

Part 1 - Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2021

Aims and Purposes

Our mission statement is:

“To be the visible presence of God’s love in Jesus by deepening our relationship with God, each other and our community”

Objectives and Activities

The Church of the Ascension PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd. Jacqueline Shalloe, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Halls and the whole church site.

Achievements and Performance

- **Electoral Roll and Church Attendance**

The electoral roll stands 75 During the review 14 names were removed and 5 names added

The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 25 adults, and 4 under 17s, but this number is particularly low due to Coronavirus and the loss and moving away but numbers increased with special services.

- **Brent Deanery Synod**

Our PCC representatives are Ms Nicola Kent and Tim Woolford. three meetings were attended which focused on a discussion for our 2030 vision.

Ecumenical Relationships - Churches Together

Rosemary is our representative.

With the Covid restrictions we were unable to meet together.

Review of the Year 2021

When 2021 started we were in lockdown, with Churches closed, some people shielding, so our PCC meetings were held on zoom and it wasn't until September that we met, socially distant, in Church.

The Standing Committee met regularly to agree the PCC Agenda. We held 11 PCC meetings and the average attendance was 80%. Instead of our usual subcommittees, the PCC worked well as a team led by our Lay Chair Tim Woolford. Each month we had a monthly finance statement from Anne. Regular costs were approved.

In January the PCC decided that we would open the Church on Sundays and Wednesdays for silent prayer at 10am and regularly review this at subsequent PCC meetings. No rotas would be needed. The Confirmation Service was not able to go ahead so was postponed until a new date could be arranged with the Bishop.

The Churchwardens completed the Mission part of the Annual Return online.

We agreed to pay our 2021 Common Fund Pledge of £20,000 by Standing Order.

The Parish Profile for a new Incumbent, was sent to the Bishop by 14th January, and the Section 12 meeting was held on Zoom, and went well.

In February the timescale for the appointment of Vicar was adjusted so that we could interview in person on 15th June. The revised Profile had been sent in.

There had been no change in Lockdown and we continued having the Church open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Expenditure was agreed for a new boiler to be installed in the Church, as well as for such domestic work as, pest control; gutter cleaning; lightening conductor test; and answerphone. It was decided we would ask Church members for donations for the new boiler and Mike was thanked for producing that letter.

At last we could look at the possibility of opening up. It was proposed that we continue with silent prayer until Good Friday when Archdeacon Catherine would be with us for the 'last hour at the Cross' and Revd Alison Christian had agreed to come on Easter Day, then we would go back to having services on Wednesdays and Sundays. Approval was given by Bishop Pete, and Churchwarden Nicola started finding priests for the subsequent services

To keep the congregation updated Mike Revans produced a Newsletter for everyone on the Electoral Roll. Then we were back to signing in; sanitising; wearing masks; and social distancing but with no congregational singing. Nicola and Irene were thanked for their massive commitment in opening up the Church 2 days a week throughout the double difficulties of pandemic and interregnum.

In April the Accounts and Annual Report were accepted and approved. The Electoral Roll would be updated in time for the APCM.

Thanks were given to Bindu Trivedi and Maureen Cooke, who stood down at the APCM and we welcomed Mary-Anne Chukwuenyem and Tracey King to the PCC.

All officers were covered and sub committees elected but even without meetings all necessary work was done and appreciated.

After risk assessments, a few of the regular lets were returning to their slots in the Church halls but due to uncertainties of Covid restrictions we decided not to let the Halls for one off lets. We were not able to have the May Fair.

Amanda, our Halls Administrator decided to stand down after 10 years. She was warmly thanked and would be much missed. Nicola would hold the phone with the Hall Administrator's number

and she or Irene would check it regularly and hold the paperwork. We started to look for a new Administrator. Eventually Andrew was appointed and would hold the Church smart phone for bookings. He would be working from home initially.

We heard that Bishop Pete was retiring from the See of Willesden and considered the Consultation paper and felt it imperative that the post should be filled due to the large geographic area it covers and the diverse nature of the area.

After a certain amount of work was done on the Vicarage, it was let until the end of August. 2 members of the PCC had been chosen for the Interview panel for our next Priest in June. Offers were made for taking the candidates to the Vicarage; We then heard that Revd Jacqueline Shalloe had accepted the appointment and would be joining us in September. It was decided that the organ and congregational singing would start again on Sunday September 5th in time for Jacqueline's Collation on the 8th September.

Mike agreed to produce a Newsletter for the Parish to introduce Jacqueline. There would be refreshments after the Service under Covid guidelines.

