bank and in hand	420,594	92,607	513,201
	436,057	101,832	537,889
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	(21,577)	-	(21,577)
Net assets	1,303,733	101,832	1,405,565

2023	Unrestricted Reserves £	Restricted Reserves £	Total £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	589,252	-	589,252
Investment Property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	60,441	-	60,441
	979,693	-	979,693
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	13,585	6,552	20,137
Cash at bank and in hand	277,477	346,886	624,363
	291,062	353,438	644,500
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	(16,404)	(6,552)	(22,956)
Net assets	1,254,351	346,886	1,601,237

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

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ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
Year Ending 31 December 2023

Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC confirms that it has given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Objectives and Activities

We believe this involves:

- Inviting those outside the church to encounter Jesus and explore faith;
- Creating community and developing a deep experience of belonging;
- Equipping our members to live effective Christian lives in every sphere of society; and
- Sending out our members to transform society and proclaim hope.

To fulfil this vision, our aims are:

- To build a worshipping, praying and spirit filled community;
- To strengthen community and deepen relationships throughout the church and community;
- To equip every member to live a distinctively Christian life which brings God's Kingdom into homes, schools, universities and workplaces;
- To evangelise and spread the gospel;
- To engage children and young people in the Christian faith; and

- To offer pastoral care and support to those living in Newtown and beyond.

2023 has been a year of change and growth for St Matt's. As we approach the end of the initial funding period for the work we are doing in partnership with the Diocese of Exeter and supported by Strategic Development Funding (SDF), our focus has been on future sustainability, consolidating growth, restructuring our staff team and facilities and developing future church plants. As a result, 2023 has seen significant change to the way we deliver our core objectives by making greater use of volunteers and streamlining the operational needs of the church.

The work of the last four years will continue when the SDF funding finishes in August 2024. With this in mind, the PCC and senior management team have been working on a comprehensive financial plan to ensure continuation of our core activities. This plan depends on much greater volunteer engagement and careful financial planning.

Alongside this we have focused upon the consolidation of growth in church activities throughout the week. The number of people engaged by St Matt's has grown significantly. A primary focus of 2023 has been to deepen this community and help those new to faith to be actively involved in the life of the church. With the exception of our Student and Younger Youth ministries, all areas of church life have grown numerically. We see the consolidation of this growth to be crucial to enable future planting and help the church to be sustainable into the future.

To enable further growth, we have also been restructuring our staff team and facilities to better meet the needs of our current activities. All ministry areas rely upon strong teams of volunteers to deliver their groups. Rev Matt Clayton left the staff team and PCC in December 2022 to lead another church in the city. He had primarily been responsible for the leadership of our Students (18-30s) and Youth (11-18s) ministry areas. Given the proportionately lower numbers attending these activities, the PCC decided to consolidate his role and the role of Youth Pastor into a new Ministry Head position to encompass both ministries. Therefore, the Youth Pastor role was made redundant in July 2023. The PCC continues to recruit for this senior role and hopes to appoint a suitable candidate in 2024 who will develop Youth and Student activities across our services.

Our volunteers include some 'Super Volunteers' who play a key part in the delivery of our activity and maintenance of our buildings.

In 2023, preparatory works to begin construction of an extension on the church to house six toilets and a small break-out room continued with the expectation that works will be completed in 2024. This will be the final piece of a 3 phase project to upgrade St Matthew's church to meet the needs of our activities.

Finally, a significant project undertaken by St Matt's in 2023 has been the establishment of a 'church planting' project in St Andrew's Exwick. At the invitation of the Bishops of Exeter and Crediton, St Matt's was invited to propose a plan for a strategic partnership between our churches to enable church growth in Exwick. In August 2023, Rev Ed Hodges was licensed as Priest in Charge of Exwick parish and Rev Mack Deptula was appointed Curate at both St Andrew's and St Matthew with St Sidwell. We intend to continue building these strategic links and look to streamline the governance of both parishes to reflect this relationship. In the meantime, the PCC has agreed to support the revitalisation of activities at St Andrew's by providing equipment and staff resource.

Overall, we aspire for St Matt's to become fully self-sustaining in the longer term by building a growing community of active Christians who embody the Diocesan vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

The largest gathering of people at St Matt's continue to be our services of worship, encouragement and prayer. There have been 3 weekly services held throughout the year including:

- A midweek traditional Eucharist; and
- 2 contemporary and accessible Sunday services at 10am and 6pm.

Collectively these services attract up to 400 worshippers each week, including over 60 children. Services are supported by a variety of volunteer teams including cafe, hosting, kids, worship and production and overseen by employed members of staff. These teams offer opportunities to serve the wider work of the church and encourage hands-on engagement in our worship and mission.

Prayer and worship provide an important foundation for the wider activities of the church. In response to feedback from members of the community, our patterns of weekly prayer changed in Summer 2022. We designated 2023 as a 'Year of Prayer'

with weekly lunchtime prayer meetings and increasing our 'Kingdom Come' events to every month. These provide an opportunity for worship and to pray for the needs of the church and city. St Matt's has a growing worship team, resourced by approximately 50 volunteers who lead worship at our services and events like Kingdom Come and Alpha.

Creating and Strengthening Community

St Matt's exists to create and strengthen community through belonging. One of the ways this is achieved is through midweek groups. In response to strategic analysis by our staff team, we restructured groups to make them more easily accessible in 2023. At present there are 19 groups meeting fortnightly across Exeter and beyond. These groups are led by trained volunteers who organise, teach and pastor their attendees. Groups provide the environment for deep, long-lasting relationships and support for pastoral needs. They create opportunities for spiritual growth and seek to find ways they can impact their local communities. We actively encourage groups to play their part in the transformation of their locality.

Equipping the Church

St Matt's seeks to be a church that equips every member to influence the world around them. Our intention is to deploy equipped and motivated Christians into a variety of areas, supported by the church to reduce poverty and isolation and transform society in Exeter. We also continue to support and encourage members of our community to play an active role in outreach and social action through partner organisations. These have included organisations supporting those leaving the care system, adoption, fostering and homeless feeding programmes.

In September 2023, we started River Café, a women only space where women on probation can come and meet their Probation Officers and Support Workers. The vision for River Café is to create a welcoming space where the women who come feel seen, valued and respected.

We also seek to invest in leaders and future leaders of the Church of England. St Matt's is responsible for the training and development of Rev Vanessa Pestridge who will serve her Curacy in the parish until 2024. She is involved in a number of areas including leading volunteer teams, training small group leaders, midweek services and pastoral visiting. In 2023, she was joined by Rev Mack Deptula who is currently serving a hybrid curacy between St Matt's and St Andrew's Exwick. We continue to identify potential candidates for ministry within the Church of England

and support their training and development. There are currently 3 ordinands training for ministry at St Mellitus South West and serving their placement at St Matt's.

Evangelism

St Matt's continues to be a church which attracts and engages those outside the church. We are committed to running the Alpha course from Holy Trinity Brompton as an accessible and replicable model of evangelism. Each term, we promote the upcoming course and encourage our members to invite family, friends and colleagues to try Alpha and explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. In 2023, two courses have been offered in person attracting a peak attendance of 30 guests. We also continue to offer other courses and events which provide easy opportunities for those attending to explore faith and find out about Christianity.

Children and Young People

St Matt's is an intentionally multigenerational church with an emphasis upon reaching those groups who are least likely to attend church. Namely, families with young children, students and young adults. St Matt's designation as a Diocesan Resource Church places special emphasis upon engaging children, families and university students and these continue to be top priorities for St Matt's. Despite the lack of a designated Student or Youth Pastor for much of 2023, we have continued to offer these groups and events. The student ministry is now attended by around 30 students. We intend to focus on this area further once a new Ministry Head has been appointed as it remains an under-reached area of the city's demography.

A crucial area of engagement with children and young people is at our Sunday services. Our Sunday Kids groups regularly attract over 50 children and their parents and are led and facilitated by a volunteer team in the church hall. In addition there are Sunday groups for 11-14 year olds and midweek groups for young people aged 15-18.

To support families of younger children, we offer POLO (Parents of Little Ones), a mid-week group for parents and toddlers with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in the early stages of their children's lives. This has been a great group to invite local families to who might otherwise not attend church as it has a wider appeal to those who value the support of other parents with young children. We regularly see over 50 kids and 50 adults attending. In addition to this throughout 2023, we have offered POLO Tinies (for children aged 1 and under). This group has

grown and developed significantly and currently has between 15-20 regular attendees.

St Matt's also plays an active role in its designated parish school, St Sidwell's. Our Kids and Families Pastor is supported by key volunteers in delivery of collective worship and providing pastoral care to the school staff team.

Other Activities (inc. Ecumenical Relationships)

As a Resource Church, St Matt's is committed to fruitful partnerships with other churches and faith-based organisations. This is partially achieved by the involvement of clergy and lay-leaders in ecumenical groups, and we are also members of Churches Together in Exeter. We continue to offer consultancy and training to local organisations and churches seeking to enhance their own services and activities using our models.

Additionally a number of other faith based and community organisations make use of our premises. This has included hosting regional strategic events on behalf of the Diocese of Exeter, regional Alpha UK events, local school performances and charity fundraisers.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year was £270,917 (2022: £220,333) of which £222,499 (2022: £172,547) was donations. The £348,120 (2022: £210,509) of restricted income includes £338,289 (2022: £171,784) of SDF income. £346,103 (2022: £335,005) was spent to provide Christian ministry at St Matt's and St Sidwell's Churches, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. This is the amount that the churches in the diocese are asked to contribute to cover these costs. It is calculated by a formula based mainly on the head count of the congregation. The expenditure also includes £69,052 (2022: £54,669) spent on major improvements to the church building.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £272,934 (2022: £95,837) before gains/losses on investments. After adjusting for gains on investments, the net surplus for the year was £278,132 (2022: £88,466).

The PCC receives rental income from renting the church hall, hall car park and some spaces in the church car park.

The PCC has designated approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends to charities of their choice. This designated fund is called "Charitable Giving" in the accounts. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2024 is £10,000.

Reserves Policy

The Finance Team has built on the established budget monitoring process to develop more detailed reporting and analysis to support the decision making of the PCC as it leads the church through a period of growth and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. The PCC aims to hold free reserves broadly equivalent to 3 months' expenditure (£91,000) for the following reasons:

1. To manage cash flow and contractual obligations;

2. In case of significant building maintenance being required; and

3. Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

The PCC has approved a budget for 2024 with a deficit of £20,000. This deficit is predominantly due to the PCC approaching the end of our SDF funding and needing to partially fund some of the staff salaries. The PCC was willing to approve a deficit budget as expenditure will be reviewed throughout the year against projected and actual income and spending can be reduced if deemed necessary. The PCC have also been anticipating this need to bridge the gap between SDF funding and ongoing financial sustainability and as such, have reserves available to cover the deficit if necessary.

The total net assets as at the year end were £1,601,237, and of these, £346,886 are restricted reserves. Of the remaining £1,254,351 unrestricted general funds, £589,252 is held as tangible fixed assets, and £330,000 in investment property. The remaining free reserves held by the PCC are £335,099.

This is in excess of the reserves policy by £244,099. We are continuing to hold reserves in excess of the policy as we work towards establishing financial sustainability at the end of the external SDF funding period. The funding period ends in August 2024. Detailed forecasting has been carried out to build a clear financial picture of the next 6 years. We are anticipating deficit budgets until 2030 so the reserves are being held to cover these deficits.

Risk Management

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities in which the PCC is involved, including employers' and public liability.

We have in place a resilient safeguarding procedure for the recruitment of staff and new volunteers particularly for the Kids and Youth team.

The PCC holds a Risk Register that is reviewed on a regular basis by the senior staff team and is presented to the PCC each year.

Our investments have stabilised having dropped in value earlier in the year.

Income and expenditure is being actively monitored by the Finance Team. We currently have reserves that would be able to support activity should the need arise toward the end of 2024. The PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, the Church Wardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC. There were 109 members in 2023.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Ecclesiastical purposes, and the power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers.

The PCC met 7 times during 2023. During these meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 23rd May 2023.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and two other PCC members. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

A Finance Team has been established to work towards the PCC being self-sustainable at the end of the SDF income and to review the quarterly management accounts and other financial papers.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

The staff team comprises an Operations Director, Worship Pastor, Kids & Families Pastor and Operations & Leadership Administrator. It has previously also included a Youth Pastor but this role was made redundant in July 2023. Each staff member will have an annual Personal Development Review which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year and identify which strategic priorities they are responsible for.

We also have a volunteer Parish & Teams Administrator in post who supports the staff team by completing various administrative tasks and a Facilities Co-ordinator who helps to oversee the maintenance and cleaning of the buildings. We have also more recently recruited a volunteer DBS Administrator who processes all our DBS checks and references.

Every staff team member meets regularly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

Safeguarding

Parish safeguarding is supported by Andrea Pethick and Janet Spencer.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) which has been incorporated into the Church Safeguarding Policy and embedded through our safeguarding practices.

