

Annual Report and Accounts



Charity Number: 1172298



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
of the WOUGHTON ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
at St Mary's Church – Woughton on the Green
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7:30pm**

Ecumenical Vision Statement

For the Woughton Ecumenical Parish

In the light of the prayer of Christ 'may they all be one... that the world may believe that you sent me...' (Jn 17.21) and the injunction to 'spare no effort to make fast with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives' (Eph 4:3), members of Woughton Ecumenical Parish commit themselves to work together in serving God's mission locally and beyond.

Members of the Parish, drawn from the four participating denominations (The Church of England, The Methodist Church, The Baptist Union and The United Reformed Church) and from other Christian traditions, seek to respond to the call of God through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our life together and our mission are shaped by our core values:

- Spiritually alive;
- Together in Christ;
- Reaching out;
- Welcoming all;
- Using our gifts;
- Being sustainable.

Each of our five local congregations gives expression to the above, in its worship, ministry and mission.

AGENDAS for
Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Woughton Parish,
Parochial Church Council of Woughton Parish,
Annual Congregational Meeting of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership,
And 46th Meeting of the Woughton Ecumenical Partnership Trustees
At 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th May 2023
St. Mary's – Woughton on the Green

Prayers led by the Team.

Rev Ian Herbert in the Chair for items 1 and 2.

1. Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 - a. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 5th April 2022
 - b. Nominations for churchwardens
 - d. Election of PCC members as nominated in Appendix A
 - e. Decision on number of elected PCC members for the year 2023/24
 - f. Appointment of Deanery Synod representative
2. Parochial Church Council Meeting
 - a. Co-option of PCC member
 - b. Election of PCC Secretary
 - c. Proposal that the WEP Treasurer should act as the PCC Treasurer for the year

Mike Davidge in the Chair

3. Annual Congregational Meeting
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting of WEP held on 11th May 2022
 - b. Presentation of the Report
 - c. Presentation of the Accounts for 2022
 - d. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
 - e. Ex-officio Trustees
 - f. Election of Trustees of the Woughton Ecumenical Partnership (two only required)
 - g. Appointment of the Methodist Circuit Representative
 - h. Appointment of a Representative to Netherfield Partnership.

Rev Ian Herbert in the Chair

4. Meeting of Trustees
 - a. Election of the lay Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
 - b. Election of Trustee for the Trinity Centre, Fishermead
 - c. Election of the Member of the Trinity Centre Management Committee
 - d. Date of next two meetings

Appendix A to the Agenda

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Nominations for appointments at Partnership level 2023-2024

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

PCC Members <i>all for one year</i> 2023-24	Lynn Castle (St T) Irene Longstaff (TF) Don Mahon (TF) Di Miller (St M)		
PCC Ex-Officio <i>to note</i>	Revd Ian Herbert, Revd Paul Norris,		
Church Wardens	<table> <tr> <td><i>St Mary's</i> <i>St Thomas'</i> <i>Woolstone</i></td><td>David Bird Iola Samuels John Howard</td></tr> </table>	<i>St Mary's</i> <i>St Thomas'</i> <i>Woolstone</i>	David Bird Iola Samuels John Howard
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Deanery Synod Representatives	Di Miller, Kim Weston		

Parochial Church Council:

Co-opt to PCC	Revd. Charmaine Howard Revd. Nicola Vidamour
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Annual Congregational Meeting:

WEP Trustees
For three years to 2023

For information: *Continuing Trustees*

Lynn Castle (St T)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
Iola Samuels (St.T) ⁽²⁰²¹⁾
Mike Davidge (Chair of Trustees)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
David Hart (CtV)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
Don Mahon (TF) ⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
Marilyn Mahon (TF)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
Di Miller (St M)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾
John Howard (W)⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾

For Election Geoffrey Miller (St. M)

Ex-Officio Trustees

Revd. Ian Herbert, Revd. Nicola Vidamour, Revd. Paul Norris,
Revd. Charmaine Howard

Methodist Circuit (2) Lynn Castle; Marilyn Mahon, Don Mahon

Netherfield Partnership (corporate member) *Revd Ian Herbert / Rev.Charmaine Howard*

Trustees Meeting:

Trustee of Trinity Centre	Ian Herbert/Don Mahon
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Other Appointments and Representatives 2023-2024

Ministry Team

Revd Ian Herbert
Revd Paul Norris
Revd Charmaine Howard
Revd Nicola Vidamour

Other Ordained Ministers

Revd Christopher Bell

Preachers and worship leaders

Lynn Castle
Mike Davidge
Judy Rapp

Safeguarding Officers

St. Mary's – Kim Weston
St. Thomas – Nicola Vidamour
Holy Trinity - ???
Trinity Fishermead - Irene Longstaff
Christ the Vine - ???

URC Synod Representatives (appointed by local churches – 1 per church)

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of Woughton Parish on 5th April 2022
St. Mary's Church Woughton on the Green & via Zoom**

Present: Ian Herbert Geoffrey Miller
 Paul Norris Lynn Castle
 Nicola Vidamour Kim Weston
 Charmaine Howard David Hart
 Susan Newby Melania Hart
 John Howard Sue Smith
 Mike Davidge Lynn Davidge
 Iola Samuels Norma Baldwin
 Pat Hodges Chris Bell
 Don Mahon
 Marilyn Mahon
 Jayne Carvell-Taylor

Apologies: Beccy Herbert, Angy Norris
 Sue Smith

Rev Paul Norris led us in Worship.

Rev Ian Herbert in the chair for Items 1 & 2

1. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- a) Due to the incorrect version of the PCC Report in the main APCM Report, Ian invited Revd. Nicola Vidamour to read out the correct report so that members could agree the correct report. After reading, the report was then requested to be accepted as a true and accurate record of 2021, this was proposed by Mike Davidge and seconded by Kim Weston. All in favour.
- b) Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 6th April 2021 were proposed for approval by Norma Baldwin and seconded by Lynn Castle. All in favour.
- c) Nominations for churchwardens. Nominations have been received for David Bird from St Mary's Church, John Howard from Woolstone Church and Iola Samuels from St Thomas' Church. There was no nomination for Christ the Vine. These nominations were proposed by Kim Weston and seconded by Norma Baldwin. All in favour.
- d) Election of PCC members. Appendix A with corrections was proposed by Kim Weston and seconded by Lynn Castle. All in favour.
- e) The number of elected PCC members for the year 2022/23 to be decided. The meeting decided to keep the number at two from each congregation.
- f) Appointment of representatives for the Anglican Deanery Synod. Kim Weston and Di Miller and Don Mahon as the Parish was elected as the third representative from WEP.

2. Parochial Church Meeting

- a) Election of PCC secretary. Di Miller had advised that she would be stepping down as Secretary at this meeting. Ian advised that that Tim May (Partnership Administrator) had agreed to act as PCC and Trustee Secretary. Charmain Howard questioned how that works, as her understanding of the constitution stated that an individual would need to be a member of the church to fulfil the role of secretary, as this was an officer's post. It was agreed that Tim May would therefore be the PCC and Trustee Minute taker, all in favour of Tim's willingness to stand for one more year and was proposed by David Bird and seconded by Marilyn Mahon. All in favour. The decision on the Secretary role would be discussed at the first Trustee meeting.
- b) Proposal that the Don Mahon remain as the WEP Treasurer and Treasurer for the PCC for the year. Revd. Paul Norris proposed and seconded by Kim Weston. All in favour.

Meeting ended at 7.45pm.

**Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Woughton Ecumenical
Partnership held on 11th May 2022 at St Thomas' Church Simpson**

Present. 53 members of the Partnership were present in person.
Apologies. There were 8 apologies recorded.

Mike Davidge in the Chair for the Annual Congregational Meeting

- a) Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on 6th April 2021. Approval of these Minutes was proposed by Mike Davidge and seconded by Lynn Castle. All in agreement.
- b) Presentation of the Annual Report. Mike thanked everyone for their reports and offered people the chance to talk to other church representatives from around the Parish during the tea break afterwards.

The Reports were proposed for acceptance by Mike Davidge and seconded by Lynn Castle. All in favour.

- c) Presentation of the Accounts for 2021. Don Mahon reported that the year had ended with a small surplus of £521 which was good news in a difficult year. Despite a gloomy prediction the news is positive because of the generosity of members. More members have converted over to standing orders which makes a big difference. Don appealed for those who had not yet changed to consider doing so. Fund raising appeals have also raised money. The question of Restricted Funds is a live issue to be decided by the Trustees. The allocation of funds will be decided at the next Trustees meeting. In answer to a question Don explained that Gift Aid can only be applicable if the donor pays income tax. He asked that if donors fall out of the tax bracket, could they let him know.

The Finance Report was proposed for acceptance by Mike Davidge and seconded by David Bird. All in agreement. Mike expressed his and our very grateful thanks to Don and Marilyn who give much of their time to the financial affairs of the Partnership.

- d) Appointment of the Independent Examiner. Mike Davidge proposed that Christina Sabucido be appointed to this role again. This was seconded by Jill Strong and all agreed. This year's accounts have been approved and a signed document is available for inspection from Don.
- e) Ex-Officio Trustees. Rev Ian Herbert, Rev Paul Norris, Rev Nicola Vidamour and Rev Charmaine Howard are ex-officio Trustees.
- f) Election of Trustees of the Woughton Ecumenical Partnership. This part of the agenda was chaired by Rev Paul Norris. The new three year period continues now until 2025. The Trustees are nominated from Christ the Vine Community Church, David Hart; from Trinity Fishermead, Don and Marilyn Mahon; from Woolstone, John Howard; from St Mary's, Kim Weston and Di Miller and from St Thomas', Lynn Castle and Lola Samuels. Mike Davidge is a Trustee under the Constitution and his nomination as a Trustee was proposed by Kim Weston and seconded by Lola Samuels. All in agreement. All the Trustee nominations then went to a vote proposed by Barbara Zimmer and seconded by Martin Lever. Everyone present in favour.
- g) Appointment of representatives to the Methodist Area. Marilyn Mahon and Lynn Castle were proposed by Lola Samuels and seconded by John Castle and the meeting agreed. Don Mahon as the WEP Treasurer is invited to join the Methodist Circuit meetings along with the other LEP Treasurers.
- h) Appointment of Representatives to the Netherfield Partnership. Lynn Castle proposed Rev Ian Herbert and Rev Charmaine Howard, seconded by Dawn Flannagan and the meeting agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm
Rev Paul Norris closed with prayer.