We were grateful to Tracey and Angel for their singing and to all the priests who came to help us during the interregnum and to our Pastoral Assistants Sheila and Nicola took services when no priest was available and distributed the reserve sacrament.

At last, the PCC was able to meet in person to welcome new Vicar, Jacqueline, to the September meeting after all those months on zoom. Tim welcomed her and said how excited we were to have her and her family as part of our Church family.

Outreach in the Community

Jaqueline talked about her immediate plans to grow and nurture the people; She has kept the Church open for prayer and also lets people know we are here to support our Parish. Tracey has worked with the vicar to lead worship in Kenbrook care home and Geraldine has worked very hard to introduce the vicar to local members and leaders in our Parish. The PCC supports our local pub, The Preston, with regular monthly lunches on the third Wednesday of the month.

The Mission Committee met; we can start collecting bottle tops again for the Air Ambulance, At Harvest we held a soup and rolls lunch and donations would be shared between the Food Bank and Water Aid. We were able to send £390 to Water Aid. Our regular donations to the Food Bank continue and we are pleased that Stuart is able to take them to St Lawrence Larder each month.

We held a Christmas Tree Festival in Church from Advent to Epiphany and invited the local community. The children from the Pre-school in the Youth Centre came in to sing. Some of our hall users came to decorate their trees even if they were not yet meeting. There was a Christingle Service in December, with a collection (£240) for the Children's Society. £184 had been collected in our Lent purses for the Diocesan Charity. The remaining mission Funds would go to Christian Aid.

We also felt a Service of Remembrance was necessary for those who had died and not able to have a funeral in lockdowns. This Service was held on November 8th when we remembered particularly Joyce Hull; Betty Mdoe; and Walter Saunders and Gillian Burrows. Thomas Culkeen, Clare Ahern and Jean Hailes had also sadly died this year and we remember them all with affection. May they Rest in Peace.

Grateful thanks were given to all those who had worked on the garden particularly Irene, John

and Tracey. Mike also offered to help organise a working party. We have also had paid help from Steve, as it is necessary to keep the garden under control. Mike has found that Community Payback will help maintain our Gardens and we are actively pursuing this.

Fulfilling our 2030 and our church vision of Deeping our relation with the community, We have come together with the Ashford Place charity after training with the charity and also our deanery we now a Dementia friendly Church.

We are also looking at the possibility of a Daniel's Den Mother and Toddler club.

Jacqueline reported that she had visited Kenbrook where she has continued to go till December when there was another covid outbreak . With Sheila, she had been on a pre-Baptism visit and Sheila has led this as a pastoral assistant and also, we had a baptism, and a confirmation and we have introduced that each child being baptised should have a sponsor from the Congregation and Tracey has been the first sponsor, this has helped to build relationship and families feel cared for by the church family. We celebrated Black History month with a service in October, and thanks goes to our amazing cooks and the service was well attended. We have a Facebook service and a zoom service which are not well attended

Sadly, our PCC Secretary, Jean Hailes, died at home after a short period in hospital. She will be remembered for her helpfulness and friendship and her wonderful note-taking whilst on zoom. Sheila stepped in and has taken notes of meetings from October.

The boilers have been serviced, a wire test done, and Safeguarding certificates obtained when requested by Nicola. The Insurance Society had re-evaluated our premises and contents and the increased annual payment was made in September.,

Our new Architect, Karen Butti, was appointed

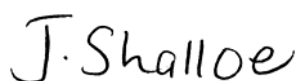
After so long without lets in the Halls, our church wardens contacted all our regular users about their return.

Solar energy lights have been installed outside the Church Halls.

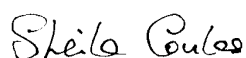
Anjali Maldonado from Holy Cross is training had a placement with us as she attended St, Edmunds course, during her time with us Jacqueline was her Mentor, this was agreed by the PCC. She has assisted the pastoral team. Anjali has been offered another placement at All Hallows Church, Greenford.

We agreed our pledge for the 2022 Common Fund of £25,000

The Chair and the PPC would like to express their thanks to our Churchwardens, Treasurers, pastoral assistants and all members of the congregation for all they have done during Covid and during the Interregnum. We look forward to a fruitful and blessed New year.



