



The Parish of Kingswood

We are a church family that seeks to share the love of Christ with the community here and worldwide.

Annual Report 2021

Charity No: 1172427

Statutory Charity Commission Information - Charity No: 1172427

Those who served as Trustees since 1 January 2021 were:

Chairman:	The Reverend Christine Colton
Vice Chairman:	Mr Ron Searle
Reader:	Mr Ron Searle
Churchwardens:	Mrs Anne Bennett, Mr Graeme Hopkins
	Deputy Warden: Mrs Jane Hollington,
Treasurer:	Mr Frank Foxen
Deanery Synod:	Mrs Alison Knibbs, Mrs Abigail Robinson (from November 2021)
Elected Members:	Mrs Pia Chamberlain, Mrs Linda Utting, Mrs Susan Mitchell, Mr Peter Temperton (until 15 November 2021)

The Trustees of the church present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Regulations set out under the Charities Act 2011, and with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with FRS102 effective 1 January 2015.

Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswood, Southwark, known as Parish of Kingswood is a registered charity number **1172427**. The method of appointment of Parochial Church Council members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, to take part and assist in the activities and to stand for election to the Council.

The following five committees report to the Parochial Church Council:

Standing; Finance and General Purposes; Activities, Church Hall; Children and Young People.

Parish Safeguarding

The council has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Public Benefit

The Parochial Church Council has embraced the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. It aims to promote religion within the parish. The Wisdom of God church is used by local schools for their services and School visits. The hall is available to church groups, local associations and others.

Objectives and Activities

The Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent to promote within the parish the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of both the church and hall and to provide the physical and financial resources to achieve the mission of the church in general and the parish in particular.

Achievements and Performance

The Parochial Church Council strives to offer a range of services that attract all age groups from our community who find attendance both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Families are attracted to our church by the Family Services, Wisdom Stories at Tea Time, JAM Club Roots Church and Youth Club, termly Family Fun Services. Due to the Coronavirus some of these groups have not been able to meet, but a number of Wisdom Stories services were held via "Zoom".

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic Holy Communion has not been taken to those at home or in hospital either by the clergy or by Mr Ron Searle as a Reader.

Meetings

During the past year the Council has met in person on 1 occasion and via Zoom on five occasions and the average attendance rate was 76%. Various committees manage and develop the various activities and their reports are discussed by the Council and authority given where necessary. The Standing Committee, which comprises the Chairman, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer, meets when necessary to deal with any urgent matters which may arise between ordinary meetings of the Council. The composition and responsibilities of committees are kept under review in order to create better control and an improved reporting system. Matters requiring immediate attention were dealt with during 2021.

Risk Management

The Council is aware of its responsibilities for assessing and managing this church's risks and continues to implement plans to deal with these.

The principal risks financially and to continuity are the buildings. Both churches are over 130 years old and the hall is over 80 years old. The quinquennial inspection of the church (but not the hall) was carried out during 2017 by a diocesan approved Architect.

Terrorism was considered by the Council to be of minimum risk and has not been insured.

Succession and temporary cover of officers is discussed.

Clergy and Readers

The Priest in Charge, The Reverend Christine Colton, is supported by a licensed Reader, Mr Ronald Searle.

Kingswood PCC -Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2021 show a small net decrease in unrestricted funds of £111 (2020- decrease £375). Unrestricted funds represent the resources which are available to meet the everyday running costs of our Parish. In a year during which our church activities have again been limited for lengthy periods we were fortunate not to have recorded a worse result. Donations from all sources, inclusive of Gift Aid, amounted to £50259 (2020-£42589) although that figure was boosted by several significant one-off contributions.

Gross Expenditure in 2021 at £83889 was greater than 2020 (£79447) with significant increases in administration costs, churchyard maintenance charges and building repairs. The Quinquennial Surveys of our churches are due in 2022 and we are likely to find more maintenance costs arising from that inspection, in addition to the fees involved.

The Parish Pledge, paid to the Diocese to cover Clergy remuneration and administration costs, remained at £49000 in the year; it continues at that level for 2022 and at nearly £4100 per month is a major liability. In 2021 the Pledge amounted to 58.5% of gross unrestricted income.

At Church House, the tenancy which commenced in 2019 has continued and the full year's rent received less associated costs contributed £13852- a slight decrease as a result of a changed accrual basis, but nevertheless a significant income.