The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Dashboard for monitoring compliance with safeguarding best practice.

Reference and administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter has pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Church Addresses

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Charity Registration Number: 1169445
Tel: 01392 248322 Email: hello@stmattsexeter.org Web: www.stmattsexeter.org

St Sidwell's Chapel, Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NN

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio members	
Clergy	
Rev Edward Hodges (Chair)	Incumbent
Rev Maciej Stanislaw Deptula (from July 2023)	Vicar
Rev Vanessa Pestridge	Curate
Church Wardens	
Mark Hobson	
Rebecca Barratt	
Elected Members	
Chloe Christine	
Jade Faulkner-Lloyd	
John Kow	
Kim Wilding	
Neil Williams	Treasurer
Adam Westaway	
Frank Ford (from May 2023)	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
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Co-opted Members

Mike Cleveland — Retired Clergy
(with PTO)

Key management personnel include all members of the PCC as well as the Operations Director (Sophie Giles), the Kids & Families Pastor (Jessica Hodges) and the Worship Pastor (Josh Chesworth until September 2023).

Investment Managers

CCLA Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, LONDON EC4V 4ET

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 234 High Street, EXETER EX4 3NL

Independent Examiner

Mrs S Truran FCCA, FCA
Bush & Co Chartered Accountants,
2 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX1 1QT

This report was approved by the PCC on **22nd April** 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev Edward Hodges — Mark Hobson

PCC Chair — PCC Church Warden

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
Year Ending 31 December 2023

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the church's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

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

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

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

S. Truran

Mrs S Truran FCCA, FCA
Bush & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Barnfield Crescent
Exeter EX1 1QT
Dated: 28 MAY 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year Ending 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM							
Donations and legacies	2a)	222,499	347,920	570,419	172,547	209,722	382,269
Charitable activities	2b)	2,114	200	2,314	6,281	787	7,068
Other trading activities	2c)	21,253	-	21,253	19,818	-	19,818
Investments	2d)	25,051	-	25,051	21,687	-	21,687
TOTAL INCOME		270,917	348,120	619,037	220,333	210,509	430,842
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable activities	3a)	176,132	169,971	346,103	164,951	170,054	335,005
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		176,132	169,971	346,103	164,951	170,054	335,005
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	9	94,785	178,149	272,934	55,382	40,455	95,837
Net gains/(losses) on investments		5,198	-	5,198	(7,371)	-	(7,371)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		99,983	178,149	278,132	48,011	40,455	88,466
Transfers	13	27,741	(27,741)	-	(492)	492	-
Reserves brought forward	13	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105	1,079,108	155,531	1,234,639
Reserves carried forward	14	1,254,351	346,886	1,601,237	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		589,252		585,177
Investment property	8		330,000		330,000
Investments	9		60,441		55,243
			979,693		970,420
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		-		1,000	
Debtors and prepayments	10	20,137		94,716	
Cash at bank and in hand		624,363		272,437	
		644,500		368,153	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	22,956		15,468	
Net current assets			621,544		352,685
Total assets less current liabilities			1,601,237		1,323,105
NET ASSETS			1,601,237		1,323,105
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted reserves					
General			1,254,351		1,126,627
	13		1,254,351		1,126,627
Restricted reserves	13		346,886		196,478
			1,601,237		1,323,105

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 22nd April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev Edward Hodges
PCC Chair

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	376,794	112,824
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(24,868)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(24,868)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		351,926	112,824
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		272,437	159,613
Total cash and cash equivalents at the year end	2	624,363	272,437

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
1	**Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flows from operating activities**		
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	278,132	88,466
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	20,793	17,868
	Gain on investments	(5,198)	7,371
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	1,000	773
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	74,579	9,273
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,488	(10,927)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	376,794	112,824
2	**Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**		
	Cash at bank and in hand	613,700	261,774
	Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	10,663	10,663
		624,363	272,437

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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

Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities
Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities
Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments
Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Dividends are accounted for when due and payable.

Expenditure

Raising funds
Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities
Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Freehold property
Freehold property is valued at purchase price. The PCC does not depreciate its freehold properties as it judges any depreciation charge to be immaterial on the basis of the long life and high residual value on the basis of the PCC's policy of regular maintenance. The PCC carries out periodic impairment reviews.

Other fixed assets
Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
Computers and equipment - 5 years

Investment properties
Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated.

Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2a) Donations and legacies				
Planned giving	137,946	-	137,946	125,474
Gift aid recoverable	31,228	1,256	32,484	26,593
Collections	6,693	-	6,693	3,568
General donations and appeals	46,632	6,225	52,857	52,850
SDF grants	-	338,289	338,289	171,784
Other grants	-	2,150	2,150	2,000
	222,499	347,920	570,419	382,269
2b) Charitable activities				
Weddings and funerals	518	-	518	1,180
Student weekend away	1,541	200	1,741	5,763
Youth Events	55	-	55	125
	2,114	200	2,314	7,068
2c) Other trading activities				
St Matthew's Church Hall rental	11,770	-	11,770	13,154
St Matthew's parking	9,483	-	9,483	6,664
	21,253	-	21,253	19,818

2d Investments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest	4,728	-	4,728	1,687
Crown House rental	20,323	-	20,323	20,000
	25,051	-	25,051	21,687
Total income	270,917	348,120	619,037	430,842

3 Expenditure on:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
3a) Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving (Note 6)	7,378	1,000	8,378	11,278
LYN food bank (Note 13)	-	568	568	2,371
Diocesan common fund	56,326	-	56,326	51,821
Ministry costs	2,194	-	2,194	2,006
Cost of services	17,878	689	18,567	13,893
Worship & production costs	2,018	-	2,018	3,276
Youth, students & children's work	11,196	-	11,196	15,255
Staff costs (Note 4)	11,626	98,662	110,288	121,344
Maintenance and repairs	4,594	-	4,594	6,882
Major improvements	-	69,052	69,052	54,669
Church running costs	22,043	-	22,043	18,078
Church hall running costs	2,631	-	2,631	2,082
Administrative costs	13,163	-	13,163	11,491
Depreciation	20,793	-	20,793	17,868
Support and governance costs				
Legal and professional fees	1,472	-	1,472	576
Independent examiner's fee	2,820	-	2,820	2,115
	176,132	169,971	346,103	335,005

4 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	104,573	114,265
Social security costs	3,591	4,748
Employer's pension contributions	2,124	2,331
	110,288	121,344

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	5	6
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	4	4

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2022: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension and employer's national insurance contributions) to key management personnel was £87,282 (2022: £93,170).

5 Related party transactions

Jessica Hodges is married to Edward Hodges, who is the incumbent and chair of the PCC. Jessica Hodges is employed as the kids and families pastor and received gross salary of £20,565 (2022: £19,584) and employer's pension contributions of £430 (2022: £400).

During the year to 31 December 2023, the charity received £41,273 (2022: £72,010) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The gifts did not have any conditions which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

No other transactions or expenses were undertaken with any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

6 Missionary and charitable giving

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bridge The Gap	-	1,820
CAP	-	250
Children's Society	-	28
CoLab Exeter	-	165
CTaX	35	35
Foodbank	1,200	1,200
Fusion	500	-
Home for Good	600	600
ICE Charitable Trust	150	150
Joyfest	416	-
Nayamba Trust	500	485
Peninsula Initiative - SW Community Chaplaincy	-	600
Open Doors	-	250
RD&E Neonatal ICU	250	257
St Petrock's	500	500
St Sidwell's School leaver's Bibles	279	450
Street Pastors	300	300
Tearfund	300	500
The Beehive Foundation	250	250
Ukraine Appeal	-	638
YMCA	2,800	2,800
Other Discretionary gifts	298	-
	8,378	11,278

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Additions	-	20,485	4,383	24,868
Carried forward	514,066	98,528	54,699	667,293
Depreciation				
Brought forward	-	25,079	32,169	57,248
Charge for year	-	9,853	10,940	20,793
Carried forward	-	34,932	43,109	78,041
Net book value				
Carried forward	514,066	63,596	11,590	589,252
Brought forward	514,066	52,964	18,147	585,177

Land and buildings only contains the St Matthew's Church Hall at deemed cost.

8 Investment property

	£
Brought forward and carried forward	330,000

The only investment property held by the PCC is Crown House. The PCC have valued the property based on the fact that market rent is being charged at a rate of £20,000 per annum. A 10 year lease was entered into in 2019 with the current tenant, so the PCC believe the value is unlikely to have changed materially given vacant possession would not be possible on a sale.

9 Investments

	£
Market value brought forward	55,243
Disposal proceeds	-
Net gains on revaluation	5,198
Market value carried forward	60,441

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,625	3,724
Prepayments	2,647	2,222
Other debtors	6,313	5,018
SDF income	6,552	83,752
	20,137	94,716

11 Creditors and accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,948	3,750
Accruals	3,497	3,982
Deferred income	5,323	5,518
Other creditors	2,188	2,218
	22,956	15,468

12 Contingent assets

During 2019, St Matt's was awarded a Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grant of £1,333,068 by the Archbishops' Council towards the cost of growing mission in the city of Exeter over 5.5 years. This grant was applied for by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF), who was acting as an agent on behalf of St Matt's. The grant is claimed by filing expense claims in arrears, with all moneys going through the EDBF and being passed on to St Matt's. Each claim requires approval by administrators of the SDF to ensure it is in line with the original budget submitted. The Archbishops' Council reserves the right to terminate the award if it becomes substantially unlikely that St Matt's will be able to deliver its outcomes as set out in the original grant application. These performance related conditions prevent the full recognition of the grant. So far St Matt's have managed to meet the conditions, so there does not appear to be a reason why the SDF income will not be available for 2024. Of the total grant, £1,297,671 has been recognised, leaving £35,397 as a contingent asset.

13 Movement in funds

2023

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (losses) £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,126,627	262,837	(168,052)	5,198	27,741	1,254,351
Charitable Giving	-	8,080	(8,080)	-	-	-
	1,126,627	270,917	(176,132)	5,198	27,741	1,254,351
Restricted reserves						
SDF (see below)	147,203	338,289	(151,469)	-	-	334,023
LYN (see below)	10,106	581	(568)	-	(7,256)	2,863
Extension	9,000	-	(9,000)	-	-	-
Capital Projects	19,480	8,250	(7,245)	-	(20,485)	-
BTG	689	-	(689)	-	-	-
Bequest	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-
	196,478	348,120	(169,971)	-	(27,741)	346,886
	1,323,105	619,037	(346,103)	5,198	-	1,601,237

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is made up of approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends. The PCC has agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2023 was £8,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC. The amount designated to be spent in 2024 is £10,000.

Restricted funds

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)

This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)
Love Your Neighbour is our social response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up food bank was set up to help those in our local community.

Extension
This fund was spent in 2023 on the extension work to the church.

Capital Projects
This fund contains a restricted gift from members of the congregation to be used on the kitchen refurbishment in the hall and replacement of church carpets. Carpet and kitchen expenses totaled £7,245 and £20,485, respectively, with kitchen refurbishments being treated as capital expenditure.

BTG (Bridge the Gap)
This fund was used for an Exeter football tournament. Funds were received into the LYN fund in 2021 which have been transferred to the BTG fund in 2022 and 2023.

Bequest
This fund contains a bequest to be used on the plant at Exwick which will take place in 2024. The fund will be spent on building and staff costs.

Donation
This fund was used to pay for childrens toys from a donation of £1,000 during the year, which has been fully used up.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

2022

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,079,108	213,768	(158,386)	(7,371)	(492)	1,126,627
Charitable Giving	-	6,565	(6,565)	-	-	-
	1,079,108	220,333	(164,951)	(7,371)	(492)	1,126,627
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	28	631	(1,151)	-	492	-
SDF	134,292	171,784	(158,873)	-	-	147,203
LYN	12,211	2,050	(2,371)	-	(1,784)	10,106
Extension	9,000	-	-	-	-	9,000
Capital Projects	-	25,000	(5,520)	-	-	19,480
NICU	-	257	(257)	-	-	-
BTG	-	787	(1,882)	-	1,784	689
Bequest	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	155,531	210,509	(170,054)	-	492	196,478
	1,234,639	430,842	(335,005)	(7,371)	-	1,323,105

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds

2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	589,252	-	589,252
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	60,441	-	60,441
Debtors and prepayments	13,585	6,552	20,137
Cash at bank and in hand	277,477	346,886	624,363
Current liabilities	(16,404)	(6,552)	(22,956)
Net assets	1,254,351	346,886	1,601,237

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds (continued)

2022			
Tangible fixed assets	585,177	-	585,177
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	55,243	-	55,243
Stock	1,000	-	1,000
Debtors and prepayments	10,964	83,752	94,716
Cash at bank and in hand	159,711	112,726	272,437
Current liabilities	(15,468)	-	(15,468)
Net assets	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105

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Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st December 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
Year Ending 31 December 2022

Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC confirms that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Objectives and Activities

We believe this involves:

- Inviting those outside the church to encounter Jesus and explore faith;
- Creating community and developing a deep experience of belonging;
- Equipping our members to live effective Christian lives in every sphere of society; and
- Sending out our members to transform society and proclaim hope.