Parochial Church Council Report 2023 -- Di Miller, PCC Secretary

The Woughton Parish has been returning to a normal life after two years of the pandemic. Services have been taking place across the Partnership although Christ the Vine has maintained the streaming service option in addition to attendance. At St Mary's mask wearing became optional and many people chose to do without. The congregation remained in favour of using the small Baptist service glasses for the Communion wine.

In the past year at St Thomas' Iola Samuels as the churchwarden submitted reports. In summary these have related to the continuing problems concerning the large cracks in the wall of the chancel. Structural engineers have needed to visit every 2 months to check on movement. The VAT bill of £2,142 on the fact finding work was paid by successfully applying to The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Later in year the crack in the chancel wall became much more serious and the window on the south wall was so unstable it needed to be removed. The window embrasure was boarded up. Bucks Historic Churches Trust have been approached for financial help. Fund raising among the church members is being undertaken. A successful application was made to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to have a green plaque at the entrance to the churchyard signifying a war grave. Faculties have been approved for reservations for burial plots in the churchyard and funds have been gathered to employ a gardener to look after the area.

On behalf of St Mary's Church, Churchwarden David Bird has given the reports. There are ongoing problems with damage to the east churchyard wall caused by a tree falling from the hotel grounds and a section of the north wall. Efforts have been made throughout the year to communicate with the hotel owners which have proved fruitless. The hotel is still being used to house asylum seekers.

In the churchyard a Faculty has been obtained for a grave reservation and work has been needed to prune the large cedar tree just outside the porch area as high winds have resulted in damage to its branches.

Simon Head has replaced Brian Baldwin as the Tower Captain. The church clock has been re-engineered and finally shows and strikes the correct time. A replacement gas heater has been installed in the Old Organ Loft (kitchen area). Total cost £2172 inc VAT. It has been necessary to replace light fittings in this area too.

The Church Hall needs to be revalued as progress has been slow. The sale is in the hands of an agency approved by the PCC and the Diocese. The insurance for the building is also under review as it has dropped in value.

Christ the Vine Community Church building is owned by the Diocese. An extension to the dining room is planned and it was agreed by PCC and WEP Trustees, after a DAC meeting, that a grant should be applied for to pay for more architects' drawings and a feasibility study. The new initiative, a Wellbeing Hub was started last year together with the Grapevine which continues to be open every Friday. Electrical work which needed to be done has been paid for by the Archdeacon's Discretionary Fund. Three replacement heaters in the kitchen, dining room and entrance hall have been fitted.

Christ the Vine Church has not been used by the Winter Night Shelter this year as there are insufficient volunteers.

The Fishermead Community Centre continues to work together going forward for a Community Asset Transfer ie a transfer of ownership. It was reported that recent financial turbulence has pushed back the planned transfer. During the year several computers for the digital café were stolen. The insurance company have paid out for the claim. A much more secure method of housing the replacement computers is being arranged as well as CCTV and then the new machines will be bought. The Diocese have paid a grant towards the digital café.

A new initiative has been the setting up of a food larder each Monday run by SOFEA. A café also operates on a Monday with various support organisations holding counselling sessions and this has led to vibrant social interaction.

The Manse on Fishermead was granted a Certificate of Structural Adequacy after subsidence work was done. It is rented out and brings in the income to WEP.

The Community Church at Woolstone. The discussions with the MK Council to make an Asset Transfer in respect of the building have been put on hold indefinitely. The heating system is on the list for upgrade but is still waiting.

The church is planning to hold an Alpha course in early 2023 and is hoping to boost member numbers in so doing. Normal services have resumed.

Churchyard trees have been felled where necessary and the toilets have been refurbished in the summer. Woolstone Management have redecorated the main hall and included the chancel as well.

February 2023
Di Miller
PCC Secretary

**Annual Report and Accounts
Woughton Ecumenical Partnership
Foreword**

This annual report reviews the life, ministry and activities of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership and its congregations in 2022. The after-effects of the Covid pandemic gradually eased during the year as people felt more confident about meeting together, both for worship and social and fund-raising events. As ever, we owe much to our Ministry team and so many of our members who have worked so hard to restore our sense of Christian community and witness.

Experience gained during lockdowns with online services continues to be used by some of our congregations and some further development of these is planned.

Some of our important community actions returned in 2022, including ABC (the group for parents and toddlers) at Christ the Vine. Experience gained in 2020 working with Woughton Community Council on a food parcel scheme and the successful food larder scheme in Tinkers Bridge led to the opening during 2022 of another food larder on Fishermead with significant involvement from members of Trinity Church and the wider Partnership.

At Christ the Vine, the Wellbeing Hub continued with its aim of bringing together local community and health groups to provide a welcoming and supportive meeting place in a café setting.

On the financial side, we started the year expecting to have to draw quite heavily on our reserves but we ended the year just about in balance, thanks again to generous giving from members throughout the Partnership. Staff costs remain our biggest investment in mission but, as we all know, costs in general have risen dramatically over the last year, particularly on energy and building costs, two of our main areas of expenditure. We are so grateful to all who donate to keep our ministry running but we know the pressures on costs and income will continue with us. Our Treasurer Don Mahon, the district treasurers and the Trustees will continue to address this as a priority for us all as members so that we can take forward our mission in our communities.

There are many challenges facing us but we can be confident that God goes ahead of us. Our ecumenical vision statement reminds us that, as members, we commit ourselves 'to work together in serving God's mission locally and beyond.'

WEP's role is to support all of us in the part we can play in that mission as we 'seek to respond to the call of God through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.'

On behalf of the Trustees I want to thank our Ministry team, our volunteer ministers (ordained and lay) and others who lead worship and all those in our churches who do so much to build our life together – those who have worked so hard in such difficult circumstances to maintain our church life and witness.

Mike Davidge
Chair of Trustees

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1.	Reference and Administration Details:
1.1	Name: Woughton Ecumenical Partnership, abbreviated to WEP.
1.2	Address: Partnership Office, Christ the Vine Community Church, Jonathans, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes MK6 5DE Tel 01908 392583. www.woughton.org
1.3	Trustees: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">Lynn Castle</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Don Mahon</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Mike Davidge</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Marilyn Mahon</div> <div style="width: 50%;">David Hart</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Di Miller</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Rev Ian Herbert</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Rev Paul Norris</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Rev Charmaine Howard</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Iola Samuels</div> <div style="width: 50%;">John Howard</div> <div style="width: 50%;">Rev Nicola Vidamour</div> </div> Geoff Miller (co-opted from 4 October 2022) Kim Weston (resigned 6 August 2022)
1.4	Key Personnel: Chair: Mike Davidge Ministry Team: Rev Ian Herbert, Rev Charmaine Howard, Rev Paul Norris, Rev Nicola Vidamour Secretary: Di Miller Treasurer: Don Mahon WEP Administrator: Tim May
1.5	Principal Bankers: CAF Bank, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.
2.	Structure, Governance and Management:
2.1	Governing documents: Woughton Ecumenical Partnership (WEP) is established as a single congregation local ecumenical partnership. Its governing documents – the Constitution and Schedule – were approved and adopted at the inaugural congregational meeting on 18 October 2016. From this date, WEP replaced the former body known as Woughton Ecumenical Parish. As well as the governing documents, there is a Memorandum of Understanding made between the Bishop of Buckingham, the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Woughton and the Trustees of WEP. WEP is established as a charitable unincorporated association. The Charity Commission registered it as a charity on 28 March 2017 with Registered Charity Number 1172298. A set of Standing Orders (SOs) has been approved by the Trustees. Each one covers a specific aspect of WEP policy. During 2022 the Trustees appointed a working group to carry out a full review of Standing Orders and to report back to the Trustees with recommendations for any changes needed. This exercise will continue in 2023. Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) form part of the SOs and work is in progress to clarify and expand the matters covered by the SFIs. The SOs and SFIs are drawn up to comply with the governing documents, relevant charity legislation and good practice as promulgated by the Charity Commission as regulator. The SOs all have scheduled review dates and the Trustees review each document as it falls due (or sooner if need arises). New SOs and SFIs are developed when need arises.