The Church Hall Account, designated a "restricted fund", showed a substantial excess expenditure in 2020 as a result of refurbishment of the WC facilities at a cost of £18735 coupled with a reduction in lettings income following pandemic restrictions. The 2021 result is a small loss of £374, mostly due to restricted income from lettings during the year. Closing bank balances remain substantial at £31090.

No investments were sold in the year. There was an overall increase of £14687 in market values of Restricted and Endowment fund holdings as at 31 December 2021; however these values do fluctuate year on year.

The Balance Sheet -it is required that a nominal value of assets which produce income (excluding church buildings) is shown, therefore historic values are carried for both Church House and the Church Hall. These large assumed capital values can be misleading and disguise the real "asset rich, cash poor" situation. Cash resources (unrestricted) approximate to 5 months average expenditure.

We are indebted to **Djina Dann** for her continued role as Independent Examiner. Also to **Colin Miles** for maintaining the day to day Church Hall financial records.

Frank Foxen

Independent Examiner's Report to the members and trustees of the Kingswood Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with the examination, no matters have come to my attention:

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



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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2021

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Note</u>				<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES						
From donors	2a	55794	0.00		55794	47518
Other voluntary income	2b	1419			1419	713
Generating Funds & Investments	2c 4,5,6	20959	1069		22028	27088
Church activities	2d	5607			5607	3657
Church Hall	7 & 8		6631		6631	6838
Sale of investments	10b				0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		83778	7700	0	91479	85814
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds	3c	998			998	1391
Grants	3a	1808			1808	1111
Church activities	3b	81083			81083	76945
Church Hall	7,8		6988		6988	25410
RESOURCES EXPENDED		83889	6988	0	90878	104857
NET FUND INCREASE(DECREASE)						
before other gains/losses	9	-111	712	0	601	-19043
Gains/(losses) on investment	10b		5396	26310	31706	14687
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-111	6108	26310	32307	-4356
BALANCES B/FWD 01/01/21		34299	75396	183098	292793	297150
BALANCES C/FWD 31/12/21		34188	81504	209408	325100	292794

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2021

	note	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10a	659409	659409
Investment assets	10b	251572	219866
		<u>910981</u>	<u>879275</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
<u>Short term deposits</u>			
Legacy		1033	891
Survival		60	60
Centenary		6087	5160
PCC-TSB		33294	35606
PCC-Natwest		6526	3995
Church Hall -Barclays		5575	6529
Church Hall-Santander		25516	25498
		<u>78091</u>	<u>77739</u>
<u>Debtors</u>			
Gift Aid -tax receivable		1433	1910
Church Hall -Electricity overpaid		326	0
Christmas Concert Income		127	0
		<u>79976</u>	<u>79649</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
LIABILITIES			
<u>Creditors</u>			
Churchyard Costs	780		0
Buildings Maintenance	1144		1800
RBBC grant in advance	0		1000
Insurance Premiums	2902		2902
Heat, Light & Water	603		750
Administration Costs	20		18
Organ Maintenance	252		252
Church Hall Gas/Cleanin	746	6448	0
		<u>73529</u>	<u>72927</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
NET ASSETS			
		<u>984509</u>	<u>952202</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		693597	693708
Restricted- include Hall		81504	75396
Endowment		209408	183098
		<u>984509</u>	<u>952202</u>

Approved by the PCC of Kingswood on 8th May 2022

Chairman 

Churchwarden 

Kingswood PCC

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Accounting Policies and Funds

These financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the recommendations of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities current Statement of Recommended Practice. From 2009, following the assessment of Diocesan Quota for the Parish as a whole, the accounts are presented in unified form and not allocated to the individual churches.

Fixed Assets – The Church Hall and Church House are shown at estimated values in line with previous years' figures; the PCC has adopted a policy of non-depreciation of these assets on the basis that their residual value is higher than the deemed cost values shown in these accounts. It is not required to re-value these assets.

Any funds raised, or donated, for designated purposes are treated as "Restricted Funds".

Payment to a Trustee – during the year payments amounting to £400 were made to Frank Foxen, a Trustee, as agreed reduced fees for his duties as appointed Organist at churches within the parish.

The Funds managed are:

1. Capital Funds - These are

- A. St Andrew's Trusts consisting of six donations towards the upkeep of graves. The corresponding Investments are held in shares with the Central Board of Finance (CBF).
- B. Wisdom of God Trusts consisting of a series of donations towards the church upkeep; the Corresponding investments are held via the South London Church Fund and the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance in shares with the CBF.