Jacqueline Shalloe



Sheila Coules

Administrative Information

The Church of the Ascension is situated in The Avenue, Wembley Park (HA9 9QL). It is part of The Diocese of London within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 319 Preston Road, Harrow, HA3 0QQ.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021

Ex. Officio Members

Incumbent	The Revd Jacqueline Shalloe	Chair (from 8 th September 2021)
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Wardens	Ms Nicola Kent Mrs Irene Stubbs
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Representatives on the Deanery Synod(2)	Ms Nicola Kent Mr Tim Woolford
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PCC Treasurer (Joint)	Mrs Anne Bignell and Mrs Mary-Ann Chukwuenym
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Elected Members	Mrs Maureen Egbuche Mrs Anthea Revans Mr Michael Revans Miss Rosemary Sheldrick Mrs Sheila Coules
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Appointed Officers

Nicola Kent	Safeguarding Officer
Tracey King	Children's Champion
Mrs Maureen Egbuche	Gift Aid Officer
Sheila Coules	Electoral Roll Officer

Independent Financial Examiner

The Revd David Green
Gowers Plus Limited
The Old School House
Bridge Road
Hunton Bridge
Kings Langley
Herts
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Architect:

Karen Butti MA, GradDiplCons(AA), RIBA, AABC
Director, Thomas Ford and Partners, 177 Kirkdale, London,
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Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At the Ascension the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Chair), Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met nine times during the year with an average level of attendance of 70%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include pastoral care, and, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Churchwardens Fabric Report

We are able to report that the Inventory has been checked and that all listed items and ornaments of the Church are present

Church

From January – March the Church remained in lockdown c/o the Covid-19 Pandemic and the buildings were maintained. The Church was open for Private Prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays 10am -11am.

As the Interregnum continued, lockdown rules were lifted but restrictions still remained. Our thanks are owed to The Ven. Catherine Pickford, Archdeacon of Northolt and also to Fr Andrew Teather, Area Dean, for their Guidance and support.

Archdeacon Catherine assisted with the re-start of our services on Good Friday with a Eucharist where the Host alone was distributed for Communion in keeping with Covid restrictions. The Archdean has also Celebrated at a few of our services.

Thanks are owed to Rev'd Alison Christian, who guided us through a Covid secure service on Easter morning and also presided at a Christening during the Interregnum. We have benefitted from wisdom from visiting Clergy and owe gratitude to Rev'd Helen Askwith, Fr Jason Rendell, Rev'd Trevor Goddard, Rev'd Richard Young, Rev'd Vicky Bastidas, Rev'd Paul Hullyer, Rev'd Mark Arnold, Rev'd Keith Stephenson, Rev'd Dave Byrne and Rev'd Hyacinth Young; our Pastoral Assistants Sheila Coules and Nicola Kent also took services using Reserved Sacrament.

During lockdown, the Pastoral assistants found themselves contacting members of the congregation by phone, email or text in order to keep in touch. When lockdown eased, coordinating Home Communion / visits could re-start. Although our usual link with the Nursing Homes remained difficult to maintain. Additionally, safeguarding both the Church and our members has been a priority throughout.

Stuart Ransom, our Sacristan has adapted constantly and kept on top of Covid requirements and the various needs of visiting Clergy during the Interregnum, and then when our Vicar arrived, the needs of Rev'd Jacqueline. We owe him a huge thank you for keeping on top of things so effectively.

Since Jacqueline arrived, we have had our first Black History service. At our Harvest Festival we raised £270 for Water Aid and donated food to the Food Bank – We would like to thank Stuart, our food bank coordinator for delivering our all-year donations to the food bank. We held our Christingle service in aid of Children's Society. We fundraise with boxes all year additionally to raise funds. Thanks are owed to Hilary and Ian Prevost, our Children Soc.

Coordinators

With the reintroduction of services, the churchwardens found themselves helping out as our sidespeople juggled with the key roles of ensuring that hand sanitiser was used, masks worn and people signed in, in addition to their vital meet and greet role, counting the congregation, the collection and completing the register. We owe a huge thank you to this vital and very small team of people and would like to see the team grow in numbers.

Our Sunday, sung Eucharist is led musically by organ and Choir... We have recently introduced the Organist and choir rehearsing after the service. This is to give the congregation an opportunity

to learn next week's hymns. We would like to thank both the organist and choir for their input. Our Wednesday service is a said Eucharist

We are grateful to our flower arrangers who work discretely behind the scenes, our Church looks beautiful.

We have introduced tea / coffee after the service at the back of Church and would like to thank the rota of volunteers. It provides the essential fellowship of the Church. We would like to increase the number of people on the rota and develop this role so that those on the coffee rota set up for coffee before the service. This would enable good team work

We use our meeting room for smaller activities i.e. smaller coffee groups and Bible Study.