2.2	<p>Appointment and training of Trustees: The Trustee Body consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to eleven Trustees elected by the Annual Congregational Meeting (normally for a term of three years) Ex officio Trustees, being the ministers of the LEP for the time being Not more than five co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees. <p>During 2022, one person was co-opted as a Trustee, the other Trustees are either elected or ex officio.</p> <p>All Trustees have received the Charity Commission guide 'The essential trustee'. Formal training for Trustees is planned but to date none has taken place.</p>
2.3	<p>The organisational structure of WEP and how decisions are made: There are five Local Church Councils (LCCs) whose task is to maintain and develop the life and mission of their local church. The rules governing LCCs are contained in SO No. 8 Local Church Councils. Our practice is to ask each church to nominate up to two Trustees to the Partnership, for approval by the Annual Congregational Meeting. A Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Trustees. Members of the Ministry Team are ex officio Trustees.</p> <p>The Trustees have delegated to the Ministry Team matters of ministry and spiritual and pastoral care. There is an Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the Report and Accounts and elect Trustees (if there is a vacancy or a Trustee's term is expiring). The normal business of the Partnership is conducted through regular meetings of the LCCs and the Trustees during the year.</p> <p>Membership data is set out in Appendix 1.</p>
2.4	<p>The relationship between WEP and Milton Keynes Mission Partnership: WEP was a member of Milton Keynes Mission Partnership during 2022. Mission Partnership's aim was to advance the Christian faith by drawing together Christian communities from Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas to further the 'Five Marks of Mission' which had been adopted by the Forum of Churches Together in England. In March 2022 members of Mission Partnership voted to dissolve the organisation (and that process was concluded in 2023). Nicola Vidamour continued as a Trustee of WEP and was a Trustee of Mission Partnership throughout 2022.</p>
2.5	<p>A statement of the major risks to which WEP is exposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate level of voluntary income to support activities contributing to WEP's objectives Inability to find volunteers to lead activities essential to meeting WEP's objectives Failure to comply with relevant legislation (of which Health and Safety, Discrimination, including Disability, Safeguarding, Data Protection, Charity and Employment Law are the principal items) Lack of or inadequate insurance cover to meet all eventualities including loss or damage to buildings and assets or public and employer liability Inappropriate words or actions of church officers and church members that damage WEP's reputation Management shortcomings in strategy, organisation, leadership, decision making or communications mean that WEP's objectives are not achieved. <p>The Partnership Trustees act to mitigate all risks.</p>
3.	<p>WEP Aims and Objectives:</p>
3.1	<p>Our purpose As set out in our Governing document, the purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.</p> <p>Our Ecumenical Vision Statement In the light of the prayer of Christ 'may they all be one... that the world may believe that you sent me...' (John 17.21) and the injunction to 'spare no effort to make fast with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives' (Ephesians 4:3), members of WEP commit themselves to work together in serving God's mission locally and beyond.</p> <p>Members, drawn from the four participating denominations (The Church of England, The Methodist Church, The Baptist Union and The United Reformed Church) and from other Christian traditions,</p>

	<p>seek to respond to the call of God through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our life together and our mission are shaped by our core values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritually alive; • Together in Christ; • Reaching out; • Welcoming all; • Using our gifts; • Being sustainable.
3.2	<p>Our Mission Objectives</p> <p>Each of our five local congregations gives expression to the above, in its worship, ministry and mission. Together across the Partnership we look to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide regular public worship for all who wish to attend. 2. Pray for the well-being of members, adherents and people and organisations in the community. 3. Provide opportunities for children, young people and adults to learn about the Christian faith and its key teaching. 4. Undertake mission activity including both evangelism and service as appropriate. 5. Engage with the local community and other agencies to work towards meeting the needs of the community. 6. Engage in pastoral work for the benefit of members and others. 7. Offer baptism, thanksgiving, naming and blessing, marriage and funeral services for members, adherents and people in the wider community with appropriate preparation and follow-up. 8. Provide facilities and activities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, young and groups with special needs. 9. Support other charities in the United Kingdom and overseas. 10. Seek God's guidance and direction in all that we do.
3.3	<p>Our continuing objectives</p> <p>District churches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each district church will challenge itself on how it contributes to achieving the ten Mission Objectives ○ Each district church will continue to develop and review its own mission action plan <p>(District churches may add their own specific objectives reflecting their mission and service.)</p> <p><i>How did we do:</i> Many activities, including worship services, community events and weddings and baptisms returned but with some modifications to meet Covid guidelines. We were delighted that seven people from our congregations were ecumenically confirmed at a service for all the Milton Keynes LEPs. Our churches continued their efforts to keep in touch with members and local communities, particularly those known to be vulnerable, through electronic media, by phone and personal visits where safe to do so.</p> <p>The Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide at least one night's accommodation a week for the Winter Night Shelter scheme ○ Offer Easter Cracked and Christmas Cracked to all local schools with the appropriate year group ○ Encourage members to take up other training courses and to explore more formal training for local ministry <p><i>How did we do:</i> The Winter Night Shelter ran at Christ the Vine for several years but the charity has changed its approach and did not require the facilities for winter 2022-23. Church members helped to establish a new food larder scheme in Fishermead and others continued their involvement with the larder on Tinkers Bridge. At Christ the Vine, the Wellbeing Hub continued, aiming to bring together local community and health groups to provide a welcoming and supportive meeting place in a café setting. The Easter Cracked and Christmas Cracked events for local schools restarted. Some members took advantage of training courses, including specific training on safeguarding.</p>

	<p>Trustees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve communication within the Partnership through the web site and newsletter and by encouraging cross-Partnership groups and events ○ Provide stewardship support to district churches ○ Introduce text and/or contactless giving to help raise funds for the Partnership ○ Maintain the financial health of the Partnership ○ Ensure that in all things we continue to operate in accordance with charity and other applicable laws and regulations <p><i>How did we do:</i> The weekly newsletter and web site continue as sources of information. Much work was done during the year to revise and update the web site. The new web site is now in operation and further improvements will come during 2023. Cross-Partnership groups and events were not yet fully re-established, although Lent and Holy Week services were able to go ahead while the Annual Congregational Meeting was notably well attended and provided a social time after the business meeting. Members responded with great generosity to maintain a sound financial position in the year and people were encouraged to use standing orders or bank transfers where possible. We introduced contactless giving (but only one church has so far taken this up on a permanent basis) and direct online giving via the CAFDonate web site. Our thanks go to the district church and Partnership treasurers for all their work to encourage good stewardship practices but we know that financial challenges lie ahead and will require continued effort to manage. On applicable laws and regulations, the Trustees continue to give close regard to these. In 2022, we continued to review our own standing orders, including our safeguarding policy, to ensure they reflect good practice. We need to do more work on developing strategy in the context of the Partnership.</p>
4.	Activity and Achievement Reports:
4.1	<p><i>Ministry Team 2022 Ian Herbert, Nicola Vidamour, Paul Norris, Charmaine Howard.</i></p> <p>At the beginning of 2022 our churches were still feeling the effects of the Pandemic. Throughout the year we have seen the majority of our congregation return, although there are still some who are not attending, and some who have moved/passed away and have gone on to other churches, in addition to those who have continued to worship online, although we are seeing new faces in all churches.</p> <p>Our appreciation and thanks must go to all who have supported us in 2022. Revd. Chris Bell, Mike Davidge, John Howard, Lynn Castle, Judy Rapp, and David Hart and Revd. Hannah Akebo Betts, who have supported our five churches by leading services and preaching. This ensured that we were able to maintain a weekly service in all five churches in the partnership.</p> <p>Although our Pastoral work is shared with church members and does not exclusively fall on the shoulders of the Ministry Team, 2022 once again saw an increase in the Ministry Team's involvement with church members and residents living in our communities. 2022 continued with a high number of funerals and the pastoral care associated with the death of a loved one.</p> <p>The beginning of 2022 once again gave us the opportunity for the whole Partnership to come together for teaching and learning about the Christian faith, through online Bible Study groups, Sunday School, and our Lent reflections. The online Tuesday morning Bible Study and Prayer time hosted and led by Revd. Charmaine Howard, the Tuesday afternoon Sunday Sermon Reflection, and monthly Bible Study hosted by Trinity, Fishermead and led by Revd. Chris Bell, Wednesday evening online Compline and evening prayer led by Revd. Ian Herbert. We were once again able to offer an All Soul Service held at St. Thomas' Simpson.</p> <p>Please read the reports from each of the churches if you would like to know more about what each church has been up to.</p> <p>As the churches were all open, we were still faced with the challenge of ensuring a safe environment for all, with some still wearing face masks. Communion continued with no common cup until each church felt comfortable with sharing the chalice.</p>

	<p>Thank you for your patience, support, and help. Without you we would not have been able to ensure the wellbeing of all who attended our churches.</p> <p>2022 saw us again celebrating public worship at our Easter and Christmas services in all five churches, with an increase in numbers attending.</p> <p>The Ministry Team continued to connect with local schools, homes for the elderly, community projects, residents' associations, Mum's and Toddler groups, community councils and other organizations.</p> <p>See local church reports for details of the strong community links our churches have. Throughout 2022, Tim May our Partnership Administrator continued to support the Ministry Team by taking on the day-to-day administrative tasks. Tim continued to play his part in maintenance of the web site.</p> <p>The Parish has a long tradition of lay involvement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us by offering and exercising their gifts and skills. Without you we would not have been able to be as effective in our churches and communities as we have been.</p> <p>In 2022 we were able to take 13 weddings, 59 funerals and 9 interments of Ashes. Seven of our church members were confirmed and we took 4 baptisms.</p> <p>As we look to the future, we the Ministry Team, encourage you all to seek God's guidance on how you might be able to support the work of WEP in the local churches and communities we serve.</p> <p>Revd. Ian Herbert, Revd. Paul Norris, Revd. Charmaine Howard, Revd. Nicola Vidamour</p>
4.2	<p>Secretarial Report for WEP ACM 2023</p> <p>During this past year of 2022/23 WEP has returned to a normal life. We have held our Trustees meetings face to face. We are not as yet at full strength with the numbers of possible Trustees. The Annual Congregational Meeting in 2022 was held on two occasions because the first ACM was not quorate. The second attempt attracted a very good turnout of members (53) and was held at St Thomas' on 11th May 2022. The Trustees have met five times during the year. The Minutes of all these meetings are available to read in the Parish Office and online. Services have resumed in the churches, although some churches have offered streaming for their services as a hybrid.</p> <p>Tim May, Parish Administrator, has been working partly remotely and is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. He has been compiling and sending out the Parish newsletter and Prayer Diary electronically and also paper copies for those who are not on email. Tim has delivered these for which we record our thanks. In addition, over the past year Tim has been taking the Minutes at some of the Trustee meetings and also the PCC meetings. Tim has also offered his expertise through the year with PAT testing of appliances and risk assessments. Our thanks too for his help in collating this annual report. The web site (woughton.org) has been moved during the year to a different hosting site Churches 123. Each church is responsible for its own page and continues to be a valuable resource for people to find out information regarding the Woughton Partnership.</p> <p>Our prayers are now for us to work together as a responsible Partnership. We look for new opportunities to grow and serve God here in Woughton.</p> <p>Di Miller Secretary to WEP. February 2023</p>
4.3	<p>CHRIST THE VINE COMMUNITY CHURCH REPORT</p> <p>2022 has been a challenging year for the church, as we have faced many difficulties. However, through it all, we have continued to develop our relationship with God and our communities.</p>