2. Unrestricted Funds – These are the normal operating funds of the two churches:

- C1 - Shows current year's income and expenditure.
- E Revenue Reserve, shows the net funds after transfer of the surplus or deficit from C1 above.

3. Restricted Funds

- C2 - operates in conjunction with C1 but relates to special purposes; this designation covers special appeals, works and maintenance and the Organ Fund. Other balances of Income and Expenditure on these items are subsequently transferred to the appropriate major Fund:
- F - Legacy set up in 2004 with Lowe Legacy funds of £50000 for Fabric expenses of both churches.
- G - St Andrew's Survival derived from a special appeal for major fabric projects to which subsequent Appeal and legacy proceeds have been added.
- H - Wisdom of God Centenary – operated in a similar way to the Survival fund above.
- I - Church Hall & L – Church Hall Fund Raising - are held as separate Funds, responsibility for them having been delegated by the PCC.
- M – Kingswood Global Income was set up in 2011 to improve income devoted to the Legacy Fund.
- N - Wisdom Income Fund was set up in March 2011 to improve income devoted to the Centenary Fund.

	Unrestricted Fund C1 £	Restricted Fund C2 £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
2(a) Incoming Resources from donors:				
Regular Gift Aid	21,096		21,096	20,015
Other Regular Giving	948		948	2,878
Occasional Gift Aid	3,015		3,015	3,973
Community Buildings giving	3,263		3,263	915
Donations Recurring	0		0	0
Non-recurring	14,972		14,972	8,054
Gift Aid -Tax Recovered	6,965		6,965	6,754
WisdomProject Donations	0		0	394
Churchyard grants	4,535		4,535	4,535
Legacy- restricted use	0		0	0
Online Equipment Grant	1,000		1,000	0
	<u>55,794</u>		<u>55,794</u>	<u>47,518</u>
2(b) Other voluntary incoming sources:				
Special Appeals	1,419		1,419	713
			<u>1,419</u>	<u>713</u>
2(c) Income from generating funds and Investments:				
Fund Raising	791		791	4,658
Interest on Investments	5,318	1,069	6,387	6,189
Rent received	<u>14,850</u>		<u>14,850</u>	<u>16,240</u>
	<u>20,959</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>22,028</u>	<u>27,088</u>
2(d) Income from Church activities				
Church Hall contribution	0		0	0
Wedding Fees	594		594	0
Funeral/Churchyard Fees	4,413		4,413	3,267
Magazine	<u>600</u>		<u>600</u>	<u>390</u>
	<u>5,607</u>		<u>5,607</u>	<u>3,657</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	83,778	1,069	84,847	78,976

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	TOTAL FUNDS			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	Fund C1	Fund C2		
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Grants				
Foodbank/Disability Challenge	625		625	200
Bishop's Lent Call	550		550	130
Shoebox Appeal/St Bedes	200		200	316
British Legion	148		148	100
Renewed Hope Trust	125		125	0
Afghanistan/Crossroads	<u>160</u>		<u>160</u>	<u>365</u>
	1808		1808	1111
3(b) Church Activities:				
Parish Pledge	49,000		49000	49000
Honoraria-Organists	470		470	200
Clergy exp& Diocese Fees	3,236		3236	3163
Vicarage Expenses	0		0	0
Insurances	7,000		7000	6964
Administration Expenses	4,226		4226	1976
Sanctuary	370		370	188
Churchyards	6,396		6396	5635
Sundry Expenses	1,691		1691	1023
Heat, Light & Water	3,068		3068	3559
QI Architect Fees	0		0	0
Wisdom Building Project	0		0	1129
Buildings Maintenance	5,374		5374	3534
Organ maintenance	252		252	576
	<u>81,083</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81083</u>	<u>76945</u>
3(c) Costs of generating funds:				
Events	0		0	395
Church House	998		998	997
Magazine	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>998</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1391</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED	83,889	0.00	83889	79447