We would like to thank our PCC members for their commitment and participation during the year. During the Pandemic it became necessary for PCC meetings to be on zoom. Most subcommittee meetings were put on hold, but as Covid restrictions relaxed further, the subcommittees began to meet, it is hoped this will continue. A particular thank you goes to Tim Woolford, PCC Lay Chairman for Chairing our meetings prior to Jacqueline's arrival.

Our Church would not operate without the input of Mary-Ann Chukwuenyem and Anne Bignell – Joint Treasurers and Maureen Egbuche as Planned Giving Coordinator. The PCC began the year with the death of the late Jean Hailes who was PCC secretary. Jean worked tirelessly, minuting our meetings, (made harder on zoom) and was willing to be available as a resource for various rules and regulations. She is greatly missed. We would like to thank Sheila Coules for stepping into minute subsequent meetings following Jean's death.

We would like to thank the team of people who do the discreet, vital and unseen things like counting the collection and paying in the money, cutting the grass, forever doing the garden and tidying up both inside the Church as well as outside. In particular, we would like to thank Mike Revans and Tracey King.

During the year the following works / maintenance / management of the Church, have taken place

- The annual lightning conductor test was completed.
- The Church Boiler was replaced by Dunphy contractor.

Parish Hall

At the beginning of Covid, we were required to close both our halls. This meant a loss in income for us and led to difficulty in payments of bills.

In the middle of Lockdown, our Hall Administrator handed in her notice. Having advertised, and interviewed candidates, we were very pleased to welcome Andrew Mangaram to the team as the new Hall Administrator. When the restrictions eased, we were grateful to see the return of some of our regular hall hirers who worked with us to maintain Covid restrictions. It was also good to see Brownies and Guides return to using our Parish Hall for free, as part of our mission to the community.

The gas cooker in the Parish Hall was condemned as it did not meet gas safety standards. After a major effort to remove the old cooker, a new cooker was installed.

The following works have been undertaken during the year:

- Roof leak: new flashing fitted around the Parish Hall tower.
- Roof leak: over Gent's toilets. New flashing fitted
- External solar lights were fitted.

Youth Centre Hall

When schools returned during the pandemic, the kindergarten based at the Ascension, had sole use of the Youth Centre. We have benefitted from the rent they have paid.

- External solar lights were fitted.
- Combination padlock was fitted to the gate on the gate to the playgroup area, to stop intruders.

During the year, the following general issues have been dealt with:

- General cleaning to building and grounds have been ongoing.
- PAT testing in Church, Parish Hall and Youth Centre have been completed.
- Guttering cleaned out of Church, Parish Hall and Youth Centre.
- 5 yearly electrical tests completed in all buildings.
- Fire equipment / extinguishers maintained in all buildings.
- Gas pipes were replaced from the road to the Church, Parish Hall and the Youth Centre. This work was carried out by the Gas Company.

Future issues needing consideration:

- The plaster and decoration of bare brickwork and ceilings in Church vestry area and meeting room does need rectifying.

We began the year while in an Interregnum and while coping with the Covid-19 Pandemic. We will be leaving the year with our new Incumbent Rev'd Jacqueline Shalloe in place.

We would like to thank our Cleaner who has worked so effectively throughout the year in maintaining the Church, the Parish Hall and the Youth Centre in keeping with the various, ever changing Covid restrictions.

“Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which God looks, compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”
(St Teresa of Avila)

Nicola Kent and Irene Stubbs – Churchwardens

Treasurers' Report

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to maintain reserves to cover anticipated future expenses incurred in running the parish and maintaining its structures. This applies to all three buildings and grounds of the church. It is our policy to invest our funds' balances, where this is possible, with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England (CFB).

As of 31 December 2021, total reserves held in various funds were £45,726. These figures include income from the trust fund (shown on note 3 (notes page 16-7) of £14,174 held at CFB.

Financial Review

As expected, and outlooked in my 2020 report, 2021 has also been impacted by the lockdown measures introduced by the UK government to contain the COVID-19 pandemic up and down the country. Although the phased lifting of lockdown measures during the year brought hope, a return to business as usual is still a while away for most organisations. For COTA, some hirers (in particular pre-school) returned in the 2nd half of the year, however, this was not enough to return our finances to pre-COVID levels when looking at the full year in total. That said, we are confident, and taking steps, to grow our congregation and expand our outreach in the community, to ensure 2022 is a better year for the Church, providing, we are spared further lockdowns and continue to see traction in hall hirers' return pattern!!

Examining the accounts attached on page 16-1, Receipts and Payments Summary, total income for the year stands at £60,096 (2020, £68,034) a decrease of some -£7,938 year on year.