	<p>Our Relationship with God</p> <p>Despite the challenges of the past year, we have come through lockdown with a strong sense of God's grace and mercy. We have continued to worship both in-person and online on Sundays, praising God for all he has done and is doing in our lives. We have also continued to develop our relationship with God through our weekly Bible Study group, Study Vine. This group meets on Zoom on Thursday mornings and typically includes videos, Bible readings, discussion, reflection, and prayer. The group has been a source of strength and support for us during these challenging times.</p> <p>Blessings Course</p> <p>We held the Blessings Course during the summer on Monday mornings for six weeks. This small group met to pray for the church and its communities, and also to walk the streets of Coffee Hall speaking blessings on the people, the shops, offices, schools, places of work and worship and all the homes. The course ended with a fellowship meal.</p> <p>Mission</p> <p>As the Blessings Course ended, praying continued and the group became a "Meet Up Mondays" group which meets for prayers followed by board games, table tennis, and a light lunch. There are currently 11 regular attenders and a few more people who attend on occasion.</p> <p>Grapevine</p> <p>The Grapevine Wellbeing Hub was created to meet the community's need for such provision and is open on Fridays from 10 am till 2 pm. There are now 30 regular users of the Grapevine Wellbeing Hub who enjoy participating in gardening activities, art and craft, music making, table tennis, and chatting over food and drink in the cafe. A prayer and reflection time is offered at the end of each session and is very well attended.</p> <p>Dementia Services</p> <p>The church is currently used by Admiral Nurses to provide support for Carers of people living with dementia. This is a drop-in group where carers can enjoy company with others and chat over tea and coffee.</p> <p>Coffee Hall Residents Association</p> <p>We worked with the Coffee Hall Residents Association, (CHRA) the Woughton Community Council, and the Royal British Legion to offer our communities Family Fun Days, Christmas Fairs, and Remembrance Services.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Our verse for the year is 2 Chronicles 7:14. We chose this verse because we understood God's call for us to draw near to him, to make him the centre and focus of our attention and lives. And that requires us to pray, rest in his presence and allow him to heal us, our relationships, and our land. We plan to continue this in 2023.</p> <p>David Hart April 2023</p>
4.4	<p>Annual Report – Holy Trinity, Woolstone</p> <p>During our worship in 2022, we introduced a Café style service on the first Sunday of each month. This service has been well received, and on occasions we have seen new faces. We continue with the individual cups for communion, as this is a preference for our congregation. We celebrated in partnership with Woolstone Management Community, Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee, with a afternoon tea, which saw over 180 people from Woolstone and Springfield joining us for this celebration. Our Christmas services were well attending with our midnight communion service having a congregation of 52, of which 48 were non-church members, we continue to see occasional visitors to our services.</p> <p>I want to acknowledge here my thanks for the support and encouragement, we as church have received during 2022. To Sue, Sophie, and Judith, for leading us in our Sunday worship, to John and Judy for committing to lead us in worship and preaching the word.</p>

	<p>Friends, thank you for remaining faithful to Holy Trinity, it has been another tough year for many of us, we have lost loved ones, suffered sickness, felt fearful, lonely, and lost, so together let us continue to hold our church, our community, and our city in our prayers as we seek God's vision for us.</p> <p>In Christ</p> <p>Revd. Ian Herbert (Rector)</p>
4.5	<p><u>St Mary's Woughton on the Green report by Kim Weston DCC Chair</u></p> <p>This has been a year of mixed emotions with joy, sadness and uncertainty, a daily occurrence but with God's will, we have maintained our numbers, seen some new beginnings and remained strong as a church and community.</p> <p>The District Church Council DCC has met 9 times during the year, now face to face and have had open discussions and planned ahead, meetings always start with prayer, and I am grateful to Di Miller for being our minute secretary.</p> <p>David Bird, our Church warden, is well supported in his role by Jean Mattinsley and between them and the Baldwins, and all the other teams, garden, cleaners, flower arrangers, the Church and grounds are kept in good condition and problems dealt with as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Obviously our own AGM report was lengthy so these are the bullet points of it.</p> <p><u>Worship and community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services continued in the new format, post Covid and are well attended. • The music group and organist give their time and talents for a variety of services and Jean supports St Thomas's also. • Junior church, Lynn Davidge and Chrissie Baldwin, lead a small group of children with activities and we display their work for all to see. Thank you to them and their helpers and it has been a joy to see the children develop. • Audio visual, we hope that very shortly the system will be fully functional, as we have done fund raising successfully throughout the year, it has been a long road but we believe that it will be a real asset. • We were delighted that we had six members confirmed in November 2022. • Occasional offices, 7 weddings, 4 Baptisms, 1 funeral, 4 interment of ashes, 2 memorial service 4 Blessings. <p><u>Practical Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We sprung a leak on a mains pipe outside the chancel and it was on the AWA side of the meter, it has been repaired and we are still waiting the finishing work to be done, but the weather has been against them. • The Weekly Pew sheet with local information is produced by Ruth Davis and I would like to thank her for this weekly update, it is invaluable. • The Cedar Tree needed to have some urgent work done, as we lost several branches during the winter winds and a large branch was getting very long and was just touching the chancel roof, we had to apply for permission on this protected tree and as soon as it was gained, the work was carried out. • We needed new lighting in the organ loft as the holders had deteriorated and did not pass inspection and were replaced with LED. • We had to replace the outside tap, as this had been damaged due to misuse, the new one seems to be proving to be easier. • We have continued to maintain our building and grounds but still face a situation over the walls due to lack of response from the Hotel which occurred once the building was taken over by the Home Office. We will endeavour to get a resolution on this as soon as possible. The lighting in the car park has also not been sorted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Hall , the progress on this has been slow and is in the hands of Oxford Diocese , however any maintenance and care have been taken care of. <p><u>Mission, Outreach, and Fundraising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Open for You” continues on a Saturday, 10 am to 12 noon , we have a small band of regulars , for chat and refreshment and visitors who come in to see and are surprised by what they find within our old walls. • We have had a couple of fundraising events that have been very successful in the form of an Afternoon Tea and Flower show in July. • Winter Welcome, in Sept which was done jointly with the community, but all the funds came to us, these were well supported . • The Walkers come regularly now and provide an opportunity for friendship and provide much needed funds • We are blessed with keen preserve makers, Angy and Val and Jean`s Cards, which give a boost to funds. • The Annual National Remembrance Service was well attended by the Village and wreaths were laid . <p>My thanks to Rev Paul Norris for his continued ministry to us all and for the whole congregation for their regular membership and support during what has been a busy year again.</p>
4.6	<p>St. Thomas’ ACM 2023</p> <p>Minister’s Report</p> <p>It seems appropriate that the death and resurrection of Lazarus was the lectionary gospel reading for today as the death and funerals of our sister, Alison and our brothers, John and Eric, are still very live and poignant memories in my heart and mind and soul as I look back on the last year. We have wept, as the friends and family of Lazarus did, and we have proclaimed together that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.</p> <p>2022 will also be remembered because of the death of the Queen. Earlier in the year, we had a wonderful celebration of her Platinum Jubilee, complete with knitted flowers and crown, and Eric as our Archbishop!</p> <p>Iola’s report has already mentioned many other highlights of the year – as well as the ongoing issues with the chancel. I know that all of you will want to echo my thanks to Iola for her exemplary service as church warden – and to assure her of our continuing prayers for her daughter, Rebecca and all the family.</p> <p>I also want to express gratitude to Paul le Sueur, Lynn Castle and Linda Kirk for their support with leading worship; to say thank you for the music to Mike, Matthew, Megan, Alan and Jean Mattinsley - and to Hilary and the recently formed choir; to Pat for organising the concerts and quizzes; to all the members of the DCC and particularly to Ruth who is an outstanding secretary and to Mike, our financial consultant; to everyone who helps with providing refreshments and clearing up afterwards, counting money, cleaning, giving out books, putting up hymn numbers, arranging flowers, looking after the churchyard, running the walkers’ teas, singing hymns with our friends across the road, and offering support for weddings, baptisms and funerals. And I want to thank all of you not just for what you do but for who you are as individuals and for who we are together as a Christian community. I feel part of the body of Christ in this place and that is a gift and a joy.</p> <p>I am looking forward to another year of ministry amongst you and I thank God for this church – both the building and the people.</p> <p>Grace and peace.</p> <p>Rev. Nicola Vidamour</p> <p>25th March 2023</p>