Note 4	Fund F - Legacy Fund (Restricted Fund)	2021	2020
		£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES		
	Net Income from: Investment Legacy Fund interest	142	141
	Kingswood Global Investment Fund interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	142	141
	RESOURCES EXPENDED		
	Transfer to Restricted Fund C2	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	0.00	0.00
	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	142	141
	Balance brought forward 01/01/21	<u>891</u>	<u>750</u>
	Balance carried forward 31/12/21	1,033	891
Note 5	Fund G - St.Andrew Survival Fund (Restricted Fund)	2021	2,020
		£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES		
	Net Income from Investment Survival Fund interest	0.0	0
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	0	0
	RESOURCES EXPENDED		
	Transfer to Restricted Fund C2	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	0.00	0.00
	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	0	0
	Balance brought forward 01/01/21	<u>60</u>	<u>59</u>
	Balance carried forward 31/12/21	60	60
Note 6	Fund H - Wisdom of God Centenary Fund (Restricted Fund)	2021	2,020
		£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES		
	Net Income from Investment Centenary Fund interest	927	912
	Income from from Wisdom Investment Fund interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	927	912
	RESOURCES EXPENDED		
	Transfer to Restricted Fund C2	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	0.00	0.00
	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	927	912
	Balance brought forward 01/01/21	<u>5160</u>	<u>4,248</u>
	Balance carried forward 31/12/21	6087	5,160
	Net Incoming Resources in 2021	1069	1,054

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Note 7	Fund I - Church Hall (Restricted Fund)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£
	Net Fees & Donations	5,614	6,686
	Grants	1,000	0.00
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		6,614	6,686
	RESOURCES EXPENDED		
	Water, Light and Heating	1,640	1,594
	Insurances	1,568	1,551
	Repairs and Minor Works	1,264	1,052
	Cleaning and Grounds	2,241	2,216
	Performing Right Licences	0	176
	Stationery & Sundries	275	0.00
	Other Expenses	0	0.00
	Gas & Fire Safety Checks	0	85
	Toilet improvements	0	18,735
	Contribution to PCC	0	0.00
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		6,988	25,410
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	Surplus/(Shortfall)	-375	-18,724

Note 8	Fund L - Church Hall Fund Raising(Restricted)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£
	Interest	18	152
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	18	152
	RESOURCES EXPENDED	0	0
	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	18	152
	Funds transfer from Current Account	0	0.00
	Balance brought forward 01/01/21	<u>25498</u>	<u>25346</u>
	Balance carried forward 31/12/21	<u>25516</u>	<u>25498</u>
	Current Account Balances 31/12/2021	<u>5575</u>	<u>6529</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Transfer of Net Surplus(loss) to Fund C1	-111	-375
Balance Brought Forward 01/01/21	34300	34674
Balance Carried Forward 31/12/21	<u>34189</u>	<u>34300</u>

Note 10 Fixed Assets for Use by the Parochial Church Council

	<u>Church Hall</u>	<u>Church Hse</u>	<u>Total</u>
10(a) Tangible Fixed Assets			
Assumed Property Values b/f 01/01/21	416121	243288	659409
Revaluation	0	0	0
Net Values Carried Forward	<u>416,121</u>	<u>243288</u>	<u>659,409</u>
Insured Values at 31/12/21	592054	444890	

10(b) Investment Fixed Assets - detailed on page 9

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fund A - St.Andrew's Trusts (Capital Fund)		
Market Values at 1 January 2021	10,301.66	9,636.25
Movements in the year	<u>1,481.26</u>	<u>665.41</u>
Market Values at 31 December 2021	11,782.92	10,301.66
Fund B - Wisdom of God Trusts (Capital Fund)		
Market Values at 1 January 2021	172,674.22	161,520.79
Movements in the year	<u>24,828.56</u>	<u>11,153.43</u>
Market Values at 31 December 2021	197,502.78	172,674.22
Fund M - Kingswood Global Income Fund		
Market Value at 1 January 2021	5,094.37	4,280.21
Movements in the year	<u>824.37</u>	<u>814.16</u>
Market Value at 31 December 2021	5,918.74	5,094.37
Fund N-Wisdom Income Fund		
Market Value at 1 January 2021	31,795.64	29,741.89
Movements in the year	<u>4,571.85</u>	<u>2,053.75</u>
Market Value at 31 December 2021	36,367.49	31,795.64
Overall Market Values 31/12/21	251,571.93	219,865.89
Increase(Decrease) in Value inYear	31,706.04	14,686.75

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Note 10(b) Investments Fixed Assets

The P.C.C.'s holdings are:

		<u>Cost £</u>	<u>Total £</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>31/12/2021</u>
Central Board of Finance				
Shares	St.Andrew - relating to Fund A			
422	A.E.Oddy Legacy	300		
16	Allom Grave Endowment	200		
55	{Varney	50		
	{Wilkinson	50		
	{Bonsor	257		
10.83	Taunton	104	961	
503.83	<u>Market Value</u>			<u>11782.92</u>

Wisdom of God - relating to Fund B

(held via South London Church Fund
& Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance)