To fulfil this vision, our aims are:

- To build a worshipping, praying and spirit filled community;
- To strengthen community and deepen relationships throughout the church and community;
- To equip every member to live a distinctively Christian life which brings God's Kingdom into homes, schools, universities and workplaces;
- To evangelise and spread the gospel;
- To engage children and young people in the Christian faith; and
- To offer pastoral care and support to those living in Newtown and beyond.

2022 has been a period of sustained growth for St Matt's. With the impact of the Covid-19 related restrictions now behind us, we have been able to refocus our efforts upon growing the

church community, increasing the impact of our current activities and developing strategic goals for the next few years. A primary task has been to consolidate our current activities with a view to multiplying them in readiness for church planting and further growth. Throughout much of the year, we have been developing plans to establish a new campus in another area of the city. This will enable new worshipping communities to be built, greater services provided to children and families and further opportunities to authentically evangelise.

As we approach the end of our Strategic Development Funding (SDF), we continue to carefully plan both financially and operationally for the sustainable future of the organisation. We intend for St Matt's to become fully self-sustaining in the longer term by building a growing community of active Christians who embody the Diocesan vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

In December 2022, Rev Matt Clayton was appointed leader of Unlimited Church. Unlimited is a youth focused church located in central Exeter which will provide an excellent opportunity for Matt to use his skills and talents to further the church in Exeter. We are immensely grateful to Matt for his hard work and contribution to St Matt's.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

The largest gathering of people at St Matt's continue to be our services of worship, encouragement and prayer. There have been 3 weekly services held throughout the year including:

- A midweek traditional Eucharist; and
- 2 contemporary and accessible Sunday services at 10am and 6pm.

Collectively these services attract up to 360 worshippers each week. Services are supported by a variety of volunteer teams including cafe, hosting, worship and production and overseen by employed members of staff. These teams offer opportunities to serve the wider work of the church and encourage hands-on engagement in our worship and mission.

Prayer and worship provide an important foundation for the wider activities of the church. In response to feedback from members of the community, our patterns of weekly prayer changed in Summer 2022. Rather than an 8am weekly prayer gathering, we intend to offer a lunchtime prayer meeting in 2023. We continued our pattern of half-termly 'Kingdom Come' events which include worship and prayer to pray for the needs of the church and city. St Matt's has a growing worship team, resourced by approximately 45 volunteers who lead worship at our services and events like Kingdom Come and Alpha.

Creating and Strengthening Community

St Matt's exists to create and strengthen community through belonging. One of the ways this is achieved is through midweek Groups. In response to strategic analysis by our staff team, we restructured groups to make them more easily accessible, replicable and to improve the leadership. At present there are 16 groups meeting fortnightly across Exeter and beyond. These groups are led by trained volunteers who organise, teach and pastor their attendees. Groups are now more flexible with some forming for a term and others being more permanent. This reflects the changing needs and life stages of the group members and makes leadership more manageable for the volunteers involved.

Connect Groups provide the environment for deep, long-lasting relationships and support for pastoral needs. They create opportunities for spiritual growth and seek to find ways they can impact their local communities. We actively encourage groups to play their part in the transformation of their locality.

Equipping the Church

St Matt's seeks to be a church that equips every member to influence the sphere of society in which they find themselves. We encourage and pray for those working in business, healthcare, education, the home and the charitable and care sectors and this is often emphasised in our gatherings and services. Our intention is to deploy these equipped Christians into a variety of areas, supported by the church to reduce poverty and isolation and transform society in Exeter. We also continue to support and encourage members of our community to play an active role in outreach and social action through partner organisations. These have included organisations supporting those leaving the care system, adoption, fostering and homeless feeding programmes.

We also seek to invest in leaders and future leaders of the Church of England. St Matt's is responsible for the training and development of Revd. Vanessa Pestridge who will serve her Curacy in the parish until 2024. She is involved in a number of areas including leading volunteer teams, training small group leaders, midweek services and pastoral visiting. We continue to identify potential candidates for ministry within the Church of England and support their training and development. In 2022, we referred 8 people to the Diocese of Exeter for further exploration and discernment.

Evangelism

St Matt's continues to be a church which attracts and engages those outside the church. We are committed to running the Alpha course from Holy Trinity Brompton as an accessible and replicable model of evangelism. Each term, we promote the upcoming course and encourage our members to invite family, friends and colleagues to try Alpha and explore the big questions

of life, faith and meaning. From September 2022, courses have been offered in person attracting a peak attendance of 35 guests. We also continue to offer other courses and events which provide easy opportunities for those attending to explore faith and find out about Christianity.

Children and Young People

St Matt's is an intentionally multigenerational church with an emphasis upon reaching those groups who are least likely to attend church. Namely, families with young children, students and young adults. St Matt's designation as a Diocesan Resource Church places special emphasis upon engaging children, families and university students and these continue to be top priorities for us. Our recently launched student group attracts over 60 people and these students are heavily involved in the volunteer teams of the church.

A crucial area of engagement with children and young people is at our Sunday services. Our Sunday Kid's groups regularly attracts over 45 children and their parents and are led and facilitated by a volunteer team in the church hall. In addition, there are Sunday groups for 11-14 year olds and midweek groups for young people aged 15-18.

To support families of younger children, we offer POLO, (Parents of Little Ones), a mid-week group for parents and toddlers with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in the early stages of their children's lives. The peak attendance in 2022 was 129 people – 68 children and 61 adults. This has been a great group to invite local families to who might otherwise not attend church as it has a wider appeal to those who value the support of other parents with young children. We also offered Alpha as a follow-on to POLO for the first time in 2022.

Other Activities (inc. Ecumenical Relationships)

As a Resource Church, St Matt's is committed to fruitful partnerships with other churches and faith-based organisations. This is partially achieved by the involvement of clergy and lay-leaders in ecumenical groups, and we are also members of Churches Together in Exeter. We continue to offer consultancy and training to local organisations and churches seeking to enhance their own services and activities using our models.

Additionally, a number of other faith based and community organisations make use of our premises. This has included hosting regional strategic events on behalf of the Diocese of Exeter, regional Alpha UK events, local school performances and charity fundraisers.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Christianity Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod. Among the items discussed were:

- Three brief presentations on the Next Steps document:
    - Growth Values, how the culture of a church is expressed in behaviour, attitudes and relationships of the people that make it.
    - Mixed Ecology of Church and building up the Parish.
    - Healthy Mission Community Audit - it was noted that although some elements would be common to all Mission Communities, for example, having vision and strategy as well as the resources of people, money and buildings to deliver them, there would be differences in each particular place.
- Election result of four members of the House of Laity to represent the Diocese in General Synod including Georgia Willis from St Matt's Exeter.
- The meeting held on 26th March 2022 included an update on the situation regarding arrangements for refugee sponsorship for those coming to the UK from Ukraine. Further information on support and prayer for Ukraine is available on the Diocesan website.

Church Fabric

In 2021, St Matt's sought a faculty to carry out phase two of a major renovation. This was granted in October 2021 and work began in December. The work was completed in early 2022 although some rectification work was needed for the steps to meet building control regulations. This is now complete.

There is now step free access between the stage (chancel) and ground floor of the church, a levelled stage and a store room underneath the organ.

Towards the end of 2022, we received Council planning permission for phase 3 of our building works. This will comprise an extension to the side of church, allowing for six new toilets and a breakout space which will be used on Sundays for parents and young babies and during the week as a meeting space. The installation of new toilets will greatly improve the experience of visiting St Matt's.

In 2022 we also replaced the fraying carpet with new carpet tiles. They are more resilient to wear and individual tiles are easily replaceable if needed.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year was £220,333 (2021: £152,852) of which £172,547 (2021: £118,380) was donations. The £210,509 (2021: £159,327) of restricted income includes £171,784 (2021: £150,357) of SDF income. £335,005 (2021: £286,129) was spent to provide Christian ministry at St Matt's and St Sidwell's Churches, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. This is the amount that the churches in the diocese are asked to contribute to cover these costs. It is calculated by a formula based mainly on the head count of the congregation. The amount also includes £54,669 (2021: £13,218) spent on major improvements to the church building.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £95,837 (2021: £26,050) before gains/losses on investments. After adjusting for losses on investments, the net income for the year was £88,466 (2021: £34,572).

The PCC receives rental income from renting the church hall, hall car park and some spaces in the church car park.

The PCC has designated approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends to charities of their choice. This designated fund is called "Charitable Giving" in the accounts. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2023 is £8,000. The PCC have also allocated £2,000 to a "Local Neighbourhood Fund", a fund available for those in the immediate community to apply to for grants to help with everyday living costs.

Reserves Policy

The Finance Team has built on the established budget monitoring process to develop more detailed reporting and analysis to support the decision making of the PCC as it leads the church through a period of growth and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. The PCC aims to hold free reserves broadly equivalent to 3 months' expenditure (£83,000) for the following reasons:

1. To manage cash flow and contractual obligations;

2. In case of significant building maintenance being required; and

3. Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

The PCC has approved a budget for 2023 with a deficit of £26,000. This deficit is predominantly due to the PCC approaching the end of our SDF funding and needing to partially fund some of

the staff salaries. The PCC was willing to approve a deficit budget as expenditure will be reviewed throughout the year against projected and actual income and spending can be reduced if deemed necessary. The PCC have also been anticipating this need to bridge the gap between SDF funding and ongoing financial sustainability and as such, have reserves available to cover the deficit if necessary.

The total net assets as at the year end were £1,323,105, and of these, £196,478 are restricted reserves. Of the remaining £1,126,627 unrestricted general funds, £585,177 is held as tangible fixed assets, and £330,000 in investment property. The remaining free reserves held by the PCC are £211,450.

This is in excess of the reserves policy by £128,450. We are continuing to hold reserves in excess of the policy as we work towards establishing financial sustainability at the end of the external SDF funding period when a period with some deficits is anticipated.

Risk Management

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities in which the PCC is involved, including employers' and public liability.

We have in place a resilient safeguarding procedure for the recruitment of staff and new volunteers particularly for the Kids and Youth team.

The PCC holds a Risk Register that is reviewed on a regular basis by the senior staff team and is presented to the PCC each year.

Coronavirus and world events Impact

We are primarily dependent on giving from the congregation to fund our activities and also receive a proportion of our income from venue hire. At the time of preparation of the 2022 accounts (February 2023), we have maintained our external bookings at a slightly lower level than before the coronavirus pandemic. The anticipated reduction in giving due to Covid-19 did not materialise.

Our investments have stabilised having dropped in value earlier in the year.

Income and expenditure is being actively monitored by the Finance Team. We currently have reserves that would be able to support activity should the need arise toward the end of 2023. The PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, the Church Wardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Ecclesiastical purposes, and the power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers.

The PCC meets at least five times a year. During these meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 23rd May 2022.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and two other PCC members. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

A Finance Team has been established to work towards the PCC being self-sustainable at the end of the SDF income.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

The staff team comprises an Operations Director, Worship Pastor, Kids & Families Pastor, Youth Pastor and Operations & Leadership Administrator. It has previously also included a cleaner but this role was made redundant in 2022. In 2021, we recruited a temporary Production Co-ordinator role, funded by the Allchurches Trust (now Benefact Trust). This temporary contract has now come to an end. The first four of the above roles are funded by the SDF income for the first five years of the Resource Church. Each staff member will have an annual Personal Development Review which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year and identify which strategic priorities they are responsible for.

We also have a volunteer Parish & Teams Administrator in post who supports the staff team by completing various administrative tasks and a Facilities Co-ordinator who helps to oversee the

maintenance and cleaning of the buildings. We have also more recently recruited a volunteer DBS Administrator who processes all our DBS checks and references.

Every staff team member meets regularly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

Safeguarding

Georgina Hutson is our Parish Safeguarding Representative. She is supported by Andrea Pethick and Janet Spencer.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) which has been incorporated into the Church Safeguarding Policy and embedded through our safeguarding practices.

The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Dashboard for monitoring compliance with safeguarding best practice.

Reference and administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter has pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Church Addresses

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St Sidwell's Chapel, Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NN

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio members		
Clergy		
Rev Edward Hodges (Chair)		Incumbent
Rev Matt Clayton	(until 11th December 2022)	Associate Vicar
Rev Vanessa Pestridge		Curate
Church Wardens		
Mark Hobson		
Rebecca Barratt	(from May 2022)	
Heidi Williams	(resigned May 2022)	
Elected Members		
Chloe Christine	(from May 2022)	
Jade Faulkner-Lloyd	(from May 2022)	
Lorraine Hayes		Electoral Roll Officer and Deanery Synod Representative
Georgina Hutson		Safeguarding Officer
Kate Jackson		Deanery Synod Representative
Alec Kemp	(died May 2022)	
John Kow		
Harry Mutton	(resigned May 2022)	
Kim Wilding		
Neil Williams		Treasurer
Adam Westaway		
Co-opted Members		
Mike Cleveland		Retired Clergy (with PTO)

Key management personnel include all members of the PCC as well as the Operations Director (Sophie Giles), the Kids & Families Pastor (Jessica Hodges) and the Worship Pastor (Josh Chesworth).