	<p>Church Warden's report for St Thomas' Church ACM 26th March 2023</p> <p>Once again "thank you" to you all for your support during this past year. Thank you also to Rev Nicola for her guidance and leadership, and to Ruth our capable secretary.</p> <p>The Chancel, the large cracks in the walls remain!</p> <p>We have spent more money on investigative work and now the architect thinks that the problems may be caused by the large number of trees that surround the chancel. We are waiting further advice from an arboriculturist. A leaded glass window slipped out and this is now boarded and made safe.</p> <p>Some flashing on the north side of the church now needs repairing. We are waiting for a quote for the work and for the cost of scaffolding.</p> <p>The Rev Paul Le Sueur celebrated the 60th Anniversary of ordination in June. A lovely celebration.</p> <p>The churchyard is looking good. The gardener worked hard following the year of biodiversity. Pat arranged a quiz for the "gardening fund" and members made donations. Thank you to everyone who made this happen.</p> <p>Reverend Nicola celebrated the launch of her new book "Where Two rivers Meet" on the 2nd July. Her mother, family members, her friends from her school days, friends from her professional life and many of us from of St. Thomas' Church all enjoyed this book launch.</p> <p>A new sound system was installed into the church in October. This was an anonymous donation from a very good friend of St Thomas' church.</p> <p>We all thought that Alison Lucas was recovering from her surgery, when sadly she died in September. She is now at rest in St Thomas' churchyard. We also lost John Castle in September.</p> <p>Eric's Coles last public duty was laying the wreath on Remembrance Day. Just before Christmas Eric became ill and was admitted to hospital. At 96 years Eric died peacefully. A fund was set up in Eric's memory to help with the cost of the major repairs to the chancel. This fund now stands at £1,686 [inclusive of Gift Aid]. We are also planning to purchase new hymn books in memory of Eric.</p> <p>Philip Coppen was persuaded to have his beard shaved! This raised £770 in sponsorship for the Building Fund.</p> <p>Our visits to the Day Centre in Simpson continue each month. Rev Nicola and five members from St Thomas take percussion instruments to the Day Centre. The clients and the staff join in the hymn singing.</p> <p>In December the children from Charles Warren Academy held their Christmas concert in Church. The atmosphere was wonderful with Mums and Dads all enjoyed the Christmas Spirit.</p> <p>The making of Christingles. The uniformed organisations [guides Scouts] joined us in Church to make Christingles. The young people and their leaders had a great fun.</p> <p>Thanks to Pat who continues to run Quizzes for our Church funds, the gardening fund and other charities.</p> <p>This past year has been busy, we have welcomed new members, and, enjoyed fellowship and fun.</p> <p>Iola Samuels Church Warden</p>
4.7	<p>Trinity Church, Fishermead</p> <p>In March 2022 we launched the Community Larder, and over the course of 2022 we saw the numbers increase. The Community Larder has enabled the team of committed volunteers to interact and build relationships with those living in our community. A huge thanks to Don & Marilyn Mahon, Chris & Ann Bell, Kim Weston, Irene and Ophelia and those from the</p>

	<p>community who occasionally support us. Over 2022 we've seen our congregation increase with new members joining, although there is no regular pattern at the moment. Our online sermon reflection on a Tuesday, monthly Bible Study and Evening Prayer/Compline remains with a faithful few. Our children's work supported by Marilyn and Ann, for whom we give thanks, for their continued commitment with a small number of children. Highlight of 2022, our Harvest Service, where the congregation joined together in clearing and removing garden waste from the Trinity Centre garden. Easter, Advent and Christmas service were of great joy, as we saw members of our congregation returning.</p> <p>I want to acknowledge here my thanks for the support and encouragement we as church have received during 2022. To Don and Jill, for leading us in our Sunday worship, to Chris and Hannah for committing to lead us in worshiping and preaching the word. To Chris for leading us our online Tuesday afternoon Bible reflection and first Sunday of the month Bible Study, and to Ann for taking on the role of hospitality and refreshments. To Marilyn, Don, Gabriel and Elizabeth, for setting the church up, and for all those who help pack away the church, and setup for the Larder.</p> <p>Friends, thank you for remaining faithful to Trinity, it has been another tough year for many of us, we have lost loved ones, suffered sickness, felt fearful, lonely and lost, so together let us continue to hold our church, our community and our city in our prayers as we seek God's vision for us.</p> <p>In Christ</p> <p>Revd. Ian Herbert (Rector)</p>
4.8	<p>Marriage in the Parish</p> <p>Please refer to Ministers Report</p>
4.9	<p>Baptism and Thanksgiving Naming and Blessings:</p> <p>Please Refer to Ministers Report</p>
4.10	<p>Bereavement Care:</p> <p>Please refer to Ministers Report</p>
4.11	<p>Adults, Babies and Children (ABC):</p> <p>ABC has been held in Christ the Vine for many years, and we as a Partnership thank Nikki and Anna for the quality of their work. The range of activities provided for the group is extensive, and there are now 20 regular children (plus their adults) attending. We are committed to supporting and helping this community to grow.</p>
4.12	<p>The Netherfield Partnership Limited (NP Ltd):</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
4.13	<p>Webmaster's Report for 2023 AGM</p> <p>In the early part of the year, the website continued much as before with content being posted as and when it was received.</p> <p>During the year, the Trustees decided that they would like a more modern and mobile-device-friendly website and the Communications Group was tasked to develop this under the direction of David Hart. The new website on Church 123 was authorised to go live at the November 2022 Trustees meeting.</p> <p>Geoffrey Miller, Webmaster</p>

Safeguarding Report for 2023 APCM

Safeguarding Policy

We continue to follow the Methodist Safeguarding Policy. The full version is available here: https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/28840/safeguarding_policy_and_procedures_for_the_methodist_church_in_britain-march_2023.pdf

A shorter version – which should be on the website and on the noticeboard of every local church – is in the process of being reviewed and will hopefully be available soon.

Resignation of Safeguarding Lead

Kim Weston resigned as safeguarding lead with immediate effect on 29th December 2022. We would like to express our appreciation to Kim for taking on this role and for the work she did during her time in office. Revd Nicola Vidamour is currently covering this role but we urgently need to find a new lay person to take on this responsibility.

DBS Checks

These are valid for five years. Tim May or Nicola Vidamour are authorised to do the online applications and document checks. All those who have substantial contact (i.e. more than handing someone a cup of coffee or a hymnbook) with children, young people and vulnerable adults requires a DBS check. Anyone who preaches or takes a service also needs to have a DBS check and complete the relevant training.

Training

The Methodist Circuit runs Foundation Training sessions regularly and a number of people from WEP have attended these in the last year. This needs renewing every four years. There is now a new Advanced Training which is obligatory for the roles listed below. Thankfully, those who have done the Anglican Church Leadership Module (formerly known as C2) do not need to do the Methodist Advanced Training. Once the Advanced Training has been done, the Foundation Training does not need to be repeated/renewed.

- Church Wardens
- Safeguarding Leads
- Those in paid or volunteer roles working with children, young people and vulnerable adults
- Lay people exercising pastoral leadership in a local church
- Preachers and worship leaders

Nicola Vidamour

5. Financial Review:

5.1 Independent Examiner:



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Woughton Ecumenical Partnership

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1172298

Set out on pages

25 to 36

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Peter Green

Date:

8th Aug. 2023

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A statement of the principal financial policies including reserves:**1 Principal accounting policies****Trustees' responsibility in relation to the financial statements**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 4) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves policy

Only the general fund meets the Charity Commission's definition for reserves, resulting in reported reserves of £37,522 at 31 December 2022. The trustees seek to maintain reserves at not less than three months' general fund expenditure (i.e. £35,936 based on 2022 expenditure), believing that this provides a prudent buffer against unforeseen spends. Sudden serious income shortfall is not seen as a major risk as the majority of the Partnership's income is derived from a large number of donors as well as fees and premises lettings, none of which is individually significant. Although no single donor, on their own, is significant it should be noted that four Partnership couples deliver just over a fifth of total Partnership income.

1 Accounting policies**(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102. In preparing the financial statements the Partnership follows best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015.

(b) Basis of consolidation

These financial statements consolidate the financial results of the various activities of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership on a line-by-line basis. Certain of these activities are not directly managed by the trustees but delegated to groups within the Partnership. These activities have been accounted for as branches and the financial results shown within separate designated funds.

(c) Incoming resources

Voluntary income is recognised when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants (including grants for the purchase of fixed assets) are recognised in full in the year in which they have been received. Each grant is disclosed within the category of income that is most appropriate to the activity it is intended to support.

Incoming resources from charitable activities is recognised when the activity giving rise to the income takes place.

Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants & donations payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which the Partnership decides they should be made. Accruals are made if the payment is not made until the

<p>following year. In all cases where such accruals have been made, either the details of the grant or donation have been communicated to the beneficiary before the end of the year or the payment is the result of a specific appeal.</p> <p>(e) Fund accounting</p> <p>Charity law requires the net assets of the Partnership to be accounted for within a number of funds. The Partnership operates the following two types of funds.</p> <p>Unrestricted general funds</p> <p>These are funds that can be used in accordance with the Partnership's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund <p>This is the fund through which the normal operating activities of the Partnership are recognised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated funds <p>With the exception of the URC Manse and Ministry Fund these funds are not directly managed by the trustees but by groups delegated to run and oversee these activities on behalf of the Partnership and its trustees. These funds are shown in the Designated Fund column of the financial statements</p> <p>Following the lifting of restrictions Adults, Babies and Children Group (ABC) have returned to normal operations remaining alert to any guidance changes should they arise. The lockdown meant there was a development of alternative support for the homeless served by the Soup Run so the team have decided to cease their activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Funds <p>These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects. Currently the Partnership has no major plans that might require designations. On the resumption of services in April 2021, the congregation of Christ the Vine elected to prioritise their local mission plans over their local running costs and obligations to the wider Partnership and designated a portion of their regular weekly offertory to achieve their mission aims.</p> <p>Restricted Funds</p> <p>These are funds that can only be used for specific purposes within the Partnership's objects. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific projects or purposes.</p> <p>These expendable funds are operated by the local church councils but overseen by the trustees or (where required by Church of England rules and mostly relating to building matters) the Parochial Church Council. The income and expenditure of these funds are shown in the Restricted Fund column of the financial statements.</p> <p>There are a number of funds currently in operation in the Partnership with most operated by the churches.</p> <p>Christ the Vine currently have three ongoing funds.</p> <p>Gift Day: Donations made specifically for local investment, mission and support to Christian charities. There were no spends against this fund during 2022.</p> <p>Building Fund: gifts and donations were received throughout 2022 in order to build the fund needed to pay for building issues as they arise or are identified by the church council. The urgent electrical inspection, broken window and radiator repairs were the main spends during the financial year.</p> <p>Legacy: the church received a legacy from a former member for church purposes during 2022.</p> <p>Suspense: The CVCC church members had decided at a congregational meeting how their offertory was to be split signing declarations to affirm this decision. However, no approval had been sought from the trustees either before or at the time the decision was made. The offertory was temporarily held in suspense from the date the trustees were advised the church had made its decision until the formal presentation to the WEP trustees. The funds were then distributed in accordance with the instructions issued by the trustees.</p> <p>Flood Relief: Following flooding in Coffee Hall a fund was set up to support those who would not have the ability to pay for the repair and recovery work. This is operated by the WEP trustees in partnership with the local Parish Council. There was no need to call on the fund during the financial year.</p>