4,957.29	Endowment account	no.459	6,054		115,934.65
1,582.80	"	no.493	2,871		37,016.47
1,905.00	"	no.621	2,425	11,350	44,551.66
8,445.09	<u>Market Value</u>				<u>197,502.78</u>

St.Andrew's - relating to Fund M

1,933.86 Global Income Investment Fund

<u>Market Value</u>		2000	<u>5,918.74</u>
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Wisdom of God - relating to Fund N

1,555.05 Wisdom of God Income Investment Fund

<u>Market Value</u>		17000	<u>36,367.49</u>
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Movements in Market Values £increa 31,706.04 overall

	<u>31/12/2020</u>		<u>31/12/2021</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
Fund A endowment	961	10,301.66	961	11,782.92
Fund B endowment	11,350	172,674.22	11,350	197,502.78
Fund M restricted	2000	5,094.37	2,000	5,918.74
Fund N restricted	17000	31,795.64	17,000	36,367.49
	31,311	219,865.89	31,311	251,571.93

Note 11.ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND 31/12/21

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Investment Fixed Assets		42,286.23	209,285.70	251,571.93
Tangible Fixed Assets	659,409.00			659,409.00
Current Assets	41,379.96	38,596.06		79,976.02
Hill legacy-adjust	-3,695.00	3,695.00		0.00
Current Liabilities	-5,701.21	-746.30		-6,447.51
Fund Balance	691,392.75	83,830.99	209,285.70	984,509.44

Priest in Charge Report for 2021

Out of necessity, this report is for the Calendar Year 2021 because this is when our Financial year runs and to meet the requirements of the Church Representational Rules and Charity Commission requirements.

Much of our Church life was still disrupted by Pandemic restrictions but we have made the best of the opportunities presented by having to work in different ways. This report will show that not all activities and services could take place but where things have resumed, the momentum to return to pre-pandemic times is building steadily.

I'm grateful to the Church Wardens for their support and hard work in maintaining the life of the parish, particularly during my absences.

Worship

Thanks to a Diocesan grant we were able to purchase the equipment for 'live streaming' the services from the Wisdom of God. The viewing figures have been encouraging and I know that we have had folk join us from abroad as well as locally. It is our intention to continue 'live streaming' as some housebound folk have found it very helpful as a means of worshipping each week.

Many of the services were still provided, pre-recorded, on our You Tube channel 'Parish of Kingswood, Surrey' until after Easter. I am grateful to the many visiting clergy and Ron Searle, our Licensed Reader, who facilitated worship in person during my Sabbatical from June to August. Ron, of course, has been a great asset to the parish since his licensing and I'd like to thank him for his ongoing support to my ministry.

At the Wisdom of God, Wisdom Stories at Tea Time on Wednesdays resumed in person in September having been held as a Zoom service during church closures. These services in church have been a very well attended with regularly up to 30 children and as many as 10 adults. A "Walking Bus" continues to operate from Kingswood Primary School organised by parent helpers using WhatsApp. My thanks go to the many volunteers whose support for this Fresh Expression of worship is invaluable. A number of them were Baptised and Confirmed in November 2021 and we hope to do more to help this continue to nurture a lasting faith when the children move on to Secondary School and through our youth work.

The Good Friday Family Service was held online in 2021 giving the children and their families an opportunity to spend time reflecting on the biblical theme for the worship that day.

The Communion Services at Furze Hill Lodge and at Kingswood Court have been unable to go ahead but I have maintained contact with these homes and despite the restrictions have been invited by each home to anoint residents when near to death. At Warrengate Care Home the service of Hymns and prayers has also been paused due to pandemic restrictions. My hope is that all of these services will be able to resume as soon as possible in 2022.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday was, by popular demand, again held entirely at St Andrew's beginning with an act of commemoration and two minutes silence at the War Memorial. The service then moved inside the church and young people from the uniformed organisations, having paraded their flags, were provided with age appropriate activities in the St Andrew's room and the vestry during the formal worship. They joined the congregation again for the blessing and National Anthem. My thanks go especially to Marcus Martin-Burns who provided the sound system at the War Memorial and to those who provided the activities for the young people.

All Souls' Service

Our Annual All Souls' Service was well attended. Many of those who had expressed a wish to be invited back came along with others from the parish.

Occasional Offices

Over the year, 2 children were Baptized and 4 Young people and 3 Adults from the parish were confirmed in November at St Mark's, Reigate. 15 Funeral services were conducted for the parish during the course of the year. There was just 1 wedding.