Investment Managers

CCLA Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, LONDON EC4V 4ET

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
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Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 234 High Street, EXETER EX4 3NL

Independent Examiner

Shane Cann ACA FCCA CTA
Bush & Co Chartered Accountants,
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This report was approved by the PCC on 24th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Ed Hodges ..... Mark Hobson .....

Rev Edward Hodges Mark Hobson

PCC Chair PCC Church Warden

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
Year Ending 31 December 2022

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 13 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the church's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

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

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

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

S S Cann ACA FCCA CTA
Bush & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Barnfield Crescent
Exeter EX1 1QT
Dated:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year Ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
INCOME FROM							
Donations and legacies	2a)	172,547	209,722	382,269	118,380	159,327	277,707
Charitable activities	2b)	6,281	787	7,068	1,238	-	1,238
Other trading activities	2c)	19,818	-	19,818	11,458	-	11,458
Investments	2d)	21,687	-	21,687	21,776	-	21,776
TOTAL INCOME		220,333	210,509	430,842	152,852	159,327	312,179
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable activities	3a)	164,951	170,054	335,005	161,516	124,613	286,129
Raising funds	3b)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		164,951	170,054	335,005	161,516	124,613	286,129
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	9	55,382	40,455	95,837	(8,664)	34,714	26,050
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(7,371)	-	(7,371)	8,522	-	8,522
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		48,011	40,455	88,466	(142)	34,714	34,572
Transfers	13	(492)	492	-	(232)	232	-
Reserves brought forward	13	1,079,108	155,531	1,234,639	1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067
Reserves carried forward	14	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105	1,079,108	155,531	1,234,639

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		585,177		603,045
Investment property	8		330,000		330,000
Investments	9		55,243		62,614
			970,420		995,659
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		1,000		1,773	
Debtors and prepayments	10	94,716		103,989	
Cash at bank and in hand		272,437		159,613	
		368,153		265,375	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	15,468		26,395	
Net current assets			352,685		238,980
Total assets less current liabilities			1,323,105		1,234,639
NET ASSETS			1,323,105		1,234,639
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted reserves					
General			1,126,627		1,079,108
Designated			-		-
	13		1,126,627		1,079,108
Restricted reserves	13		196,478		155,531
			1,323,105		1,234,639

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 24th April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ed Hodges

Rev Edward Hodges
PCC Chair

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	112,824	28,152
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents		-	-
Proceeds from the sale of investments		-	34,147
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of investments		-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	34,147
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		112,824	62,299
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		159,613	97,314
Total cash and cash equivalents at the year end	2	272,437	159,613

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ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
1	Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flows from operating activities		
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	88,466	34,572
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	17,868	17,867
	Dividends, interest and rents	-	-
	Gain on investments	7,371	(8,522)
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	773	-
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	9,273	17,319
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,927)	(33,084)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	112,824	28,152
2	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at bank and in hand	261,774	148,950
	Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	10,663	10,663
		272,437	159,613

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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

Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities
Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities
Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments
Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Dividends are accounted for when due and payable.

Expenditure

Raising funds
Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities
Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Freehold property
Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC members, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The members carry out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets
Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
Computers and equipment - 5 years

Investment properties
Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated.

Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2a)	**Donations and legacies**				
	Planned giving	125,474	-	125,474	78,439
	Gift aid recoverable	26,593	-	26,593	19,016
	Collections	3,568	-	3,568	1,141
	General donations and appeals	16,912	35,938	52,850	20,848
	SDF grants	-	171,784	171,784	150,357
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	238
	Other grants	-	2,000	2,000	7,668
		172,547	209,722	382,269	277,707
2b)	**Charitable activities**				
	Weddings and funerals	1,180	-	1,180	300
	Student weekend away	4,976	787	5,763	938
	Youth Spree	125	-	125	-
		6,281	787	7,068	1,238
2c)	**Other trading activities**				
	St Sidwell Hall rental	-	-	-	216
	St Mattew's Church Hall rental	13,154	-	13,154	9,455
	St Matthew's parking	6,664	-	6,664	1,787
		19,818	-	19,818	11,458

2d Investments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest	1,687	-	1,687	1,776
Crown House rental	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
	21,687	-	21,687	21,776
Total income	220,333	210,509	430,842	312,179

3 Expenditure on:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
3a) Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving (Note 6)	8,050	3,228	11,278	6,437
LYN food bank (Note 13)	-	2,371	2,371	2,424
Diocesan common fund	51,821	-	51,821	48,888
Ministry costs	2,006	-	2,006	4,177
Cost of services	13,831	62	13,893	9,753
Worship & production costs	3,276	-	3,276	5,077
Youth, students & children's work	15,255	-	15,255	7,625
Staff costs (Note 4)	11,620	109,724	121,344	123,615
Maintenance and repairs	6,882	-	6,882	15,597
Major improvements	-	54,669	54,669	13,218
Church running costs	18,078	-	18,078	13,623
Church hall running costs	2,082	-	2,082	2,049
Administrative costs	11,491	-	11,491	13,904
Depreciation	17,868	-	17,868	17,867
Support and governance costs				
Legal and professional fees	576	-	576	-
Independent examiner's fee	2,115	-	2,115	1,875
	164,951	170,054	335,005	286,129

3 Expenditure on (continued):

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3b) Raising funds				
Crown house costs	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	164,951	170,054	335,005	286,129

4 Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	114,265	116,045
Social security costs	4,748	5,266
Employer's pension contributions	2,331	2,304
	121,344	123,615

	2022	2021
Average number of employees	6	7
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	4	4

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2021: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension and employer's national insurance contributions) to key management personnel was £93,170 (2021: £92,006).

5 Related party transactions

Jessica Hodges is married to Edward Hodges, who is the incumbent and chair of the PCC. Jessica Hodges is employed as the kids and families pastor and received gross salary of £19,584 (2021: £19,328) and employer's pension contributions of £400 (2021: £393).

5 Related party transactions (continued)

During the year to 31 December 2022, the charity received £72,010 (2021: £46,374) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. Included in this amount was a donation of £25,000 which has been restricted (see note 13) for kitchen and carpet refurbishment works. The remaining gifts did not have any conditions which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

No other transactions or expenses were undertaken with any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

6 Missionary and charitable giving

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bridge The Gap	1,820	-
CAP	250	-
Christians Against Poverty (Exeter)	-	577
Children's Society	28	-
CoLab Exeter	165	-
CTaX	35	35
Foodbank	1,200	577
Home for Good	600	-
ICE Charitable Trust	150	577
Lifelines Exeter	-	25
Nayamba Trust	485	-
Newtown Community Association	-	300
Peninsula Initiative - SW Community Chaplaincy	600	577
Open Doors	250	500
RD&E Neonatal ICU	257	-
Southernhay Church	-	300
St Petrock's	500	-
St Sidwell's Centre	-	578
St Sidwell's School leaver's Bibles	450	325
Street Pastors	300	577
Tearfund	500	500
The Beehive Foundation	250	-
Ukraine Appeal	638	-
YMCA	2,800	577
Discretionary gifts	-	412
	11,278	6,437

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Additions	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Depreciation				
Brought forward	-	17,274	22,106	39,380
Charge for year	-	7,805	10,063	17,868
Carried forward	-	25,079	32,169	57,248
Net book value				
Carried forward	514,066	52,964	18,147	585,177
Brought forward	514,066	60,769	28,210	603,045

Land and buildings only contains the St Matthew's Church Hall at deemed cost.

8 Investment property

	£
Brought forward and carried forward	330,000

The only investment property held by the PCC is Crown House. The PCC have valued the property based on the fact that market rent is being charged at a rate of £20,000 per annum. A 10 year lease was entered into in 2019 with the current tenant, so the PCC believe the value is unlikely to have changed materially given vacant possession would not be possible on a sale.

9 Investments

	£
Market value brought forward	62,614
Disposal proceeds	-
Net gains on revaluation	(7,371)
Market value carried forward	55,243

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Tax recoverable	3,724	6,353
Prepayments	2,222	2,979
Other debtors	5,018	6,403
SDF income	83,752	88,254
	94,716	103,989

11 Creditors and accruals

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,750	6,520
Accruals	3,982	2,372
Deferred income	5,518	11,414
Other creditors	2,218	6,089
	15,468	26,395

12 Contingent assets

During 2019, St Matt's was awarded a Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grant of £1,333,068 by the Archbishops' Council towards the cost of growing mission in the city of Exeter over 5.5 years. This grant was applied for by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF), who was acting as an agent on behalf of St Matt's. The grant is claimed by filing expense claims in arrears, with all moneys going through the EDBF and being passed on to St Matt's. Each claim requires approval by administrators of the SDF to ensure it is in line with the original budget submitted. The Archbishops' Council reserves the right to terminate the award if it becomes substantially unlikely that St Matt's will be able to deliver its outcomes as set out in the original grant application. These performance related conditions prevent the full recognition of the grant. So far St Matt's have managed to meet the conditions, so there does not appear to be a reason why the SDF income will not be available for 2023. Income has therefore been accrued to cover pre-approved salary expenditure for 2023 and is shown as a debtor in Note 10. Of the total grant, £959,382 has been recognised, leaving £373,686 as a contingent asset.

13 Movement in funds

2022

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,079,108	213,768	(158,386)	(7,371)	(492)	1,126,627
Charitable Giving	-	6,565	(6,565)	-	-	-
	1,079,108	220,333	(164,951)	(7,371)	(492)	1,126,627
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	28	631	(1,151)	-	492	-
SDF (see below)	134,292	171,784	(158,873)	-	-	147,203
LYN (see below)	12,211	2,050	(2,371)	-	(1,784)	10,106
Extension	9,000	-	-	-	-	9,000
Carpet/kitchen	-	25,000	(5,520)	-	-	19,480
NICU	-	257	(257)	-	-	-
BTG	-	787	(1,882)	-	1,784	689
Bequest	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	155,531	210,509	(170,054)	-	492	196,478
	1,234,639	430,842	(335,005)	(7,371)	-	1,323,105

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is made up of approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2022 is £6,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC. The amount designated to be spent in 2023 is £8,000.

Restricted funds

Charity collections

This fund is where there have been collections for specific charities. The amounts would have been distributed shortly after their receipt.

13 Movement in funds (continued)
2022

Restricted funds

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)
This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable. The carried forward balance is largely made up of the salary costs for 2023 that is funded by SDF income as noted in Note 12.

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)
Love Your Neighbour is our social response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up food bank was set up to help those in our local community.

Extension
This fund has a brought forward balance of £9,000 which will be spent in 2023 on the extension work to the church.

Carpet/kitchen
This fund contains a restricted gift from members of the congregation to be used on the kitchen refurbishment in the hall and replacement of church carpets.

NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)
This fund contains gifts given to support the work of our local NICU and the RD&E hospital.

BTG (Bridge the Gap)
This fund was used for an Exeter football tournament. Funds were received into the LYN fund in 2021 which have been transferred to the BTG fund in 2022.

Bequest
This fund contains a bequest to be used on the plant at Exwick which will take place in 2023. The fund will be spent on building and staff costs.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

2021

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,073,482	152,852	(155,491)	8,522	(257)	1,079,108
Charitable Giving	6,000	-	(6,025)	-	25	-
	1,079,482	152,852	(161,516)	8,522	(232)	1,079,108
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	-	28	-	-	-	28
SDF	105,854	150,357	(122,054)	-	135	134,292
LYN	5,731	8,942	(2,559)	-	97	12,211
Extension	9,000	-	-	-	-	9,000
	120,585	159,327	(124,613)	-	232	155,531
	1,200,067	312,179	(286,129)	8,522	-	1,234,639

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds

2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	585,177	-	585,177
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	55,243	-	55,243
Stock	1,000	-	1,000
Debtors and prepayments	10,964	83,752	94,716
Cash at bank and in hand	159,711	112,726	272,437
Current liabilities	(15,468)	-	(15,468)
Net assets	1,126,627	196,478	1,323,105

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds (continued)

2021			
Tangible fixed assets	603,045	-	603,045
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	62,614	-	62,614
Stock	1,773	-	1,773
Debtors and prepayments	15,735	88,254	103,989
Cash at bank and in hand	92,336	67,277	159,613
Current liabilities	(26,395)	-	(26,395)
Net assets	1,079,108	155,531	1,234,639

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ending 31 December 2021

Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC confirms that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Objectives and Activities

We believe this involves:

- Inviting those outside the church to encounter Jesus and explore faith;
- Creating community and developing a deep experience of belonging;
- Equipping our members to live effective Christian lives in every sphere of society; and
- Sending out our members to transform society and proclaim hope.