This large reduction, when compared to last year, is explained by reductions in Halls let income - £1,965; Regular giving -£2,122; Other giving -£2,000; Other receipts -£2,445 (due mainly to the removal of the 2020 notice board donations receipt) and Missions -£458, mitigated by an increase in Investment income £1,124.

Breaking this down further and focusing on the "Unrestricted" column of the accounts, the total income under this column, at £43,886 (2020, £50,205), is a decrease of some -£6,319 year on year. This decrease in income is driven by Halls letting income, pages 16-4 and 16-5, which at a combined £25,462 (2020 £27,427) is -£1,965 worse than last year (itself driven by Parish Hall lets reduction of -£6,500 mitigated by an improvement in Youth Centre Halls income of £4,535, pre-school in the Youth Centre returning earlier than other hirers); and reduction in Church Receipts, page 16-2, which at £18,724 (2020, £22,778) is some -£4,054 worse than last year. This reduction in Church Receipts is further explained, as noted in the above paragraph, by a year-on-year decrease in Planned giving totalling -£2122, and reductions in Other giving and receipts of -£1,932.

As with prior years, our reliance on Halls letting income to meet the day-to-day running cost of the Parish continues. Unfortunately, for 2021, fuelled by the COVID-19 impact on all activities further expanding this gap, income from lets was insufficient to fund the Parish expenditure in full. This is clear by examining the "Unrestricted" column on page 16-1 of the accounts where the total combined income from Church and Halls sits at £43,886 compared to total expenditure, on the same basis, of £57,642 (2020, £90,286) representing a total loss for the year of -£13,756.

However, it must be noted that the reduction in costs year on year was solely due to COTA not maintaining its common fund contributions at the regular, and 2020, levels of £54,000 – had this not been the case then the total excess of income over expenditure in 2021 would have been -£47,756!!

Further, to clarify the reserves, and capital assets, included in the following financial statements, the PCC has a Trust Fund with monies invested in a Unit Trust with M&G Charifund under a Deed of Trust with the Diocesan Board as Custodian Trustees.

The current figures (in summary) are:-

Market Value at	27.04.1988	31.12.2020	31.12.2021
Chari fund Units (15,985.00)	£80,000.00	£219,405.31	£248,758.57
Deposit Account at CBF	£4,973.00	£39,471.09	£7,339.94
Plus income from Charifund		£10,709.95	£11,828.91
Plus interest		£158.90	£4.69
Less grant to PCC		(£43,000)	(£5,000)
Balance held on deposit		£7,339.94	£14,173.54
Total values		£226,745.25	£262,932.11

Investments in Unit trusts are subject to Stock market movements and can go down as well as up. This year, the capital value of our Chari fund units has increased by £29,353 when compared to 2020. This represents a capital growth of some 13%, which is a welcomed and impressive performance in a year that was largely impacted by COVID-19 with most economies and markets, including the UK, struggling to recover lost positions. In addition, £11,834 of income (and interest) was generated in the year, adding to the balance of income held on deposit at the beginning of the year. An income withdrawal totalling £5,000 was also made during the year to meet COTA liabilities, mainly related to boiler repairs, that were otherwise not able to be met from “free” cash due to low income from ordinary activities.

Church Hall buildings valuation

Current Charity commission instructions require that we annotate our accounts Church Hall buildings valuation. As such the PCC approached EIG Insurance which has revised their valuation for the Church Halls for 2021 to £2,960,000 (2020, the Hall buildings’ valuation was set at £1,747,011). These valuations are set out on page 16-6, Assets & Liabilities, and note 2, Notes page 16-7, on the attached financial statements.

The year ahead – 2022

The PCC is hoping that 2022 will present a better future for the Church and its finances, where we hope to grow our congregation and begin to return to some sort of normality where hirers, by the 2nd half of the year, return to pre-COVID-19 activity levels and normal Church fundraising activities is resumed.

However, we should temper our outlook with a little bit of caution and expect that 2022 when taken as a whole, although we should see improvements against 2021, would still not return Church and Halls activities, and income, to the levels seen in 2019 and perhaps even 2020!

Although we should see an improved level of activity this year, having re-opened our Halls earlier this year to one-off lets, and the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations later this year presents a channel for COTA to harness fundraising opportunities which it must indeed do, delivering even 2020 results will be a challenge that must be worked to overcome especially if regular hirers do not return to normal levels by the 2nd half of the year.