Ministry Team

It has been a pleasure to work with our Licensed Lay Minister, Ron Searle during the year and have enjoyed the opportunity to hear someone else preach on occasion.

I am grateful to Linda Utting for all that she does to support me in my ministry in the parish and in conducting her ministry as SPA in her own right.

Graeme and Alison Knibbs run the Wednesday evening study group and my thanks go to them for the time they spend in preparation and their invaluable contributions in this.

Safeguarding

Lizzie Searle has been Safeguarding Officer for the parish in 2021 for which I am very grateful. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Uniformed Organisations

Links with the local uniformed organisations are healthy and the parade services include an opportunity for the young people to bring their flags and contribute their own prayers and poems as part of the worship.

Schools Work

It had been the intention to welcome Kingswood Primary School into The Wisdom of God for their annual Nativity Plays as this offers such an opportunity to bring in parents and carers from the community who otherwise might not enter the church. Unfortunately due to the very high rates of Covid-19 at the time, the school was unable to come.

Church Visitors

There were a few groups and individual visitors coming to the Wisdom of God where special arrangements were made to welcome them. Both churches opened for the Heritage Open Days. I would like to thank all those involved in accommodating these visits throughout the year.

Social Media

Our Website: Parishofkingswood.org.uk appears to be a helpful way for people to glean information about the parish as many enquiries come to me via a link there or via the website 'A Church Near You'. Statistics show that our Facebook Pages: 'Parish of Kingswood'; 'Church of the Wisdom of God; and 'St Andrew's Church, Kingswood' are also a very useful way of informing people of our worship and events. As mentioned before, contact for the co-ordination of our Youth Work mainly takes place using WhatsApp.

Parish Magazine

I would like to thank Graeme Knibbs who, with help from his wife Alison, edit and publish the Parish Magazine both online and in print form. Their hours of dedication to this task are very much appreciated by me and all who receive the magazine.

Looking forward

Our Mission Action Plan is being continually reviewed. My thanks go to Ron Searle for his work on this. I am aware that having taken a Sabbatical and then having been on sick leave for a length of time, that there may be speculation as to my remaining in the parish; may I say that, precluding any unforeseen circumstances, it is my intention to remain here until October 2026 when I shall be forced to retire.

Thanks

There are so many people who do so many jobs, often quietly in the background, and I would like to thank all of them for giving of their time, talents and energy, and by naming some, I am bound to forget others. I apologise in advance if this is the case but want to extend my special thanks to Graeme Hopkins and Anne Bennett as Church Wardens. Anne has served for more terms than she initially expected and her contributions will be greatly missed. Thanks also go, to the Deputy Warden, Jane Hollington. My grateful thanks also go to Alexia Hartman as Parish Administrator who frequently goes 'above and beyond' her paid duties by answering the phone or responding to urgent emails at weekends particularly.

Frank Foxen, as Treasurer and Organist; has faithfully attended to our finances since the beginning of 2015 and I'm aware that he also assisted Michael Smith prior to that. Frank has now stepped down as Treasurer and from the PCC but I wish to express my profound thanks for all his painstaking care in producing regular updates and information to enable the PCC to do its work effectively. Frank will continue to be our Organist and I'm very grateful to him for this aspect of his service in the parish too.

I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC and Deanery Synod who undertake more than just the governance of the parish but many other roles in addition. Thanks also go to those who arrange flowers, arrange social activities and fundraising events. Our Choir, under the expert directorship of Jane Searle, have worked extra hard over the past two years in making recordings to use in our online services as well as entertaining us with their wonderful concerts and enhancing our worship too. It is a privilege to have such talent in our midst and I'd like to thank them all for their time and dedication. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who act as sidesmen, read lessons, lead intercessions, or serve at the altar. Numbers of volunteers have dwindled over the past year or so and it is important to stress that there are always opportunities for people to be involved in the wider running of the church as well as serving on the PCC.

I thank everyone who has submitted a report for this meeting and may you continue to find joy in facilitating the mission and ministry of this parish.

Rev'd Christine Colton,
Priest in charge.
May 2022.

Churchwardens' Report for 2021

Both churches were closed for several months during the Coronavirus pandemic, which severely curtailed activities, services were put online which enabled people to view them on the parishes YouTube channel. However, the churches reopened finally in August and services have continued almost as normal since that time, Broadband was installed at the Wisdom of God and this allowed us to live stream the services so those who were unable to attend in person could still take part. However, finances have inevitably taken a backward step during the lockdown period.