To fulfil this vision, our aims are:

- To build a worshipping, praying and spirit filled community;
- To strengthen community and deepen relationships throughout the church and community;
- To equip every member to live a distinctively Christian life which brings God's Kingdom into homes, schools, universities and workplaces;
- To evangelise and spread the gospel;
- To engage children and young people in the Christian faith; and
- To offer pastoral care and support to those living in Newtown and beyond.

Despite the limitations upon our activities in the early part of the year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, 2021 has been a period of sustained growth and development for St Matt's. From January to Easter, many of our regular groups and services were limited by national restrictions. However, from April 2021, many of these activities could resume safely in person.

Across the wide variety of our ministries, almost all have seen a return to pre-pandemic attendance or greater. This seems to be partially attributable to our online services offered in 2020. In the latter part of the year, our focus has been upon consolidating our growth, strengthening our community and building robust structures to enable our ambitious future plans.

In the longer term, we intend to continue to strategically plan for St Matt's, supported by Strategic Development Funding (SDF) from the Church of England. St Matt's has received external funding to implement church growth as a resource church and many of these aims and objectives will define the activities that St Matt's undertakes over the next 5 years. We intend to build a thriving and sustainable church which contributes to the Diocesan vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

In response to the restrictions imposed by national Covid lockdowns, St Matt's has varied the number and format of services offered this year. There have been up to 4 weekly services including:

- A service tailored to the needs of children and their families at 9am;
- A midweek traditional Eucharist; and
- 2 contemporary and accessible Sunday services at 10am and 6pm.

Collectively they attract up to 275 worshippers each week. Services are supported by a variety of volunteer teams including cafe, hosting, worship and production and overseen by employed members of staff. These teams offer opportunities to serve the wider work of the church and encourage hands-on engagement in our worship and mission.

Prayer and worship provide an important foundation for the wider activities of the church. A weekly early morning prayer meeting is held every Thursday at 8am which is complemented by a half-termly 'Kingdom Come' worship and prayer event to pray for the needs of the church and city. St Matt's has a growing worship team, resourced by approximately 35 volunteers who lead worship at our services and events like Kingdom Come and Alpha.

Creating and Strengthening Community

St Matt's seeks to strengthen community through the establishment of midweek Connect Groups. At present there are 9 groups meeting fortnightly across Exeter and beyond. These groups are led by trained volunteers who organise, teach and pastor their attendees. We are

continuing to train and develop small group leaders to increase the number of available groups, locations and times in the hope that every regular member of St Matt's might find a group that suits them.

Connect Groups provide the environment for deep, long-lasting relationships and support for pastoral needs. They create opportunities for spiritual growth and seek to find ways they can impact their local communities.

Equipping the Church

St Matt's seeks to be a church that equips every member to influence the sphere of society in which they find themselves. We encourage and pray for those working in business, healthcare, education, the home and the charitable and care sectors. Our vision is to bring Christians together around shared vocations and passions (for example: Creative Industries, Business or Education); in these mid-sized communities (called Collectives), individuals will work out ways to share skills and experiences, innovate in their fields and find ways to exercise their gifts. In the past 12 months, 2 new Collectives have been established in addition to those already launched and we hope to begin many more in the years ahead.

Our intention is to deploy these equipped Christians into a variety of areas, supported by the church to reduce poverty and isolation and transform society in Exeter. Our previous work in Exeter Prison continues to be suspended due to Covid-19 regulations but we hope to re-establish a volunteer team leading monthly services in the prison chapel.

We also seek to invest in leaders and future leaders of the Church of England. St Matt's is responsible for the training and development of Revd. Vanessa Pestridge who will serve her Curacy in the parish until 2024. She is involved in a number of areas including leading volunteer teams, training small group leaders, midweek services and pastoral visiting. Over the next 5 years, we will look to identify potential candidates for ministry within the Church of England and support their training and development.

Evangelism

St Matt's intends to be a church which attracts and engages those outside the church. We are committed to running the Alpha course from Holy Trinity Brompton as an accessible and replicable model of evangelism. Each term, we promote the upcoming course and encourage our members to invite family, friends and colleagues to try Alpha and explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. From September 2021, courses have been offered in person attracting a peak attendance of 52 guests.

Children and Young People

We are committed to being an intentionally multigenerational church. St Matt's designation as a Diocesan Resource Church places special emphasis upon engaging children, families and university students. Our recently launched student group attracts over 60 people and these students are heavily involved in the volunteer teams of the church.

A crucial area of engagement with children and young people is at our Sunday services. Following the easement of Covid-19 restrictions, from Easter 2021 we were able to resume in person Kid's Sunday groups. These groups regularly attract over 30 children and their parents and are led and facilitated by a volunteer team in the church hall. In addition there are Sunday groups for 11-14 year olds and midweek groups for young people aged 15-18.

To support families of younger children, we offer POLO, (Parents of Little Ones) a mid-week group for parents and toddlers with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in the early stages of their children's lives. This has been a great group to invite local families to who might otherwise not attend church as it has a wider appeal to those who value the support of other parents with young children. POLO has seen significant growth in 2021 and now regularly attracts 80 children and their parents.

Other Activities (inc. Ecumenical Relationships)

As a Resource Church, St Matt's is committed to fruitful partnerships with other churches and faith-based organisations. This is partially achieved by the involvement of clergy and lay-leaders in ecumenical groups, and we are also members of Churches Together in Exeter. St Matt's has been able to support the work of other churches by creating and making available digital resources for other churches to use. We continue to offer consultancy and training to local organisations and churches seeking to enhance their online presence.

Additionally a number of other faith based and community organisations make use of our premises. This has included hosting regional strategic events on behalf of the Diocese of Exeter, local school performances and charity fundraisers.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Christianity Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod. Among the items discussed were:

- Three brief presentations on the Next Steps document:

  - Growth Values, how the culture of a church is expressed in behaviour, attitudes and relationships of the people that make it.
  - Mixed Ecology of Church and building up the Parish.
  - Healthy Mission Community Audit - it was noted that although some elements would be common to all Mission Communities, for example, having vision and strategy as well as the resources of people, money and buildings to deliver them, there would be differences in each particular place.

- Election result of four members of the House of Laity to represent the Diocese in General Synod including Georgia Willis from St Matt's Exeter.

- The meeting held on 26th March 2022 included an update on the situation regarding arrangements for refugee sponsorship for those coming to the UK from Ukraine. Further information on support and prayer for Ukraine is available on the Diocesan website.

Church Fabric

In 2021, St Matt's sought a faculty to carry out phase 2 of a major renovation. This was granted in October 2021 and work began in December to be finished in early 2022. This phase will include step free access between the stage (chancel) and ground floor of the church. It will also comprise an improved and level stage and a store room underneath the Organ.

The drainage works required to maintain the North Side of St Matt's are now complete. As anticipated, this project has expended a significant proportion of the PCC's reserves. We plan to maintain reserves equal to three months' expenditure.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year was £152,852 (2020: £147,496) of which £118,380 (2020: £108,487) was donations. The £159,327 (2020: £143,079) of restricted income includes £150,357 (2020: £108,664) of SDF income. £286,129 (2020: £396,008) was spent to provide Christian ministry at St Matt's and St Sidwell's Churches, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. This is the amount that the churches in the diocese are asked to contribute to cover these costs. It is calculated by a formula based mainly on the head count of the congregation. The amount also includes £9,249 (2020: £53,659) spent on major improvements to the church building, the majority of which were funded by SDF income.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £26,050 (2020: deficit of £106,908) before gains on investments. After adjusting for gains on investments, the net income for the year was £34,572 (2020: net expenditure £99,692).

The PCC receives rental income from renting the church hall and hall car park.

The PCC has designated approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends to charities of their choice. This designated fund is called "Charitable Giving" in the accounts. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2022 is £6,000.

Reserves Policy

The Finance Team has built on the established budget monitoring process to develop more detailed reporting and analysis to support the decision making of the PCC as it leads the church through a period of growth and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. The PCC aims to hold free reserves broadly equivalent to 3 months' expenditure (£81,000) for the following reasons:

1. To manage cash flow and contractual obligations;

2. In case of significant building maintenance being required; and

3. Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

The PCC has set a budget for 2022 with a deficit of £7,232. This deficit is in part due to the projected reduced income from venue hire in the early part of the year as an ongoing result of Covid-19 and also the desire to continue with planned activity and meet the hospitality needs associated with growth. The PCC was willing to approve a deficit budget as expenditure will be reviewed throughout the year against projected and actual income and spending can be reduced if deemed necessary.

The total net assets as at the year end were £1,234,639, and of these, £155,531 are restricted reserves. Of the remaining £1,079,108 unrestricted general funds, £603,045 is held as tangible fixed assets, and £330,000 in investment property. The remaining free reserves held by the PCC are £146,063.

This is in excess of the reserves policy by £65,063. We are continuing to hold reserves in excess of the policy as we work towards establishing financial sustainability at the end of the external SDF funding period.

Risk Management

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities in which the PCC is involved, including employers' and public liability.

We have in place, a resilient safeguarding procedure for the recruitment of staff and new volunteers particularly for Kids and Youth team.

The PCC holds a Risk Register that is reviewed on a regular basis by the senior staff team and is presented to the PCC each year.

Coronavirus Impact

We are primarily dependent on giving from the congregation to fund our activities and also receive a proportion of our income from venue hire. At the time of preparation of the 2021 Accounts (March 2022) we are still assessing the on-going impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Whilst we've seen a change in the nature of our giving, the anticipated reduction in giving due to Covid-19 did not materialise; we have had reduced income from venue hire as community groups and classes have been prevented from taking place. This is continuing into 2022.

Our investments have performed well and haven't dropped in value. There were some savings on expenditure on church activity as we were not able to meet in person. We were granted funds through the Government's Job Retention Scheme for a staff member that was on furlough which led to modest savings on our salary line.

Income and expenditure is being actively monitored by the Finance Team. We currently have reserves that would be able to support activity should the need arise toward the end of 2022. The PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, the Church Wardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Ecclesiastical purposes, and the power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers.

The PCC meets at least five times a year. During these meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 17th May 2021.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and two other PCC members. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

A Finance Team has been established to work towards the PCC being self-sustainable at the end of the SDF income.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

The staff team comprises an Operations Director, Worship Pastor, Kids & Families Pastor, Youth Pastor, Operations & Leadership Administrator and Cleaner. In 2021, we recruited a temporary Production Co-ordinator role, funded by the Allchurches Trust. This temporary contract has now come to an end. The first four of the above roles are funded by the SDF income for the first five years of the Resource Church. Each staff member will have an annual Personal Development Review which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year and identify which strategic priorities they are responsible for.

We also have a volunteer Parish & Teams Administrator in post who supports the staff team by completing various administrative tasks. We have recently recruited a Facilities Co-ordinator who will help oversee the maintenance and cleaning of the buildings.

Every staff team member meets regularly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

Safeguarding

Georgina Hutson is our Parish Safeguarding Representative. She is supported by Andrea Pethick and Janet Spencer.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children

and vulnerable adults) which has been incorporated into the Church Safeguarding Policy and embedded through our safeguarding practices.

The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Dashboard for monitoring compliance with safeguarding best practice.

Reference and administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter has pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Church Addresses
St Matthew's Parish Church, Lower Summerlands, Exeter EX1 2LJ
St Matthew's Church Office, St Matthew's Church Hall, Clifton Road, Exeter EX1 2BS
Charity Registration Number: 1169445
Tel: 01392 248322 Email: hello@stmattsexeter.org Web: www.stmattsexeter.org

St Sidwell's Chapel, Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NN

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio members
Clergy

Rev Ed Hodges (Chair)	Incumbent
Rev Matt Clayton	Associate Vicar
Rev Vanessa Pestridge	Curate

Church Wardens
Mark Hobson
Heidi Williams

Elected Members

Lorraine Hayes	Electoral Roll Officer and Deanery Synod Representative
Kate Jackson	
Alec Kemp	Deanery Synod Representative
John Kow	
Harry Mutton	
Zac Spencer	(resigned May 2021)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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Kim Wilding		
Neil Williams		Treasurer
Adam Westaway	(from May 2021)	
Georgina Hutson	(from May 2021)	Safeguarding Officer

Co-opted Members

Mike Cleveland	Retired Clergy (with PTO)

Key management personnel include all members of the PCC as well as the Operations Director (Sophie Giles), the Kids & Families Pastor (Jessica Hodges) and the Worship Pastor (Josh Chesworth).