	<p>St Mary's have received donations for specific major developments or repairs to the church building at Woughton on the Green. There are three ongoing funds and these are as follows:</p> <p>Audio: There was only the purchase of a microphone stand during 2022 but gifts, donations and fundraising events continue to generate the funds necessary for the acquisition of the Audio Visual equipment.</p> <p>Clock: a donation was originally made for the repair or replacement of the tower clock mechanism. The original donors agreed that the funds remaining, following the mechanism installation, could be retained and used at the discretion of the Church Council. The fund was used to pay for some minor maintenance work on the clock mechanism.</p> <p>Fabric: a gas heater and ceramic hob were replaced during 2022. The congregation continue to donate for the upkeep of the main church building, tower and churchyard.</p> <p>St Thomas' started a building fund in 2015 for the purposes of fabric and churchyard restoration. The funds have been generated through fundraising events, grant applications and donations. It was originally created to acquire a new noticeboard and repair the paths. The fund is being utilized to pay for continuing inspections in order to identify the source of the subsidence. The movements caused by the subsidence has necessitated minor repairs to keep the building intact and protected from the elements. Quizzes, concerts, donations and grant applications are generating the cash needed to pay for the completion of the inspection that will identify what is required to sure up the site and protect the building.</p> <p>A legacy received specifically for local St Thomas' projects has not been used during 2022.</p> <p>Trinity received a gift, in 2016, to be used for local activities. The use is to be determined by the Church Council. The fund was used to purchase polo shirts and jackets in 2022.</p> <p>The Baptist Association grant is still to be used. It is still intended to proceed with the project for the young people of Fishermead. The fall out from the pandemic continued to be a delaying factor during the financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endowments <p>These are permanent funds. The income and expenditure of these funds is shown in the Endowment Fund column of the financial statements.</p> <p>The Partnership currently has six separate permanent funds managed by CCLA. The income generated from these investments is allocated to the appropriate District in the Partnership in accordance with the Trust documents.</p>								
5.3	<p>Banking and accounting arrangements:</p> <p>The Partnership operates a number of bank accounts all managed centrally. The accounts used and their closing 2022 balances are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>CAF</td><td>£8,701 (presented cheques and deposits but uncleared at the end of 2022 would add a further £1,013 to the closing balance)</td></tr> <tr> <td>CAF Gold</td><td>£50,521</td></tr> <tr> <td>Central Board of Finance</td><td>£70,920</td></tr> <tr> <td>CCLA</td><td>£23,002</td></tr> </table> <p>All the Partnership transactions were processed through these accounts or the petty cash floats held and operated by St Mary's, the Adults, Babies and Children Group and the Homeless Group.</p> <p>Detailed figures were presented to the trustees on a quarterly basis.</p>	CAF	£8,701 (presented cheques and deposits but uncleared at the end of 2022 would add a further £1,013 to the closing balance)	CAF Gold	£50,521	Central Board of Finance	£70,920	CCLA	£23,002
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5.4	<p>General Unrestricted Fund outturn and budget:</p> <p>The Partnership ended 2022 with a small General Fund surplus of £676. This is a £15k improvement on the outturn predicted in the budget. Although there were no appeals the Partnership still benefitted from a number of large one-off gifts that could not have been predicted or relied upon when computing the budget. Tax Efficient Giving also improved delivering a beneficial impact on the tax recovered through the Gift Aid scheme. There were also improvements in Other and Activity Income but these income strands were moderated by allocations to external bodies.</p> <p>Utilities & Rates expenditure was also considerably lower than budget. This also contributed to the final surplus.</p>								

	<p>The financial statements show the apportionment of ministry and overhead using the existing standing financial instruction. The generous one-off gifts meant only the first call on churches was needed.</p> <p>Although the outcome of the 2022 budget computations challenged the long standing ministry and overhead apportionment methodology the outturn allowed for the continuation of the existing approach.</p> <p>The 2023 General Fund Budget is close to completion but could not be concluded until the method of apportioning the ministry and central overheads has been identified and agreed.</p>
5.5	<p>A Report of Fund Raising Activity:</p> <p>In normal years the principle methods of raising funds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member's donations and, where appropriate, the recovery of tax. ○ Subscriptions and hire fees. ○ A wide variety of fundraising events e.g., fetes, quizzes, concerts, tabletop sales etc. ○ Minor Grants to support specific Partnership activities. ○ Major Grants and special appeals to support specific significant Partnership projects or activities. ○ Fees from Funerals, Weddings & Thanksgiving, naming and blessings. ○ Interest from deposit accounts and dividends from investments.
5.6	<p>Investment Policies and Performance:</p> <p>To invest the unused Partnership funds in secure interest-bearing deposit accounts. To hold these and the Partnership investments in secure and ethical funds in accordance with the Trust Deeds.</p>
5.7	<p>Notes to the 2022 Accounts</p> <p>Partnership Unrestricted General Funds:</p> <p>Incoming Resources</p> <p>The Financial statements, in the Annual Report, only disclose the total of all funds operated by the Partnership in 2021. Space does not allow for the separate reporting of the prior year Unrestricted General Funds so the movements reported below cannot be extracted directly from the Financial Statements included in the Annual Report. The 2021 Unrestricted General Fund figures can be found in last year's Annual Report or on request from the Partnership Treasurer who can be contacted by email at treasurer@woughton.org.</p> <p>i. When compared to 2021, income from Donations and Legacies has decreased by £5,693. Note 1 of the Financial Statements reports the breakdown of this income.</p> <p>Tax Efficient Giving has fallen by £12,141, collections qualifying for Small Donations have increased by £6,195. The combination of these movements has had a negative impact on the Gift Aid and Small Donations Scheme re-claims from HMRC falling by £1,275.</p> <p>The appeals promoted throughout 2021 ceased but there were still a number of ad hoc one-off large donations. These went some way in easing the fall. The full year celebration of church services throughout 2022 was the main reason for the increased plate giving.</p> <p>Other Donations fell by £1,995 compared to the prior year. The appeal donations that did not attract any form of income tax recovery were included under this heading. So the fall is predominantly due to the appeals ceasing and the donations returning to their normal levels.</p> <p>Although the income arose in different churches Appeals for specific projects remained almost the same as the previous year.</p> <p>There was no change to the Chapmans Educational Foundation grant even though activities remained affected by the pandemic. There was a Diocesan grant received in support of the digital deprivation project that Trinity Church is undertaking in partnership with the Trinity Centre.</p> <p>ii. Charitable activities have seen a rise of £2,755 from the 2021 performance. The breakdown of this income stream can be seen in Note 2 of the Financial Statements. There were more Weddings in 2022 delivering an increase of £1,369. Funeral fee income has also risen slightly. The manse letting income continued but there was an</p>

	<p>increase in St Thomas' rental revenue delivering the bulk of the £1,180 favourable movement compared to 2021.</p> <p>iii. Other Trading Activity increased by £970. The continued easing of restrictions meant that events and activities gradually returned to pre-pandemic levels. The outcome is an increase of £790 in Fundraising activities. The General Sales income increased moderately, up by £180 on the prior year. This was predominantly a change in the Church Hall insurance costs passed on under the current arrangements. The breakdown of Other Trading Activity can be seen in Note 3.</p> <p>iv. Investments has increased by £446 compared to the previous year. The bank interest rates on all deposits increased significantly towards the end of 2022. Interest income from the permanent endowments is collected under the Endowments heading. Where the trust deeds stipulate the interest generated has been transferred to the General Fund and allocated to the church specified in each deed. This forms part of the 'Transfers between funds figure'.</p> <p>v. Other Income is predominantly delivered from a number of sources that do not easily fit the other revenue categories. There were a number of donations received from funerals or events to pass on to a charity or cause.</p> <p>Resources expended</p> <p>i. Raising Funds costs are £589 lower than 2021. The analysis of this expenditure can be seen in Note 5 of the Financial Statements. Fundraising Costs have increased by £611, compared to the prior year, due to the increased number of events; Advertising & Promotion expenditure decreased by £240. There were no visits by the Diocesan architect or independent valuers in 2022 delivering a £960 reduction compared to the prior year.</p> <p>ii. Charitable Activities have increased by £1,332 between years. There have been several significant adverse and favourable movements under this heading. The breakdown of the activities can be seen under Notes 6a to 6d.</p> <p>iii. Ministry and Related Staff Costs (Note 6 Sub Note (a)) have fallen by £3,698 compared to 2021. The LEP Share and Clergy Expenses have decreased £3,994; the manse running costs are very similar to the previous year. There were two safeguarding sessions and a retreat during 2022 increasing Training expenditure by £250 compared to the prior year.</p> <p>iv. Employed Staff costs rose by £128 compared to the prior year. The Partnership follows the Living Wage Foundation announcements published in November each year. There were rate rises announced in both 2021 and 2022 delivering the increase. See Note 6 Sub Note (b).</p> <p>v. Premises and Other Resource Costs (Note 6 Sub Note (c)) has fallen by £95 from 2021. The most significant movements occurred on the following sub headings:</p> <p>Premises running costs saw further savings and are down by £499 compared to 2021. Within the headline figures there are expenditure movements both up and down but there was an overall decrease of £1,497 on Gas, Electric and Water. The Partnership resumed paying the share of utilities at Woolstone adding £474 to the 2022 running costs. When the tenants moved into the manse there was a Council Tax refund in 2021. This was not repeated in 2022 and delivered a further adverse movement under this category. A review of the stock levels meant Premises cleaning materials needed replenishing and increased the costs compared to the previous year.</p> <p>Maintenance is £264 lower than the prior year. Again a number of movements within the headline figures. There were the normal annual service visits but there was arboricultural work at St Mary's and the five year electrical work at CVCC in 2022.</p> <p>Partnership Administration is down by £62 on the prior year. The bulk of the Parish Office Costs adverse movement, between years, is the increased use of photocopying. This is offset by lower Professional Fees because there were no site visits during the year.</p> <p>Upkeep of Services/Centre Hire; services had fully resumed in 2022. This meant that flowers and service elements were once again being purchased regularly delivering an increase over the previous year.</p> <p>Insurance; normal rises in premiums delivered the £333 increase in insurance costs.</p> <p>Equipment & New Building Works is £227 lower than the previous year. The purchases are non-recurrent in nature so it is difficult to draw any conclusions from the movement between years. A personal gift allowed for the investment in audio equipment at St Thomas' during 2022.</p>
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There were increases on the remaining categories in Sub Note (c) but these arose from the full resumption of Junior Church and ABC activities; bible purchases needed for the rise in Baptism/Naming and Blessing services also contributed to the adverse movement.