Given our dependency on Halls letting income, and the challenges we face in this space with our regular lets, we must turn our attention to other areas to manage and maximise our net income. We must double our efforts to improve the volume of our one-off lets, explore avenues to drive more income from “Church” activities, and accelerate other fund-raising efforts. We must, in

addition, continue to perform a forensic review of our cost base and execute efficiencies where and when we can such that we streamline, align, and/or match normal costs, wherever this is achievable, to changing revenue profiles, and contain our net cash outflow.

Further, we as parishioners should again stretch ourselves this year when filling up planned giving envelopes, gift aid all our donations, and regular giving, wherever possible, and continue to execute measures that improve our financial position, and posture, through 2022 and beyond.

We should continue our commitment to review stewardship on an annual basis.

Mary-Ann Chukwuenyem – Treasurer

The following accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

These accounts were presented and approved by a meeting of the PCC convened on May 4, 2022, and signed on their behalf by

J. Shalloe

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The Rev. Jacqueline Shalloe (Chair)

Sheila Coules

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Sheila Coules (Secretary)

Part 2 - Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet
(including Independent Examiners Report)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WEMBLEY PARK

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of the Church of the Ascension Wembley Park

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 16-1 to 16-7.

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

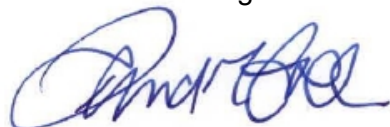
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 7th May 2022

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

Receipts and Payments Summary

	Note No.	UNRESTRICTED £	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED £	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts						
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>						
Regular Giving		16,054	-	-	16,054	18,176
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>						
Other giving		2,471	-	104	2,575	4,570
<i>Missionary and charitable</i>						
Missions	A	-		263	263	721
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>						
Church		-			-	-
Parish Hall		6,949		300	7,249	13,749
Youth Centre		18,213			18,213	13,678
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>						
Church activities		199		-	199	-
<i>Receipts from investments</i>						
Investment income		-	11,829		11,829	10,710
Bank account			17	4	21	292
<i>Other receipts</i>						
Other receipts			1,830	1,863	3,693	6,138
Total Receipts		£ 43,886	£ 13,676	£ 2,534	£ 60,096	£ 68,034
Payments						
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>						
Stewardship envelopes		65		-	65	43
<i>Fund raising & trading costs</i>						
Magazine, Publicity and Fairs		746		-	746	1,129
<i>Church Activities</i>						
Missions	A	-		263	263	542
Church costs		35,082			35,082	68,757
Refund of loan			3,000		3,000	3,000
Parish Hall trading		8,659		300	8,959	10,780
Youth Centre trading		5,522		-	5,522	6,540
					-	-
Major Church payments		5,000	5,981		10,981	4,968
Major Parish Hall payments		-			-	-
Major Youth Centre payments		-		-	-	-
<i>Governance costs</i>						
Governance costs		2,568		-	2,568	3,437
Total resources used		£ 57,642	£ 8,981	£ 563	£ 67,186	£ 99,196
Excess Receipts/(payments)		(13,756)	4,695	1,971	(7,090)	(31,162)
Bank balances B/F		3,417	29,954	27,437	60,808	91,970
Transfer Trust fund money		5,000	(5,000)		-	
Other fund transfers			1,750	(1,750)		
Trust Fund in current A/c B/F			7,492	(7,492)		
Trust Fund B/F			7,340	(7,340)		
Bank balances C/F		(£ 5,339)	£ 46,231	£ 12,826	£ 53,718	£ 60,808
Gains/(losses) on investments in year			£ 29,354		£ 29,354	£(46,056)