Investment Managers
CCLA Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, LONDON EC4V 4ET

Bankers
Lloyds Bank, 234 High Street, EXETER EX4 3NL

Independent Examiner
Matthew Melksham FCCA,
Bush & Co Chartered Accountants,
2 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX1 1QT

This report was approved by the PCC on 25 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Ed Hodges

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Rev Ed Hodges
PCC Chair
On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ending 31 December 2021

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 12 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the church's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

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

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

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

Matthew Melksham FCCA
Bush & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Barnfield Crescent
Exeter
Dated: 27 April 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year Ending 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
INCOME FROM							
Donations and legacies	2a)	118,380	159,327	277,707	108,487	143,079	251,566
Charitable activities	2b)	1,238	-	1,238	3,223	-	3,223
Other trading activities	2c)	11,458	-	11,458	11,798	-	11,798
Investments	2d)	21,776	-	21,776	23,988	-	23,988
TOTAL INCOME		152,852	159,327	312,179	147,496	143,079	290,575
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable activities	3a)	161,516	124,613	286,129	226,637	169,371	396,008
Raising funds	3b)	-	-	-	1,475	-	1,475
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		161,516	124,613	286,129	228,112	169,371	397,483
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	9	(8,664)	34,714	26,050	(80,616)	(26,292)	(106,908)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		8,522	-	8,522	7,216	-	7,216
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(142)	34,714	34,572	(73,400)	(26,292)	(99,692)
Transfers	13	(232)	232	-	17,533	(17,533)	-
Reserves brought forward		1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067	1,135,349	164,410	1,299,759
Reserves carried forward	14	1,079,108,	155,531	1,234,639	1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		603,045		620,912
Investment property	8		330,000		330,000
Investments	9		62,614		88,239
			995,659		1,039,151
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		1,773		1,773	
Debtors and prepayments	10	103,989		121,308	
Cash at bank and in hand		159,613		97,314	
		265,375		220,395	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	26,395		59,479	
Net current assets			238,980		160,916
Total assets less current liabilities			1,234,639		1,200,067
NET ASSETS			1,234,639		1,200,067
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted reserves					
General			1,079,108		1,073,482
Designated			-		6,000
	13		1,079,108		1,079,482
Restricted reserves	13		155,531		120,585
			1,234,639		1,200,067

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ed Hodges

Rev Ed Hodges
PCC Chair

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	28,152	(69,117)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents		-	-
Proceeds from the sale of investments		34,147	41,516
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(17,533)
Purchase of investments		-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		34,147	23,983
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		62,299	(45,134)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		97,314	142,448
Total cash and cash equivalents at the year end	2	159,613	97,314

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
Year Ending 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
1	Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flows from operating activities		
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	34,572	(99,692)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	17,867	17,486
	Dividends, interest and rents	-	-
	Gain on investments	(8,522)	(7,216)
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	(1,773)
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	17,319	(14,871)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(33,084)	36,949
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	28,152	(69,117)
2	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at bank and in hand	148,950	86,651
	Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	10,663	10,663
		159,613	97,314

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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

Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Charitable activities
Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due.

Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities
Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments
Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable.

Expenditure
Raising funds
Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities
Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

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

Tangible fixed assets
Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Freehold property
Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC members, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The members carry out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets
Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
Computers and equipment - 5 years

Investment properties
Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated.

Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2a)	**Donations and legacies**				
	Planned giving	78,439	-	78,439	83,700
	Gift aid recoverable	18,977	39	19,016	15,473
	Collections	1,113	28	1,141	1,666
	General donations and appeals	19,613	1,235	20,848	9,015
	SDF grants	-	150,357	150,357	108,664
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	238	-	238	1,402
	Other grants	-	7,668	7,668	31,646
		118,380	159,327	277,707	251,566
2b)	**Charitable activities**				
	Weddings and funerals	300	-	300	276
	Student weekend away	938	-	938	2,947
	Film hub contributions	-	-	-	-
		1,238	-	1,238	3,223
2c)	**Other trading activities**				
	St Sidwell Hall rental	216	-	216	3,010
	St Mattew's Church Hall rental	9,455	-	9,455	7,207
	St Matthew's parking	1,787	-	1,787	1,581
		11,458	-	11,458	11,798

2d) Investments				
Dividends and interest	1,776	-	1,776	2,513
Crown House rental	20,000	-	20,000	21,475
	21,776	-	21,776	23,988
Total income	152,852	159,327	312,179	290,575

3 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3a) Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving (Note 6)	6,437	-	6,437	11,339
LYN food bank (Note 13)	-	2,424	2,424	18,540
Diocesan common fund	48,888	-	48,888	46,121
Ministry costs	4,177	-	4,177	935
Cost of services	9,753	-	9,753	3,190
Worship & production costs	5,077	-	5,077	5,526
Youth, students & children's work	7,625	-	7,625	5,987
Staff costs (Note 4)	10,675	112,940	123,615	104,581
Maintenance and repairs	15,597	-	15,597	104,548
Major improvements	3,969	9,249	13,218	53,659
Church running costs	13,623	-	13,623	9,991
Church hall running costs	2,049	-	2,049	1,473
Administrative costs	13,904	-	13,904	8,496
Depreciation	17,867	-	17,867	17,486
Support and governance costs				
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	2,235
Independent examiner's fee	1,875	-	1,875	1,901
	161,516	124,613	286,129	396,008

3 Expenditure on (continued):

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3b) Raising funds				
Crown house costs	-	-	-	1,475
Total expenditure	161,516	124,613	286,129	397,483

4 Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	116,045	98,522
Social security costs	5,266	4,183
Employer's pension contributions	2,304	1,876
	123,615	104,581

	2021	2020
Average number of employees	7	6
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	3.6	3.6

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2020: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension and employer's national insurance contributions) to key management personnel was £92,006 (2020: £90,264).

5 Related party transactions

Jess Hodges is married to Ed Hodges, who is the incumbent and chair of the PCC. Jess Hodges is employed as the kids and families pastor and received gross salary of £19,328 (2020: £18,500) and employer's pension contributions of £393 (2020: £251).

During the year to 31 December 2021, the charity received £46,374 (2020: £45,802) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

No other transactions were undertaken with any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

6 Missionary and charitable giving

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bible Society	-	50
Bishop's discretionary fund	-	70
Buburi Clinic	-	100
Christians Against Poverty (Exeter)	577	900
Church Mission Society	-	100
CTaX	35	-
Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy	-	25
Foodbank	577	1,300
Hospice care	-	50
ICE Charitable Trust	577	900
Lifelines Exeter	25	-
Newtown Community Association	300	-
Peninsula Initiative - SW Community Chaplaincy	577	980
Open Doors	500	-
RD&E Neonatal ICU	-	268
Release International	-	200
Send a Cow	-	100
Southernhay Church	300	-
South West Carols	-	100
St Basils Church	-	1,000
St Sidwell's Centre	578	1,900
St Sidwell's School leaver's Bibles	325	297
Street Pastors	577	800
Tearfund	500	1,040
YMCA	577	900
Discretionary gifts (5 gifts)	412	259
	6,437	11,339

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Additions	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Depreciation				
Brought forward	-	9,470	12,043	21,513
Charge for year	-	7,804	10,063	17,867
Carried forward	-	17,274	22,106	39,380
Net book value				
Carried forward	514,066	60,769	28,210	603,045
Brought forward	514,066	68,573	38,273	620,912

Land and buildings only contains the St Matthew's Church Hall deemed cost.

8 Investment property

	£
Brought forward and carried forward	330,000

The only investment property held by the PCC is Crown House. The PCC have valued the property based on the fact that market rent is being charged at a rate of £20,000 per annum. A 10 year lease was entered into in 2019 with the current tenant, so the PCC believe the value is unlikely to have changed materially given vacant possession would not be possible on a sale.

9 Investments

	£
Market value brought forward	88,239
Disposal proceeds	(34,147)
Net gains on revaluation	8,522
Market value carried forward	62,614

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tax recoverable	6,353	1,679
Prepayments	2,979	4,686
Other debtors	6,403	100
SDF income	88,254	114,843
	103,989	121,308

11 Creditors and accruals

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,520	11,911
Accruals	2,372	38,194
Deferred income	11,414	5,416
Other creditors	6,089	3,958
	26,395	59,479

12 Contingent assets

During 2019, St Matt's was awarded a Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grant of £1,333,068 by the Archbishops' Council towards the cost of growing mission in the city of Exeter over 5.5 years. This grant was applied for by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF), who was acting as an agent on behalf of St Matt's. The grant is claimed by filing expense claims in arrears, with all moneys going through the EDBF and being passed on to St Matt's. Each claim requires approval by administrators of the SDF to ensure it is in line with the original budget submitted. The Archbishops' Council reserves the right to terminate the award if it becomes substantially unlikely that St Matt's will be able to deliver its outcomes as set out in the original grant application. These performance related conditions prevent the full recognition of the grant. So far St Matt's have managed to meet the conditions, so there does not appear to be a reason why the SDF income will not be available for 2022. Income has therefore been accrued to cover pre-approved salary expenditure for 2022 and is shown as a debtor in Note 10. Of the total grant, £787,598 has been recognised, leaving £545,470 as a contingent asset.

13 Movement in funds

2021

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,073,482	152,852	(155,491)	8,522	(257)	1,079,108
Charitable Giving	6,000	-	(6,025)	-	25	-
	1,079,482	152,852	(161,516)	8,522	(232)	1,079,108
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	-	28	-	-	-	28
CRT (see below)	-	-	-	-	-	-
SDF (see below)	105,854	150,357	(122,054)	-	135	134,292
LYN (see below)	5,731	8,942	(2,559)	-	97	12,211
Extension	9,000	-	-	-	-	9,000
	120,585	159,327	(124,613)	-	-	155,531
	1,200,067	312,179	(286,129)	8,522	-	1,234,639

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is made up of approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2021 is £6,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC.

Restricted funds

Charity collections

This fund is where there have been collections for specific charities. The amounts would have been distributed shortly after their receipt.

Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT)

This fund contained a grant from the Church Revitalisation Trust to be used on building works as part of the Resource Church set up. During the year, no restricted income was received or spent on capital assets (2020: £17,533 was spent).

13 Movement in funds (continued)

2021

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)

This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable. The carried forward balance is largely made up of the salary costs for 2021 that is funded by SDF income as noted in Note 12.

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)

Love Your Neighbour is our social response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up food bank was set up to help those in our local community.

2020

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,124,537	147,496	(217,300)	7,216	11,533	1,073,482
Charitable Giving	10,812	-	(10,812)	-	6,000	6,000
	1,135,349	147,496	(228,112)	7,216	17,533	1,079,482
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	-	273	(273)	-	-	-
CRT	50,844	-	(36,778)	-	(14,066)	-
SDF	113,566	108,664	(112,909)	-	(3,467)	105,854
LYN	-	25,142	(19,411)	-	-	5,731
Extension	-	9,000	-	-	-	9,000
	164,410	143,079	(169,371)	-	(17,533)	120,585
	1,299,759	290,575	(397,483)	7,216	-	1,200,067

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds

2021	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	603,045	-	603,045
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	62,614	-	62,614
Stock	1,773	-	1,773
Debtors and prepayments	15,735	88,254	103,989
Cash at bank and in hand	92,336	67,277	159,613
Current liabilities	(26,395)	-	(26,395)
Net assets	1,079,108	155,531	1,234,639
2020			
Tangible fixed assets	620,912	-	620,912
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	88,239	-	88,239
Stock	1,773	-	1,773
Debtors and prepayments	6,465	114,843	121,308
Cash at bank and in hand	91,572	5,742	97,314
Current liabilities	(59,479)	-	(59,479)
Net assets	1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2020

Aim and Purpose

The United Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell Exeter has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent to promote, within the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC confirms that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

Objectives and Activities

We believe this involves:

- Inviting those outside the church to encounter Jesus and explore faith;
- Creating community and developing a deep experience of belonging;
- Equipping our members to live effective Christian lives in every sphere of society; and
- Sending out our members to transform society and proclaim hope.

To fulfil this vision, our aims are:

- To build a worshipping, praying and spirit filled community;
- To strengthen community and deepen relationships throughout the church and community;
- To equip every member to live a distinctively Christian life which brings God's Kingdom into homes, schools, universities and workplaces;
- To evangelise and spread the gospel;
- To engage children and young people in the Christian faith; and
- To offer pastoral care and support to those living in Newtown and beyond.

Many of St Matt's activities have been curtailed or partially suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Where possible, these activities have been reformatted to make them safe to attend in person or accessible online. The national lockdowns have prevented several of our usual activities but given rise to new outreach into our community. As a direct response to the national lockdown and closure of schools in early 2020, St Matt's was able to play an active part in providing food parcels to families across Exeter.

In the longer term, we intend to continue to strategically plan for St Matt's, supported by Strategic Development Funding (SDF) from the Church of England. St Matt's has received external funding to implement church growth as a resource church and many of these aims and objectives will define the activities that St Matt's undertakes over the next 5 years. We intend to build a thriving and sustainable church which contributes to the Diocesan vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

Achievements and performance

Vision and Governance

St Matt's was designated a City Centre Resource Church by the Bishops of Exeter and Crediton in July 2019. This reflected a significant change in the vision and objectives of the church. As a result, we have seen many new people join our worshipping community, as well as get involved in other activities. The numbers engaging in our weekly services, prior to the coronavirus pandemic, had risen to 175, including new Christians. Between May and October 2020, we have also seen approximately 30 adults move on from St Matt's. This group included all except 3 of the previous members of the Parochial Church Council. A new council was nominated and elected in 2020 and 2 new Church Wardens were elected at the APCM. The PCC would like to express their gratitude for the service of the outgoing PCC members and special appreciation for the work of Mr Justin James and Mr David Edwards who led the church through the 2019 vacancy. The PCC continues to actively engage in driving forward the church's vision to Love Jesus and Transform Exeter by reaching those outside the church, meeting the practical needs of our city and resourcing other churches on behalf of the Diocese of Exeter.