- vi. Grants and donations payable (Note 6 Sub Note (d)) were up by £5,253 compared to 2021. The restrictions being lifted allowed more fund-raising events to be staged during 2022 for good causes. The transfer of the Digital Deprivation grant to the Trinity Centre added £3,986 to the Grants and donations outlay.

General Fund:

The General Fund performance, by District, can be seen in the first section of Note 9.

A budget was not approved in 2022. The absence meant the apportionment of ministry and overheads was based on the outturn positions of the churches. A gift made specifically for minister costs has meant that only the local church surpluses was needed to pay the remaining ministry and overhead expenditure.

This has meant that all churches ended 2022 in a breakeven position. Parish Central ended with a small surplus of £498. The year end position of the Church Hall is merely the result of the payment arrangements.

The apportionment method adopted to distribute ministry and overheads across churches does not alter the overall Unrestricted General Fund outcome. The Partnership ended 2022 with a surplus of £676.

Partnership Groups and Designations:

The summary of Partnership Groups and Designations can be seen in the second section of Note 9 titled Designated funds.

ABC (Adults, Babies and Children Group) met throughout 2022. The data is incomplete but the latest position is a £26 surplus. This will change when the final receipts and payments are compiled and included. The financial activity will not be material enough to undermine the overall Partnership position.

For the period of a year Christ the Vine designated 25% of their regular Sunday plate offertory towards mission activities. When the designation proposal was presented to the trustees it was not approved. However, the sum that accumulated over the twelve month period has been retained and used to fund various local CVCC initiatives and activities.

The Homeless Group (the Soup Run); alternative ways of supporting the homeless were developed during lockdown replacing the support originally provided by the Soup Run. Given this development the Soup Run decided to cease its operations.

Part of the income from the letting of the Manse has been set aside to meet the cost of the subsidence repairs once the remedial work required has been identified.

There was no activity on the other designated funds except the accrued interest in 2022.

Partnership Restricted Funds:

CVCC Building: The fund was initially started by an assignment of regular Sunday offertory. The fund has subsequently been moved to be correctly built up with donations and grants restricted specifically for the purpose. It has been used to repair the radiators, fence and window. The electrical inspection was also charged to the fund but this was offset by a Diocesan grant awarded for this purpose. A computer was included in the submitted capital plan so the purchase has been charged against this fund.

Christ the Vine received a legacy to support the church. Given the donor has specified the gift be used by the local church it has been treated as restricted.

St Mary's continue to receive gifts for the next phase of the Audio Visual installation. A microphone stand was charged to the fund during 2022.

St Mary's also retain the remainder of a gift intended to replace or repair the clock mechanism. It has been used for maintenance work carried out on the clock mechanism in 2022.

St Mary's Fabric continues to receive regular gifts from supporters and, where appropriate, this is supplemented by the Gift Aid re-claim. The fund also receives money from a dedicated church box. Most recently the fund has been used to pay for a replacement gas heater and ceramic hob.

St Thomas': Building; the work on the Chancel subsidence is continuing with further architect and surveyor site visits. There was further ground movements during 2022 which eventually necessitated the boarding up of a window. The expenditure was ameliorated with a recovery of VAT through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. The church members have responded to this urgent work with a number of personal gifts, fundraising events and grant applications. The church continues to seek avenues to meet the financial exposure that the subsidence has visited upon them.

Trinity Church: Restricted; the church is partnered with the Trinity Centre in the operation of the Fishermead Digital Deprivation initiative. The church has also partnered with SOFEA to open a Community Larder. It has used its restricted fund to purchase polo shirts and fleeces with the church logos printed on them to raise visibility while working with the partners.

Apart from the accrued interest there was no activity on the other restricted funds with retained balances.

Investments:

The Partnership holds six permanent trust funds all managed by CCLA. Five are invested in the CBF Church of England Fund as income shares and one in the COIF Charities Investment Fund as income units. They are as follows:

The Woughton-on-the-Green Church House (127001608S) annual income from investments is used for Woughton Parish charitable purposes.

The Woughton-on-the-Green Church – Levi Trust (127001566S) is a fund applied in or towards an organist and tuning and minor repairs to the organ at St. Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green.

The Dividends Received from (127002702S) Little Woolstones Church Hall, sold in 1984, are passed back to the DCC to be used by the local church.

The Dividends Received from (127002582S) Simpson Church Hall, sold in 1973, are passed back to the DCC to be used by the local church.

The Woughton-on-the-Green Church Trust (127002774S) is a fund received in respect of a Deed of Variation in 1992. The annual income from investments is to be used for the repair and upkeep of the fabric of St. Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green.

The Dividends Received from Woughton-on-the-Green Church Trust (COIF - 546050001T) are passed back to the DCC of St. Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green.

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Statement of Financial Activities 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowments 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Full Year funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	1	112,604	2,657	13,590	0	128,851	140,458
Charitable activities	2	21,976	5,771	0	0	27,747	25,037
Other trading activities	3	4,642	224	2,658	0	7,524	6,384
Investments	4	457	246	626	5,066	6,395	4,933
Other		698	0	2,838	0	3,536	45
Total		140,377	8,898	19,712	5,066	174,053	176,857
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	(1,813)	0	(1,266)	0	(3,079)	(2,640)
Charitable activities	6	(141,929)	(925)	(6,127)	(10,579)	(159,560)	(158,455)
Total		(143,742)	(925)	(7,393)	(10,579)	(162,639)	(161,095)
Net gains/(losses) on investments					(22,672)	(22,672)	24,178
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,365)	7,973	12,319	(28,185)	(11,258)	39,940
Transfers between funds		4,041	433	(2,412)	(2,062)	0	0
Net movement in funds		676	8,406	9,907	(30,247)	(11,258)	39,940
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		36,846	22,485	47,117	233,501	339,949	300,009
Total funds carried forward		37,522	30,891	57,024	203,254	328,691	339,949

Balance Sheet 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowments 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Full Year funds 2021 £
Fixed assets:							
Investments	12	0	0	0	170,239	170,239	192,911
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	170,239	170,239	192,911
Current assets:							
Debtors	7	4,935	5	517	0	5,457	6,705
Cash at bank and in hand		34,191	30,886	56,507	33,015	154,599	144,597
Total current assets		39,126	30,891	57,024	33,015	160,056	151,302
Liabilities:							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,604)	0	0	0	(1,604)	(4,264)
Net current assets or liabilities		37,522	30,891	57,024	33,015	158,452	147,038
Total assets less current liabilities		37,522	30,891	57,024	203,254	328,691	339,949
<i>Net asset or liabilities excluding pension asset or liability</i>		37,522	30,891	57,024	203,254	328,691	339,949
Total net assets or liabilities		37,522	30,891	57,024	203,254	328,691	339,949
The funds of the charity:							
Endowment funds	11				203,254	203,254	233,501
Restricted income funds	10			57,024		57,024	47,117
Unrestricted funds	9	37,522	30,891			68,413	59,331
Total unrestricted funds		37,522	30,891	0	0	68,413	59,331
Total charity funds		37,522	30,891	57,024	203,254	328,691	339,949

Notes

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowments 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Full Year funds 2021 £
Note 1: Donations and legacies						
Tax Efficient Giving	63,493	1,091	3,159	0	67,743	81,078
Small Donations	12,554	497	2,573	0	15,624	6,359
Gift Aid and Small Donation Re-Claim	19,231	345	1,368	0	20,944	21,867
Other Donations	9,998	724	341	0	11,063	13,047
Appeals	3,092	0	5,149	0	8,241	7,237
Grants	4,236	0	1,000	0	5,236	5,870
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Total Donations and legacies	112,604	2,657	13,590	0	128,851	140,458
Note 2: Charitable activities						
Baptism Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funeral Fees	6,974	0	0	0	6,974	6,768
Wedding Fees	4,897	0	0	0	4,897	3,528
Building Hire	10,105	5,771	0	0	15,876	14,741
Total Charitable activities	21,976	5,771	0	0	27,747	25,037
Note 3: Other trading activities						
Fundraising	2,944	0	2,658	0	5,602	4,539
Subscriptions	0	224	0	0	224	327
General Sales	1,698	0	0	0	1,698	1,518
Total Other trading activities	4,642	224	2,658	0	7,524	6,384
Note 4: Investments						
Bank Interest	457	246	626	0	1,329	29
Investment Income from Endowments	0	0	0	5,066	5,066	4,904
Total Investments	457	246	626	5,066	6,395	4,933
Note 5: Raising funds						
Fundraising Costs	1,813	0	704	0	2,517	1,440
Advertising & Promotion	0	0	562	0	562	240
Grant Application & Professional Costs	0	0	0	0	0	960
Total Raising funds	1,813	0	1,266	0	3,079	2,640
Note 6: Charitable activities						
(a) Ministry and Related Staff Costs						
Mission Partnership LEP Share	85,098	0	0	0	85,098	91,443
Clergy Expenses	4,648	0	0	0	4,648	2,618
Manse Running Expenses	516	0	0	0	516	470
Training	750	0	0	254	1,004	500
	91,012	0	0	254	91,266	95,031
(b) Employed Staff						
	2022	2021				
Average number of part time staff	2	2				
Salaries & wages	14,294	14,341				
National insurance contributions	70	151				
	14,364	14,492				