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Church Receipts

	Note No	UNRESTRICTED £	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED £	2021 £	2020 £
Voluntary receipts - regular giving						
Planned giving - gift aided		10,177		-	10,177	11,711
Planned giving non gift aided		1,058		-	1,058	1,847
Collections		974		-	974	790
Tax recovered - planned giving	B	3,845		-	3,845	3,828
Church boxes		-		-	-	-
		<u>16,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,054</u>	<u>18,176</u>
Other voluntary receipts						
Donations		2,088		92	2,180	3,874
Tax recovered on donations	B	383		12	395	696
Legacies		-		-	-	-
		<u>2,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>2,575</u>	<u>4,570</u>
Receipts from Church activities						
Parish magazine				-	-	-
Fees		199		-	199	-
		<u>199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>-</u>
Receipts from activities for generating funds						
May Fair				-	-	-
Winter Fair				-	-	-
Band concerts		-		-	-	-
Preserves		-		-	-	-
Afro Caribbean Evening				-	-	-
Tax received on fund raising donations		-		-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Receipts from investments						
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other receipts						
		-		-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
Donation for Palm Sunday donkey		-		-	-	210
Donation for garden maintenance		-		-	-	600
Tax on garden maintenance donations	B	-		113	113	150
Donations for notice boards						5,000
Donations for church boiler replacement				1,750	1,750	
VAT refund on boiler expenditure		-	1,830		1,830	
Donation for heating		-			-	100
Tax on garden fund donations	B	-			-	25
Tax on Palm Sunday donkey donations	B	-			-	53
		-			-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>1,863</u>	<u>3,693</u>	<u>6,138</u>
Total Church receipts for year		<u><u>£ 18,724</u></u>	<u><u>£ 1,830</u></u>	<u><u>£ 1,967</u></u>	<u><u>£ 22,521</u></u>	<u><u>£ 28,884</u></u>
Less Church payments for year		<u><u>(43,461)</u></u>	<u><u>(8,981)</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>(52,442)</u></u>	<u><u>(81,334)</u></u>
Surplus/deficit for year		<u><u>(£ 24,737)</u></u>	<u><u>(£ 7,151)</u></u>	<u><u>£ 1,967</u></u>	<u><u>(£ 29,921)</u></u>	<u><u>(£ 52,450)</u></u>

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Church Payments

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED £	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED £	2021 £	2020 £
Church Payments						
Cost of generating voluntary income						
Stewardship envelopes		65	-	-	65	43
Stewardship campaign printing		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>65</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>43</u>
Fund raising & trading costs						
Magazine and publicity		746	-	-	746	1,089
Fund raising costs		-	-	-	-	40
		<u>746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>1,129</u>
Church activities						
Ministry costs						
Diocesan Quota / contribution		20,004	-	-	20,004	54,000
Clergy expenses		548	-	-	548	1,416
		<u>20,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,552</u>	<u>55,416</u>
Upkeep of Church						
Gas		1,653	-	-	1,653	3,232
Electricity		587	-	-	587	588
Insurance		4,249	-	-	4,249	4,349
Organists fees		1,540	-	-	1,540	910
		<u>8,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,029</u>	<u>9,079</u>
Maintenance						
Organ & piano tuning		-	-	-	-	246
Routine maintenance & repairs		2,310	-	-	2,310	1,377
		<u>2,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>1,623</u>
Training costs						
Young Church and Youth		-	-	-	-	-
Training		-	-	-	-	18
Confirmation		15	-	-	15	-
		<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>
Governance costs						
Administration		2,568	-	-	2,568	3,437
		<u>2,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,568</u>	<u>3,437</u>
Other Payments						
Upkeep of services		960	-	-	960	1,016
Upkeep of grounds, general		595	-	-	595	574
General outreach		466	-	-	466	312
Advertisement in the Church Times		777	-	-	777	-
Sequestration expenses		1,378	-	-	1,378	719
Refund of loan		-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
		<u>4,176</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,176</u>	<u>5,621</u>
Total general Church payments for year		<u><u>£ 38,461</u></u>	<u><u>£ 3,000</u></u>	<u><u>£ 0</u></u>	<u><u>£ 41,461</u></u>	<u><u>£ 76,366</u></u>
Major repairs						
Notice Boards		-	-	-	-	4,968
Replacement of church boiler		5,000	5,981	-	10,981	-
		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,981</u>	<u>4,968</u>
Total major Church payments		<u><u>5,000</u></u>	<u><u>5,981</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>10,981</u></u>	<u><u>4,968</u></u>
Total Church payments for year		<u><u>£ 43,461</u></u>	<u><u>£ 8,981</u></u>	<u><u>£ 0</u></u>	<u><u>£ 52,442</u></u>	<u><u>£ 81,334</u></u>

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Parish Hall Account

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Lettings - regular	6,281		11,444	
Letting - short term	668			
Donation for roof repair	300		2,305	
		<u>7,249</u>		<u>13,749</u>
Total receipts		<u>£ 7,249</u>		<u>£ 13,749</u>
Payments				
Electricity	644		920	
Gas	1,795		2,293	
Cleaner	1,866		1,516	
Water	130		707	
Cleaning materials	53		62	
Performing Rights Society	40		39	
Insurance	1,074		1,099	
Toilet rolls			32	
Plumbing & boiler service	250		315	
Pest control	824			
General maintenance	90		320	
Wireing & appliance testing	300		75	
Waste collection	1,498		1,329	
Other supplies	7			
Solar lights	88			
Roof repair	300			
New boiler pump			665	
Blocking up door			1,408	
		<u>8,959</u>		<u>10,780</u>
Total payments		<u>£ 8,959</u>		<u>£ 10,780</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>(£ 1,710)</u>		<u>£ 2,969</u>