Worship and Prayer

In response to the restrictions imposed by national Covid lockdowns, St Matt's has varied the number and format of services offered this year. There have been up to 4 weekly services including:

- A service tailored to the needs of children and their families at 9am;
- A midweek traditional Eucharist;
- 2 contemporary and accessible Sunday services at 11am and 7pm.

Collectively they attract around 175 worshippers each week. Services are supported by a variety of volunteer teams including cafe, hosting, worship and production and overseen by employed members of staff. These teams offer opportunities to serve the wider work of the church and encourage hands-on engagement in our worship and mission.

Prayer and worship provide an important foundation for the wider activities of the church. A weekly early morning prayer meeting is held every Thursday at 8am which is complemented by a half-termly 'Kingdom Come' worship and prayer event to pray for the needs of the church and city. St Matt's has a growing worship team, resourced by approximately 25 volunteers who lead worship at our services and events like Kingdom Come and Alpha.

Creating and Strengthening Community

St Matt's seeks to strengthen community through the establishment of midweek Connect Groups. At present there are eleven groups meeting fortnightly across Exeter and beyond. These groups are led by trained volunteers who organise, teach and pastor their attendees. We are continuing to train and develop small group leaders to increase the number of available groups, locations and times in the hope that every regular member of St Matt's might find a group that suits them.

Connect Groups provide the environment for deep, long-lasting relationships and support for pastoral needs. They create opportunities for spiritual growth and seek to find ways they can impact their local communities.

Equipping the Church

St Matt's seeks to be a church that equips every member to influence the sphere of society in which they find themselves. We encourage and pray for those working in business, healthcare, education, the home and the charitable and care sectors. Our vision is to bring Christians together around shared vocations and passions (for example: Creative Industries, Business or Education); in these mid-sized communities (called Collectives), individuals will work out ways to share skills and experiences, innovate in their fields and find ways to exercise their gifts. In the past 12 months, 4 new Collectives have been established and we hope to begin many more in the year ahead.

Our intention is to deploy these equipped Christians into a variety of areas, supported by the church to reduce poverty and isolation and transform society in Exeter. Our previous work in Exeter Prison has been suspended due to Covid-19 regulations but we hope to re-establish a volunteer team leading monthly services in the prison chapel.

We also seek to invest in leaders and future leaders of the Church of England. St Matt's is responsible for the training and development of Revd. Vanessa Pestridge who will serve her Curacy in the parish until 2024. She is involved in a number of areas including leading volunteer teams, training small group leaders, midweek services and pastoral visiting. Over the next 5 years, we will look to identify potential candidates for ministry within the Church of England and support their training and development.

Evangelism

St Matt's intends to be a church which attracts and engages those outside the church. We are committed to running the Alpha course from Holy Trinity Brompton as an accessible and replicable model of evangelism. Each term, we promote the upcoming course and encourage our members to invite family, friends and colleagues to try Alpha and explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. Our courses have been offered online during the Covid-19 pandemic to preserve the safety of our guests. Each online course has been attended by 20-25 people.

Children and Young People

We are committed to being an intentionally multigenerational church. St Matt's designation as a Diocesan Resource Church places special emphasis upon engaging children, families and university students. Our recently launched student group attracts over 40 people and these students are heavily involved in the volunteer teams of the church.

A crucial area of engagement with children and young people is at our Sunday services. Until March 2020, we were able to offer children's groups for those aged 0-11 alongside our Sunday service. These groups regularly attracted over 30 children and parents and are led and facilitated by a volunteer team in the church hall. In addition there are Sunday groups for 11-14 year olds and midweek groups for young people aged 15-18.

To support families of younger children, we offer POLO, (Parents of Little Ones) a mid-week group for parents and toddlers with a particular emphasis for supporting parents in the early stages of their children's lives. This has been a great group to invite local families to who might otherwise not attend church as it has a wider appeal to those who value the support of other parents with young children.

Many of these activities could not take place in person from March 2020, and operated as online resources or Zoom groups for our community to attend instead. Alongside this, resources were produced to support and enhance Christian faith for children at home.

Other Activities (inc. Ecumenical Relationships)

As a Resource Church, St Matt's is committed to fruitful partnerships with other churches and faith-based organisations. This is partially achieved by the involvement of clergy and lay-leaders in ecumenical groups, and we are also members of Churches Together in Exeter. St Matt's has been able to support the work of other churches by creating and making available digital resources for other churches to use. We have also offered consultancy and training to local organisations and churches seeking to enhance their online presence.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Christianity Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod. Among the items discussed were:

- The need to share the vision and resources of the deanery between the edges of the city as well as the central churches;
- The church's response to the rapid economic growth and development taking place in the city. It was discussed that Exeter's growth is predominantly through increasing employment and graduate retention rates;
- The need to establish Christian presence on the new housing estates around Exeter in partnership with other denominations and parachurch organisations;
- Bishop Jackie visited Deanery Synod and spoke about inclusivity and the invitation to receive the life-giving water of Jesus and the need for the deanery to develop links with the resource church;
- Several updates regarding the establishment of St Matt's as a resource church; and
- The Venerable Andrew Beane was introduced as the new Archdeacon.

Church Fabric

Having completed Phase 1 of a multi-phase church renovation project in 2019, St Matt's is working towards submitting permissions to begin Phase 2. This will include an extension to the church building that will include toilets and a meeting room that can be used as a parent and baby room on a Sunday morning. Covid-19 has slowed the progression of this work and we look forward to beginning Phase 2 in 2021.

The drainage works required to maintain the North Side of St Matt's are nearing completion Delays were caused by weather and an unexpected complication with the ground works. As anticipated, this project will expend a significant proportion of the PCC reserves. We plan to maintain reserves equal to three months' expenditure.

St Matt's Church Hall now has a partition in place and the stage has been made into a third space meaning the one original room is now far more flexible both during the week and for Children's groups on Sundays.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year was £147,496 (2019: £125,940) of which £108,487 (2019: £80,086) was donations. The £143,079 (2019: £585,376) of restricted income includes £108,664 (2019: £528,577) of SDF income. £396,008 (2019: £438,614) was spent to provide Christian ministry at St Matt's and St Sidwell's Churches, including the contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. This is the amount that the churches in the diocese are asked to contribute to cover these costs. It is calculated by a formula based mainly on the head count of the congregation. The amount also includes £53,659 (2019: £226,420) spent on major improvements to the church building, the majority of which were funded by SDF income.

The net result for the year was a deficit of £106,908 (2019: surplus of £267,840) before gains on investments. After adjusting for gains on investments, the net expenditure for the year was £99,692 (2019: net income £293,427).

The PCC receives rental income from renting the church hall and hall car park.

The PCC has designated approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends to charities of their choice. This designated fund is called "Charitable Giving" in the accounts. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2021 is £6,000.

Reserves Policy

The Finance Team has built on the established budget monitoring process to develop more detailed reporting and analysis to support the decision making of the PCC as it leads the church through a period of growth and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. The PCC aims to hold free reserves broadly equivalent to 3 months' expenditure (£81k) for the following reasons:

1. To manage cash flow and contractual obligations;
2. In case of significant building maintenance being required; and
3. Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

The PCC has set a budget for 2021 with a deficit of £19,570. This deficit is largely due to the projected reduced income from venue hire in the early part of the year as a result of Covid-19. The PCC were willing to approve a deficit budget as expenditure will be reviewed throughout the year against projected and actual income and spending can be reduced if deemed necessary.

The total net assets as at the year end were £1,200,067, and of these, £120,585 are restricted reserves, and £6,000 is designated to next year's charitable giving. Of the remaining £1,073,482 unrestricted general funds, £620,912 is held as tangible fixed assets, and £330,000 in investment property. The remaining free reserves held by the PCC are £122,570.

This is in excess of the reserves policy by £41,570.

When the remedial damp works are fully completed in 2021 and final costs are clear, we will consider how to allocate any remaining funds.

Risk Management

The policies with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provide adequate insurance cover for all the activities for which the PCC is involved, including matters such as employers' and public liability.

We have in place, a resilient safeguarding procedure for the recruitment of staff and new volunteers particularly for Kids and Youth team.

Coronavirus Impact

We are primarily dependent on giving from the congregation to fund our activities and also receive a proportion of our income from venue hire. At the time of preparation of the 2020 Accounts (April 2021) we are still assessing the on-going impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Whilst we've seen a change in the nature of our giving, the anticipated reduction in giving due to Covid-19 did not materialise; we have had reduced income from venue hire as community groups and classes have been prevented from taking place.

Our investments have performed well and haven't dropped in value. We have saved some expenditure on church activity as we have not been able to meet in person. We were granted funds through the Government's Job Retention Scheme for some staff that were on furlough which led to savings on some salary lines.

Income and expenditure is being actively monitored by the Finance Team. We currently have reserves that would be able to support activity should the need arise toward the end of 2021. The PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, the Church Wardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Ecclesiastical purposes, and the power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers.

The PCC meets at least six times a year. During these bi-monthly meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed. Our Annual Church Meeting was held on 20th October 2020.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, the Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and one other PCC member. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

A Finance Team has been established to work towards the PCC being self-sustainable at the end of the SDF income.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

The staff team comprises an Operations Director, Worship Pastor, Kids & Families Pastor, Youth Pastor, Operations & Leadership Administrator and Cleaner. The first four of these roles are funded by the SDF income for the first five years of the Resource Church. Each staff member will have an annual Personal Development Review which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year and identify which strategic priorities they are responsible for.

We also have a volunteer Parish & Teams Administrator in post who supports the staff team by completing various administrative tasks.

Every staff team member meets regularly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

Safeguarding

Zac Spencer has taken over from Kate Jackson as Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) which has been incorporated into the Church Safeguarding Policy and embedded through our safeguarding practices.

The PCC have adopted the Diocesan Dashboard for monitoring compliance with safeguarding best practice.

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31 December 2020

Reference and administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell, Exeter has pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Church Addresses

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St Sidwell's Chapel, Sidwell Street, Exeter, EX4 6NN

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

During 2020 the following served as members of the PCC:

Ex Officio members

Clergy

Rev Ed Hodges (Chair)		Incumbent
Rev Matt Clayton		Associate Vicar
Vanessa Pestridge	(from October 2020)	Curate

Church Wardens

David Edwards	(resigned October 2020)
Justin James	(resigned October 2020)
Mark Hobson	(from October 2020)
Heidi Williams	(from October 2020)

Elected Members

Iain Blackwell	(resigned December 2020)	
John Bryant	(resigned October 2020)	
Ian Cockram	(resigned October 2020)	
Lorraine Hayes		Electoral Roll Officer and Deanery Synod Representative
Clive Orchard	(resigned July 2020)	Deanery Synod Representative
Cristina Orchard	(resigned July 2020)	
Peter Stephenson	(resigned September 2020)	
Bec Thompson	(resigned September 2020)	
David Wigmore	(resigned September 2020)	
Tatiana Wilson	(resigned September 2020)	
Kate Jackson	(from October 2020)	
Alec Kemp	(from October 2020)	Deanery Synod Representative
John Kow	(from October 2020)	
Harry Mutton	(from October 2020)	
Zac Spencer	(from October 2020)	Safeguarding Officer
Kim Wilding	(from October 2020)	
Neil Williams		Treasurer

Co-opted Members

Rev William Birdwood	(resigned September 2020)	Retired Priest (with PTO)
Mike Cleveland	(from December 2020)	Retired Clergy (with PTO)

Key management personnel include all members of the PCC as well as the Operations Director (Sophie Giles), the Kids & Families Pastor (Jessica Hodges) and the Worship Pastor (Josh Chesworth).