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowments 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Full Year funds 2021 £
(c) Premises and other resource costs						
Premises running costs	7,279	0	0	1,505	8,784	7,778
Maintenance	4,250	455	3,381	0	8,086	6,725
Parish Administration	4,897	0	1,893	7,500	14,290	6,358
Upkeep of Services/Centre Hire	3,173	0	0	0	3,173	2,985
Insurance	7,704	0	0	0	7,704	7,371
Equipment & New Building Works	1,213	0	853	500	2,566	14,576
Junior Church, ABC & Youth	347	470	0	0	817	339
Pastoral Care/Homeless	180	0	0	820	1,000	243
	29,043	925	6,127	10,325	46,420	46,375
(d) Grants and donations payable						
All We Can	399	0	0	0	399	0
British Heart Foundation	248	0	0	0	248	0
Bucks Vision	506	0	0	0	506	0
Cancer Research	0	0	0	0	0	100
Community Voices Water Eaton	483	0	0	0	483	0
Dyfi Osprey Project	416	0	0	0	416	0
Fishermead Trinity Centre	0	0	0	0	0	300
Freedom from Torture	347	0	0	0	347	0
Healing Hands Network	310	0	0	0	310	0
Leaving Gift	0	0	0	0	0	25
Macmillan	32	0	0	0	32	0
MK-Act	0	0	0	0	0	232
MK Bridgebuilder Trust	48	0	0	0	48	156
MK Food Bank	0	0	0	0	0	20
MK Prison Fellowship	129	0	0	0	129	0
RNLI	0	0	0	0	0	396
Salvation Army	92	0	0	0	92	91
Simpson Garden Group	0	0	0	0	0	413
Streetlight Trust	0	0	0	0	0	334
Tear Fund	41	0	0	0	41	67
The Mount Coffee Club	458	0	0	0	458	0
Trinity Centre - Internet Café	3,986	0	0	0	3,986	0
Wader Quest	0	0	0	0	0	323
Water Aid Donation	15	0	0	0	15	0
Zimbabwe Housing Project	0	0	0	0	0	100
	7,510	0	0	0	7,510	2,557
Total Charitable activities	141,929	925	6,127	10,579	159,560	158,455
Note 7: Debtors						
Gift Aid tax recoverable	3,759	5	293	0	4,057	5,004
Small Donations recoverable	822	0	224	0	1,046	797
Amounts falling due within one year	354	0	0	0	354	904
	4,935	5	517	0	5,457	6,705
Note 8: Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	48	0	0	0	48	581
CVCC - Donations					0	2,838
Other creditors (Weddings)	1,556	0	0	0	1,556	845
	1,604	0	0	0	1,604	4,264

Note 9: Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1st Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31st Dec 2022 £	Net Movement £
Undesignated fund						
WEP General	23,326	14,373	(109,102)	95,227	23,824	498
Christ the Vine	3,759	10,361	(8,704)	(1,657)	3,759	0
Holy Trinity	(1,107)	2,992	(1,089)	(1,903)	(1,107)	0
St Mary's	(2,990)	51,752	(5,881)	(45,871)	(2,990)	0
St Mary's Church Hall	(546)	1,600	(1,422)	0	(368)	178
St Thomas	3,267	31,129	(11,621)	(19,508)	3,267	0
Trinity Church Fishermead	11,137	28,170	(5,923)	(22,247)	11,137	0
Parish General Funds	36,846	140,377	(143,742)	4,041	37,522	676
Designated funds						
Adults, Babies and Children Group	1,262	238	(212)	0	1,288	26
Benevolent Fund	78	1	0	0	79	1
Christ the Vine: Designated	0	789	(258)	433	964	964
Homeless Group	4,978	163	0	0	5,141	163
Ministry Fund	0	1,763	0	0	1,763	1,763
WEP Property	2,204	0	0	0	2,204	0
URC Manse	4,526	5,828	(455)	0	9,899	5,373
Woolstone Chancel Trust	6,242	77	0	0	6,319	77
Youth Fund	3,195	39	0	0	3,234	39
Parish Designated Funds	22,485	8,898	(925)	433	30,891	8,406
Parish General & Designated Funds	59,331	149,275	(144,667)	4,474	68,413	9,082
WEP Suspense Accounts	845	11,924	(11,213)	0	1,556	711
	60,176	161,199	(155,880)	4,474	69,969	9,793

Note 10: Restricted funds

Christ the Vine: Gift Day	872	11	0	0	883	11
Christ the Vine: Boiler/Baptistry	36	0	0	(36)	0	(36)
Christ the Vine: Building	0	5,287	(3,274)	462	2,475	2,475
Christ the Vine: Legacy	5,000	62	0	0	5,062	62
Christ the Vine: Suspense	0	2,838	0	(2,838)	0	0
Coffee Hall: Flood Relief	1,230	16	0	0	1,246	16
St Mary's: AV	3,699	3,754	(84)	0	7,369	3,670
St Mary's: Clock	2,660	33	(180)	0	2,513	(147)
St Mary's: Fabric	30,243	3,645	(2,217)	0	31,671	1,428
St Thomas': Building	(3,461)	3,982	(1,076)	0	(555)	2,906
St Thomas': Legacy	5,031	62	0	0	5,093	62
Trinity Church: Projects	1,006	12	0	0	1,018	12
Trinity Church: Restricted	801	10	(562)	0	249	(552)
	47,117	19,712	(7,393)	(2,412)	57,024	9,907

Note 11: Endowments

Trust income retained	40,590	5,066	(10,579)	(2,062)	33,015	(7,575)
Total Endowment Investments	192,911	(22,672)	0	0	170,239	(22,672)
	233,501	(17,606)	(10,579)	(2,062)	203,254	(30,247)

Note 12: Investments

	Share Holdings Quantity	Value December 2022 £	Dividends Received £	Dividends Distributed £	Value December 2021 £
WotG Church House (127001608S)	4,889	101,014	3,004		114,491
WotG Levi Trust (127001566S)	818	16,901	503	(503)	19,156
Little Woolstones Church Hall (127002702S)	1,038	21,447	638	(638)	24,308
Simpson Church Hall (127002582S)	218	4,504	134	(134)	5,105
WotG Church Trust (127002774S)	181	3,740	111	(111)	4,239
WotG Church Trust (COIF) (546050001T)	1,245	22,633	676	(676)	25,612
	8,389	170,239	5,066	(2,062)	192,911

2022 Statement of cash flows

	Current Year Total funds £	Prior year Total funds £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,607	8,894
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	6,395	4,933
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		
Proceeds from sale of investments	0	0
Purchase of investments		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	6,395	4,933
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	10,002	13,827
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	144,597	130,770
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	154,599	144,597

2022 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	Current Year £	Prior Year £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(11,258)	39,940
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	0	0
(Gains)/losses on investments	22,672	(24,178)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(6,395)	(4,933)
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	1,248	(5,549)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(2,660)	3,614
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,607	8,894

2022 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Current Year £	Prior Year £
Cash in hand at close of year	154,599	144,597
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	0	0
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	154,599	144,597

WEP ADULT MEMBERSHIP ROLL 2022 (2021 numbers shaded)

WEP ADULT MEMBERSHIP ROLL 2023 (2022 numbers shaded)							
Church	Anglican	Baptist	Methodist	URC	Ecumenical	Other	Totals
Christ the Vine							37
	10	2	5	3	7	10	37
St Thomas'	21	1	3	1	6	2	39
	21	1	3	1	8	5	39
St Mary's							70
	44	2	7	5	0	10	68
Trinity	5	4	5	0	2	13	29
	6	5	5	0	3	18	37
Woolstone	10	2	0	0	0	1	13
	17	3	1	1	0	0	22
Totals for 2022	95	12	17	8	16	41	189

Totals By Year	Anglican	Baptist	Methodist	URC	Ecumenical	Other	WEP Total
2022	95	12	17	8	16	41	189
2021	98	13	21	10	18	43	203
2020	100	13	21	10	18	41	203
2019	99	14	25	6	26	42	211
2018	99	13	20	7	30	47	216
2017	91	15	15?	5	30	39	194
2016	85	14	18	5	28	31	181
2015	86	20	19	7	29	28	189
2014	99	19	20	7	26	31	202
2013	92	16	25	5	27	28	193
2012	91	15	29	2	24	33	194
2011	99	14	25	3	27	32	200

Appointments at Partnership Level 2020-21
Trustees of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership
and Woughton PCC Members 2022-23

Representing	WEP Trustee	WEP + PCC	PCC Member
Christ the Vine Community Church	David Hart		Mandy Heart
Woolstone Church		John Howard	
St Mary's Church	Kim Weston/Geoffrey Miller	Di Miller	
St Thomas' Church		Lynn Castle Iola Samuels	
Trinity Church	Marilyn Mahon	Don Mahon	
Team ex officio, other ex officio, co-opted		Rev. Paul Norris Rev. Ian Herbert Rev. Nicola Vidamour Rev. Charmaine Howard	David Bird

Deanery Synod Representative Di Miller, Kim Weston

Church Wardens

Christ the Vine Community Church

David Hart

Woolstone Church

John Howard

St Thomas' Church

Iola Samuels

St Mary's Church

David Bird

United Area Meeting

Lynn Castle; Marilyn Mahon

Netherfield Partnership
corporate member

Ian Herbert

Trustee of Trinity Centre

Andrew Buckley

Member of Trinity Centre
Management Committee

Ken MacLeod