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Youth Centre Account

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Lettings - regular	18,213		13,243	
Lettings - short term			435	
		18,213		13,678
Total receipts		<u>£ 18,213</u>		<u>£ 13,678</u>
Payments				
Electricity	629		588	
Gas	1,197		1,528	
Cleaner	890		812	
Water	87		472	
Cleaning materials	35		49	
Pest control	550			
Plumbing repairs & Boiler Service	230		425	
Insurance	578		592	
Toilet rolls			21	
Wireing and appliance testing	262		54	
General repairs	60		135	
Waste collection	999		886	
Other supplies	5			
Decorating			828	
Refrigerator			150	
		5,522		6,540
Total payments		<u>£ 5,522</u>		<u>£ 6,540</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>£ 12,691</u>		<u>£ 7,138</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

				2021	2020 <i>restated</i>
	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED	
		£	£	£	£
Assets:					
Investments	1		248,759	248,759	219,405
Fixed Asset - Halls - as per EIG Insurance valuation	2			2,960,000	1,747,011
Bank Accounts	3	(5,339)	46,231	12,826	60,808
				<u>£ 3,262,477</u>	<u>£ 2,027,224</u>
Represented by:					
Restricted Funds	3			12,826	27,437
Designated Funds	1 & 3		294,990	294,990	249,359
Fixed Asset - Halls - as per EIG Insurance valuation	2			2,960,000	1,747,011
Unrestricted Funds	3	(5,339)		(5,339)	3,417
				<u>£ 3,262,477</u>	<u>£ 2,027,224</u>
Liabilities					
Diocesan Loan				5,500	8,500
Hall hirers				1,753	3,110

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Note 1 - Investments	Notes to the Accounts			
	Opening	Introduction of	Gains	Closing
	at valuation	Halls as an Asset		Book Value
	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds - see note C below				
Trust Fund - Non Permanent Endowment	-	-	-	-
Capital (holding 15985 units)	219,405	-	29,354	248,759
	£ 219,405	-	29,354	£ 248,759
Note 2 - Fixed Asset				
Halls- as per EIG Insurance valuation 2021	-	£ 2,960,000	-	£ 1,747,011
Note 3 - Bank Accounts	Opening	Receipts &	Transfers	Closing
	Balances	Expenditure		Balances
	(restated)			
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Missions Fund (held in Current A/c)	406			406
Retentions Funds (held in Current A/c)	11,747	(7,275)		4,472
Bequests & Donations Fund	7,944	4		7,948
	£ 20,097	(£ 7,271)	£ 0	£ 12,826
Designated Funds				
Designated Funds (held in Current A/c)	6,362	2,091		8,453
Trust Fund - (held at CBF*)	7,340	11,834	(5,000)	14,174
Fabric Fund	5,617	3		5,620
COTA Deposit Fund	3,234	1		3,235
Bequests & Donations Fund	12,571	7		12,578
Parish Hall Reserve (held at CBF*)	217		-	217
Youth Centre Reserve (held at CBF*)	1,953	1	-	1,954
	£ 37,294	£ 13,937	(£ 5,000)	£ 46,231
Unrestricted Funds				
Church funds (held in Current and CBF A/c)	£ 3,417	(£ 13,756)	£ 5,000	(£ 5,339)
*CBF=Central Board of Finance of C of E				
Total Bank Balances	£ 60,808	(£ 7,090)	-	£ 53,718
Note A - Missions breakdown		2021		2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Rec'd	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance	-	406	406	227
Income	-	534	534	542
Gift tax recovered	-	79	79	179
Expenditure	-	-	-	-
London Diocesan Fund Lent Appeal	-	(185)	(185)	(55)
Water Aid	-	(428)	(428)	(487)
Balance (liability) carried forward	-	£ 406	£ 406	£ 406
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Rec'd	Total
Note B - Gift Aid - tax received breakdown			2021	2020
Planned giving	3,845	-	3,845	3,828
Donations	383	125	508	924
Missions	-	79	79	179
Total received	£ 4,228	£ 204	£ 4,432	£ 4,931

Note C - investments - designated funds

Following recent research, it is now understood that the funds held both in income unit investments and in the CBF for the Trust fund are not restricted funds as had previously been thought. Historically these funds were disclosed as restricted funds. These accounts, therefore, include a restated 2020 position within the notes and balance sheet.