During 2021 the Parish sadly lost two much loved members – Ken Cook and Lady Janet Hill – both had been very long- standing contributors to the life of the Parish and are much missed.

There has been ongoing maintenance work at St Andrew's during the year, both to the inside and outside of the building and to the churchyard. We are grateful to Richard Wells for kindly offering to supply two new trees for the churchyard after the removal of three dead ones. During 2021 we have employed a different firm of garden contractors for the St Andrew's churchyard, who offer a cheaper and more flexible service.

Both Churches managed to open for the heritage days in September and had a good number of visitors

The gutters and down pipes at the Wisdom of God and St Andrew's have been rubbed down and had a nice new coat of paint.

Anne Bennet and Graeme Hopkins
Churchwardens

Electoral Roll

On 31 December 2021 the number of names on the Electoral Roll was 77. Of this figure, 70 are resident within the parish and 9 are outside the parish boundary.

Susan Mitchell
Electoral Roll Officer

SPA links

Linda Utting (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary) was also able to join the Zoom meetings organised by the local Deanery SPA group to keep up to date with SPA work in other parishes.

Linda Utting
SPA

Wisdom Stories at Teatime

We had to continue with Wisdom stories being available for half an hour every Wednesday in term time on Zoom throughout the majority of 2021 which Rev'd. Chris prepared every week. Although we had a small but regular number of families able to attend this it was very well received by those who were able to join in. Apart from the video stories and songs the children particularly relished the opportunity to see and speak to their friends from the school.

Rev'd. Chris also prepared Easter gift packs which we were able to deliver to the families. These were very much appreciated. She also distributed material for families to do the Lent challenge including walks with their children.

We were able to restart meeting in person from the 15th September much to everyone's delight. Thanks to Jo Anderson, Kate Love, Jayde Davies, Abi Robinson, Angela Robertson, Brenda Avery, Amanda Lill, Faye Miles and Chris Day for all their help in covering the walking bus from school, preparing and serving the food each week, setting up and clearing the tables in the church, hoovering, organising the registration and paperwork for each family and generally being a massive support.

As the Covid-19 infection rates began to escalate again before Christmas, particularly amongst the children, we took the decision to finish the weekly sessions early in December. Rev'd. Chris again organised Christmas gift bags for all the children and she, Brenda and I were able to hand these out at the church door to all the families at the end of term. We were also able to hold the Christingle crib service in the grounds of the Wisdom on Christmas Eve which was well attended - despite the damp conditions!

Linda Utting
SPA

Coffee Morning

Due to the risk of infection we were not able to restart the monthly coffee mornings until the 1st of September in the church hall but these took place in October, November and December 2021. The local community were delighted they were reinstated and it was good to see everyone well and able to attend. Although numbers were a little lower than before, an average of around 20 attendees were also able to hear an update from our local councillor Rod Ashford who also attended.

During the year I had been able to keep in contact with those attendees by phone and we also included the coffee morning attendees in the distribution of flowers and cake which Jane Hollington and I had prepared and distributed to parishioners around our whole parish in March 2021. This was quite a mammoth task taking a couple of days of preparation and over 5 hours for myself and my daughter (thanks to Sophie Ellis) to distribute. I know Jane also had a similar workload for distribution to the other half of the parish. Although this was a lot of work it was very much appreciated by everyone - especially moving for those who had been isolated during the pandemic and had very little contact with anyone. Thanks to Liz Richardson, Sharon Childs, Gill McMaster and Brenda Avery for stepping into becoming the helpers each month to set up, bake cakes, serve teas and clear up without whom the coffee morning would not be possible

Linda Utting
SPA

Foodbank

During 2021 Parishioners have continued to make monetary and food donations to St Matthews foodbank Redhill.

Food is a basic need, yet there are people in the locality who are going hungry because they just don't have enough money to feed themselves and their families. The foodbank at St Matthew's aims to provide local families and individuals with essential food supplies to keep them going until a longer-term solution is found.

On average the foodbank supports 75 individuals and families equating to approximately 175 people per week both.

Thank you to all those who have donated in this way – it makes a real difference.

Alison Knibbs
PCC Member

Other pastoral work

The phone calls allocated for contacts in our parish kept me busy during the lockdown phase and when the restrictions allowed I was able to drive a few parishioners and coffee morning attendees for doctor appointments, hospital appointments and vaccinations. All of these assistances were gratefully received.

Linda Utting
SPA

Cross Ways Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photos, letters to the editor and other material over the past year. Including 'home grown' material is what makes the magazine 'The Parish Magazine' and as editor I have actively sought local material. I am always interested in contributions from the congregation or ideas of topics that might be of interest.