Investment Managers

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 234 High Street, EXETER EX4 3NL

Independent Examiner

Matthew Melksham FCCA,
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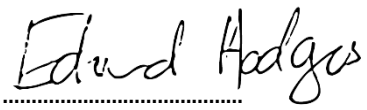
This report was approved by the PCC on 26 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Ed Hodges
PCC Chair
On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

Independent Examiner's Report

Year Ending 31 December 2020

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew with St Sidwell (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 15 to 33.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

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

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

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

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

Matthew Melksham FCCA
Bush & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Barnfield Crescent
Exeter
Dated: 3 May 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ending 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
INCOME FROM							
Donations and legacies	2a)	108,487	143,079	251,566	80,086	585,376	665,462
Charitable activities	2b)	3,223	-	3,223	3,178	-	3,178
Other trading activities	2c)	11,798	-	11,798	21,340	-	21,340
Investments	2d)	23,988	-	23,988	21,336	-	21,336
TOTAL INCOME		147,496	143,079	290,575	125,940	585,376	711,316
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable activities	3a)	226,637	169,371	396,008	138,042	300,572	438,614
Raising funds	3b)	1,475	-	1,475	4,862	-	4,862
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		228,112	169,371	397,483	142,904	300,572	443,476
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	9	(80,616)	(26,292)	(106,908)	(16,964)	284,804	267,840
Net gains/(losses) on investments		7,216	-	7,216	25,587		25,587
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(73,400)	(26,292)	(99,692)	8,623	284,804	293,427
Transfers	13	17,533	(17,533)	-	126,283	(126,283)	-
Reserves brought forward		1,135,349	164,410	1,299,759	1,000,443	5,889	1,006,332
Reserves carried forward	14	1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067	1,135,349	164,410	1,299,759

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	**7**		620,912		620,865
Investment property	**8**		330,000		330,000
Investments	**9**		88,239		122,539
			1,039,151		1,073,404
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		1,773		-	
Debtors and prepayments	**10**	121,308		106,437	
Cash at bank and in hand		97,314		142,448	
		220,395		248,885	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	**11**	59,479		22,530	
Net current assets			160,916		226,355
Total assets less current liabilities			1,200,067		1,299,759
NET ASSETS			1,200,067		1,299,759
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted reserves					
General			1,073,482		1,124,537
Designated			6,000		10,812
	13		1,079,482		1,135,349
Restricted reserves	**13**		120,585		164,410
			1,200,067		1,299,759

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 26 April 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Edward Hodges

Rev Ed Hodges

PCC Chair

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

Year Ending 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**1**	(69,117)	169,961
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents		-	21,336
Proceeds from the sale of investments		41,516	35,782
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(17,533)	(124,892)
Purchase of investments		-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		23,983	(67,774)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(45,134)	102,187
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		142,448	40,261
Total cash and cash equivalents at the year end	**2**	97,314	142,448

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEW WITH ST SIDWELL, EXETER

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

Year Ending 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
1	**Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flows from operating activities**		
	Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(99,692)	293,427
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	17,486	4,027
	Dividends, interest and rents	-	(21,336)
	Gain on investments	(7,216)	(25,587)
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,773)	
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(14,871)	(97,036)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	36,949	16,466
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(69,117)	169,961
2	**Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**		
	Cash at bank and in hand	86,651	131,785
	Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	10,663	10,663
		97,314	142,448

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due.

Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable.

Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

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

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Freehold property

Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC members, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The members carry out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
Computers and equipment - 5 years

Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Income from:

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
2a)	**Donations and legacies**				
	Planned giving	83,700	-	83,700	64,885
	Gift aid recoverable	15,101	372	15,473	12,599
	Collections	1,393	273	1,666	2,246
	General donations and appeals	6,891	2,124	9,015	1,962
	Church weekend	-	-	-	4,225
	SDF grants	-	108,664	108,664	579,545
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	1,402	-	1,402	-
	Other grants	-	31,646	31,646	-
		108,487	143,079	251,566	665,462
2b)	**Charitable activities**				
	Weddings and funerals	276	-	276	2,393
	Student weekend away	2,947	-	2,947	-
	Youth Spree	-	-	-	750
	Film hub contributions	-	-	-	35
		3,223	-	3,223	3,178
2c)	**Other trading activities**				
	St Sidwell Hall rental	3,010	-	3,010	2,564
	St Mattew's Church Hall rental	7,207	-	7,207	16,551
	St Matthew's parking	1,581	-	1,581	2,225
		11,798	-	11,798	21,340
2d)	**Investments**				
	Dividends and interest	2,513	-	2,513	2,687
	Crown House rental	21,475	-	21,475	18,649
		23,988	-	23,988	21,336
	Total income	147,496	143,079	290,575	711,316

3 Expenditure on:

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
3a)	**Charitable activities**				
	Missionary and charitable giving (Note 6)	11,029	310	11,339	17,335
	LYN food bank (Note 13)	-	18,540	18,540	-
	Diocesan common fund	46,121	-	46,121	43,225
	Ministry costs	935	-	935	6,570
	Cost of services	3,190	-	3,190	381
	Worship & production costs	5,526	-	5,526	8,056
	Youth, students & children's work	5,987	-	5,987	918
	Staff costs (Note 4)	11,423	93,158	104,581	61,876
	PAIS intern	-	-	-	2,108
	Maintenance and repairs	104,548	-	104,548	1,871
	Major improvements	3,126	50,533	53,659	226,420
	Church running costs	9,991	-	9,991	21,187
	Church hall running costs	1,473	-	1,473	7,334
	Administrative costs	1,666	6,830	8,496	1,917
	Church weekend costs	-	-	-	9,416
	Youth Spree costs	-	-	-	880
	Film hub costs	-	-	-	69
	Depreciation	17,486	-	17,486	4,027
	SDF set up costs (non-building)	-	-	-	11,351
	SDF operations	-	-	-	2,392
	Support and governance costs				
	Legal and professional fees	2,235	-	2,235	8,993
	Independent examiner's fee	1,901	-	1,901	2,000
	PCC expenses	-	-	-	288
		226,637	169,371	396,008	438,614

3 Expenditure on (Continued):

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
3b)	**Raising funds**				
	Crown house costs	1,475	-	1,475	4,862
	Total expenditure	234,912	162,571	397,483	443,476

4 Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	98,522	60,111
Social security costs	4,183	690
Employer's pension contributions	1,876	1,075
	104,581	61,876

	2020	2019
Average number of employees	6	4
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	3.6	2.5

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2019: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension and employer's national insurance contributions) to key management personnel was £90,264 (2019: £31,359).

5 Related party transactions

Cristina Orchard was an elected member of the PCC and is married to Clive Orchard who was also an elected member of the PCC. Cristina was also employed as the church administrator and received gross salary of £4,054 (2019: £10,524) and employer's pension contributions of £23 (2019: £121).

Jess Hodges is married to Ed Hodges, who is the incumbent and chair of the PCC. Jess Hodges was employed from March 2020 as the kids and families pastor and received gross salary of £18,500 (2019: £nil) and employer's pension contributions of £251 (2019: £nil).

During the year to 31 December 2020, the charity received £45,802 (2019: £34,307) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

No other transactions were undertaken with any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

6 Missionary and charitable giving

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bible Society	50	600
Bishop's discretionary fund	70	226
Buburi Clinic	100	1,450
Christians Against Poverty (Exeter)	900	600
Choices Pregnancy Centre	-	500
Church Mission Society	100	1,200
Crisis	-	70
CTaX	-	50
Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy	25	300
Exeter University Christian Union	-	250
Foodbank	1,300	600
Friends International	-	500
Hospice care	50	-
ICE Charitable Trust	900	600
Latin Link	-	500

6 Missionary and charitable giving (continued)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Newtown Community Association	-	500
Peninsula Initiative - SW Community Chaplaincy	980	1,082
RD&E Neonatal ICU	268	500
REAP UK	-	250
Release International	200	600
Send a Cow	100	1,200
South West Carols	100	-
St Basils Church	1,000	-
St Sidwell's Centre	1,900	1,100
St Sidwell's School	-	500
St Sidwell's School leaver's Bibles	297	308
Street Pastors	800	800
Tearfund	1,040	1,487
YMCA	900	1,400
Discretionary gifts (5 gifts)	259	162
	11,339	17,335

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
Brought forward	500,000	78,043	46,849	624,892
Additions	14,066	-	3,467	17,533
Carried forward	514,066	78,043	50,316	642,425
Depreciation				
Brought forward	-	1,666	2,361	4,027
Charge for year	-	7,804	9,682	17,486
Carried forward	-	9,470	12,043	21,513
Net book value				
Carried forward	514,066	68,573	38,273	620,912
Brought forward	500,000	76,377	44,488	620,865

Land and buildings only contains the St Matthew's Church Hall deemed cost.

8 Investment property

	£
Brought forward and carried forward	330,000

The only investment property held by the PCC is Crown House. The PCC have valued the property based on the fact that market rent is being charged at a rate of £20,000 per annum. A 10 year lease was entered into in 2019 with the current tenant, so the PCC believe the value is unlikely to have changed materially given vacant possession would not be possible on a sale.

9 Investments

	£
Market value brought forward	122,539
Disposal proceeds	(41,516)
Net gains on revaluation	7,216
Market value carried forward	88,239

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Tax recoverable	1,679	1,755
Prepayments	4,686	3,075
Other debtors	100	435
SDF income	114,843	101,172
	121,308	106,437

11 Creditors and accruals

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,911	7,792
Accruals	38,194	2,000
Deferred income	5,416	5,305
Other creditors	3,958	7,433
	59,479	22,530

12 Contingent assets

During 2019, St Matt's was awarded a Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grant of £1,333,068 by the Archbishops' Council towards the cost of growing mission in the city of Exeter over 5.5 years. This grant was applied for by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF), who was acting as an agent on behalf of St Matt's. The grant is claimed by filing expense claims in arrears, with all moneys going through the EDBF and being passed on to St Matt's. Each claim requires approval by administrators of the SDF to ensure it is in line with the original budget submitted. The Archbishops' Council reserves the right to terminate the award if it becomes substantially unlikely that St Matt's will be able to deliver its outcomes as set out in the original grant application. These performance related conditions prevent the full recognition of the grant. So far St Matt's have managed to meet the conditions, so there does not appear to be a reason why the SDF will not be available for 2021. Income has therefore been accrued to cover pre-approved salary expenditure for 2021 and is shown as a debtor in Note 10. Of the total grant, £637,241 has been recognised, leaving £695,827 as a contingent asset.

13 Movement in funds

2020	Brought forward (restated)	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	1,124,537	147,496	(217,300)	7,216	11,533	1,073,482
Charitable Giving	10,812	-	(10,812)	-	6,000	6,000
	1,135,349	147,496	(228,112)	7,216	17,533	1,079,482
Restricted reserves						
Charity collections	-	273	(273)	-	-	-
CRT (see below)	50,844	-	(36,778)	-	(14,066)	-
SDF (see below)	113,566	108,664	(112,909)	-	(3,467)	105,854
LYN (see below)	-	25,142	(19,411)	-	-	5,731
Extension	-	9,000	-	-	-	9,000
	164,410	143,079	(169,371)	-	(17,533)	120,585
	1,299,759	290,575	(397,483)	7,216	-	1,200,067

13 Movement in funds (continued)

Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

This is made up of approximately 10% of the year's generated income and investment dividends. The PCC have agreed that the amount designated to be spent in 2021 is £6,000. It is to be paid to charities chosen by the PCC. The previous policy was that the amount would be designated to be spent in the current year, which is why last year's transfer is so high.

Restricted funds

Charity collections

This fund is where there have been collections for specific charities. The amounts would have been distributed shortly after their receipt.

Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT)

This fund contains a grant from the Church Revitalisation Trust to be used on building works as part of the Resource Church set up. During the year, £17,533 (2019: £124,893) of the restricted income was spent on capital assets. These purchases satisfied the restriction, and so the cost has been transferred into general funds.

Strategic Development Funding (SDF)

This fund contains the SDF income that has either been received or is receivable. The carried forward balance is largely made up of the salary costs for 2021 that is funded by SDF income as noted in Note 12.

Love Your Neighbour (LYN)

Love Your Neighbour is our social response to the Covid-19 crisis. A pop-up food bank was set up to help those in our local community.

13 Movement in funds (continued)

2019	Brought forward (restated)	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses)	Transfers	Carried forward (restated)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves						
General	995,358	125,940	(126,414)	25,587	104,066	1,124,537
Charitable Giving	5,085	-	(16,490)	-	22,217	10,812
	1,000,443	125,940	(142,904)	25,587	126,283	1,135,349
Restricted reserves						
Vicar & warden's discretionary fund	89	-	(89)	-	-	-
Lee Abbey 2019	5,800	5,006	(9,416)	-	(1,390)	-
Charity collections	-	825	(825)	-	-	-
CRT	-	50,968	(124)	-	-	50,844
SDF	-	528,577	(290,118)	-	(124,893)	113,566
	5,889	585,376	(300,572)	-	(126,283)	164,410
	1,006,332	711,316	(443,476)	25,587	-	1,299,759

Lee Abbey 2019

This fund is for gifts towards the church weekend in 2019. The surplus was transferred to the general fund with permission from the donors.

14 Analysis of Assets and liabilities between funds

2020	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	620,912	-	620,912
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	88,239	-	88,239
Stock	1,773	-	1,773
Debtors and prepayments	6,465	114,843	121,308
Cash at bank and in hand	91,572	5,742	97,314
Current liabilities	(59,479)	-	(59,479)
Net assets	1,079,482	120,585	1,200,067

2019			
Tangible fixed assets	620,865	-	620,865
Investment property	330,000	-	330,000
Investments	122,539	-	122,539
Debtors and prepayments	5,167	101,270	106,437
Cash at bank and in hand	66,920	75,528	142,448
Current liabilities	(10,142)	(12,388)	(22,530)
Net assets	1,135,349	164,410	1,299,759