I really hope that you have enjoyed 'The Lock down Files' series of articles and more recently the 'Why I go to church' articles.

I hope that you have enjoyed trying to work out where the 'Parish places' photos are but also found them a source of inspiration for praying for our parish.

The content of the sidebar is an eclectic mix of more light hearted and humorous content. There are also book reviews that cover a wide range of topics on which we might want to explore in greater depth. It is well worth a look as there are often some hidden gems there.

In the email look out for the 'clickable' links (usually blue and underlined) that link to related web sites or there may be items that can be downloaded e.g. parish accounts.

If you like to receive the email version of the magazine, please use the link on the Parish web site magazine page to subscribe.

A paper copy is still available, if you require one, please contact the parish administrator. It has not been possible to place additional copies in our two churches through the pandemic but this may be restarted now that restrictions are being removed.

If you missed out on one of this year's issues back copies can be found via a link on the magazine page of the parish web site.

I look forward over the coming year to publishing your news and views on what is going on around the parish as well as thoughts and ideas about Christian life in a post-modern increasingly secular society. I would especially like to hear from anyone with ideas about topics that you would like the magazine to cover.

Finally, I would like to thank Alison who each month has proof read the magazine and laid out the print version, a very labourious task that makes you cross eyed!

Graeme Knibbs
Editor

Deanery Synod Report 2021/2022

Deanery synod lay members:

Alison Knibbs and Abigail Robinson

The meetings themselves for those who don't know are a way of lay people and clergy keeping in touch across the Parish – sharing positives and what has worked across all areas of the church, what doesn't, and asking for help or guidance from others and promoting and evolving ideas into action.

The first Deanery synod meeting of 2021 focussed on drawing people to our faith. We discussed the **Reigate Deanery "Mission Action Plan (MAP)"** and defined the purpose or mission objectives as:

"Reigate Deanery provides a supportive framework for Churches to connect with each other. We collectively develop and share ways to proclaim the love of God, to grow as disciples of Christ Jesus and see the Holy Spirit transform lives. We aim to be creative, exciting, fun and welcoming with servant hearts."

Three main "action areas" agreed upon were:

1. Connecting Local Churches
2. Christ Centred Disciples
3. Being creative in our Mission

Break off groups, to discuss drawing people to our faith threw up many ideas, such involving friends in the community side of things such as food banks and community lunches.

Part of the DS area for discussion is the Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus (RASJF) – Chris Elliot is our Deanery champion for this. This area includes:

Raising awareness of County Lines drug dealing, modern slavery, teenage mental health and working to improve the lives of the exploited.

Central to this is linking up services including the police with representatives from the Church.

The second meeting of the year Oct 2021 was Anita Colpus's final meeting as Area Dean. This centred on the Environment and climate crisis. The strong trends of climate disruption are being hailed as a code red for humanity by the UN.

Focussed on 2 reasons why the church wants to act:

- 1) To show God our love and gratitude
- 2) To show love of one's neighbours and reduce the impact on the poor

Practical things we can do as a church community:

Reduce our own clutter

Eat healthily, reduce meat and dairy, (vegetarian meals for messy church)

Holiday locally,

Dress fresh – meaning repair and buy 2nd hand

Travel well – use public transport/ cycle or walk

Change the system – reward green companies from energy to financial institutions, supermarkets with your business.

Move the pressure onto larger organisations by writing to them and asking them to take more action especially your MP. But most of all don't be overwhelmed by the big picture as an individual. Individual steps all count and that includes talking to others about climate action.

- There was an update on the renewed Hope Trust and a 4th person being employed post pandemic. Updated on the process of the house bought for 4 homeless men in the parish.
 - Living in Love and Faith course was positive and enjoyable with over 100 participants.
 - Deanery synod finances were approved with no queries or concerns.
- The last meeting involved Rev'd Martin Colton being Commissioned as the new Area Dean.

Each Parish shared what they had done on an Environmental basis. Some churches are ahead of the curve in all that they are doing and were able to share advice and contacts to others to help them along. A good way to start for a few was for them to look into the green awards.

Finally, the Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus have recently developed an Anti-Slavery Partnership pledge. The pledge is aimed at small and medium businesses and has recently been launched with churches in East Surrey and London Borough of Sutton. It asks for a commitment to three or more actions raising awareness of modern slavery. It will be brought to the business community in Surrey later in the year.

Rev'd Christine Colton
Priest in Charge