

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, WOOLTON HILL

.....making Christ known in our communities

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information

St Thomas' Church is in the United Benefice of North West Hampshire in the Deanery of Whitchurch and the Diocese of Winchester.

The correspondence address is The Rectory, The Mount, Woolton Hill, RG20 9QZ

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity. Charity number: 1173894

PCC members are as follows:

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| Incumbent: | The Reverend Canon Christine Dale |
| Associate Priest: | The Reverend Canon Marvin Bamforth |
| Church Wardens: | Chris Vane Bridget Wheeler (Hon. Secretary) |
| Deanery Synod Representatives: | Peter Charles Val Burfield |
| Elected Members: | Jim Hannington Bob King (Hon. Treasurer) Ian Roch Margaret Burgham Luke Graham Angela Maxwell Mary Herbert Helen Carlile Alan Johnson |

Structure, Governance and Management

St Thomas' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Christine Dale, in promoting the mission of the Church within the parish of Woolton Hill. In addition, it has maintenance responsibilities for the church building. There were 2 regular meetings of the PCC in the year 2020.

The PCC alone could not manage all the tasks the church undertakes and therefore, a number of groups and committees assist with these. The following Committees make recommendations, support the decisions of the PCC and carry out specific tasks as agreed. Their current Terms of Reference are as follows:

Standing Committee (Chair: The Rector): Vice Chair, Wardens, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer meet in advance of each PCC meeting to plan the agenda and review objectives.

(From 27th April 2016 the duties of the Finance Committee were joined with Standing Committee)

Fabric Committee (Chair, Ian Roch): This is a committee elected by the PCC and is responsible for the planning and execution of all necessary maintenance work on the church building and churchyard.

Social and Fundraising (Chair, Angela Maxwell): This committee plans and arranges social and fundraising events throughout the year, primarily to bring people together and to raise funds for the upkeep of the Church.

Electoral Roll Report (Jayne Roch) At the 2021 APCM there were 68 names on the Electoral Roll of whom 16 were non-resident. One person had died, no-one has moved away and there are no new members.

Benefice Committees

The Benefice Council (Chair, The Rector): The Rector and two representatives from each PCC in the North West Hampshire Benefice meet to discuss and agree items of mutual interest to all parishes, including the regular pattern of services across the five churches and shared financial matters.

The Ministry Team (Chair, The Rector): The Rector, the Associate Priest, 3 Readers, 1 Lay Preacher, 1 Reader Emeritus, 1 Reader in training. The Ministry Team oversees worship, discipleship training and pastoral ministry concerns.

Review of the year 2021

Finance Report (Bob King) With the progressive easing of Covid restrictions during the year 2021 has been slightly less traumatic from a financial point of view and has allowed the Church to pay all its Parish Share this year of £34,212. Total income for the year was £77,137 compared to £88,328 last year. The expenditure for the year was £61,352 compared to £99,386 in 2020. There were no major capital grants or expenditure items this year which account for the differences in income and expenditure. All running costs were largely in line with previous years.

The Church Hall, being open again for lettings, had a good year. The shared costs of the Benefice that are paid by St Thomas' and apportioned quarterly is still working well to the benefit of all five parishes. The Living Stones money held on deposit in Newbury Building Society stood at £63,959 (£61,621) which includes £5,082 of the Church Hall monies in the same account. My thanks go to all those who have worked hard to help generate income and keeping costs down wherever possible. My thanks also go to Bertha Bates and Chris Vane for sharing the banking duties: to Cedric Cottrell for administering the Hall accounts and Judy Anderson who audits the books and produces the formal accounts.

Fabric & Churchyard Report (Ian Roch)

Church

Ongoing maintenance and certifications are performed in line with requirements.

The quinquennial inspection took place in May 2021. No urgent items were identified but the heating system was singled out as needing attention. Most other findings related to general maintenance tasks.

Heating system: When the oil boiler was serviced in Autumn 2020 we were warned that we were on borrowed time and should be prepared for the boiler to fail within the next year or so. Towards the end of March 2021 it stopped. During the summer Graham Vane managed to repair it and we once again had heating when required until late October, when a leak in the underfloor Victorian cast iron pipe work finally put the whole system out of commission. For the rest of the year we researched appropriate replacement systems, while relying on electric heaters to provide what heat they could. All options were investigated, and it is envisaged that a new electric system is the only feasible option based on cost and practicality.

Churchyard

Working Parties are usually held twice per year. All offers of assistance will be gratefully received whether at a Working Party or on an ad-hoc basis.

Despite previous improvements to ditches in the lower churchyard along the Church Lane and the lower churchyard boundaries, parts of the lower churchyard remain very boggy during winter months. This is likely due to underground water draining from around the local area, not helped by the heavy clay which retains the water.

A contractor is engaged for an average of 6 hours per month to cut the grass in front of the church and to cut around the old graves on a twice per year basis. The remainder of cutting in the main churchyard and the lower churchyard is carried out by volunteers. The aging demographic of the volunteers means that more tasks are being carried out by contractors with an associated increase in the maintenance costs of the Churchyard.

It is still planned to enable step-free access into the church, but higher priorities have prevailed.

Clock

The annual inspection / maintenance check was carried out in July by the Cumbria Clock Company. The clock is working well with no issues to report.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who undertakes countless tasks in and around the Church.

Living Stones Church Project Report: as per details of heating in the fabric report above, the next stage of the Living Stones Project will be during 2022 to install electric heating into the church building.

Cleaning Report (Margaret Falconer) We have a team of 12 cleaners. Many thanks to Carol, Marilyn, Mary, Madeleine, Moyra, Sarah, Rachael, Angie, Pat, Chris and Val for their hard work. All the equipment is working well. Two soft brushes have been bought to sweep the sanctuary tiles. I will organise a Spring/Summer clean after the new heating system is installed.

Flower Report (Margaret Falconer) Thank you so much to our church flower arrangers. We are fortunate to have kept the team of Sue Wakelin, Diana Durkin Ros Oles, Jean Sharp, Mary Holmes, Bertha Bates, Pat Woodage, Margaret Falconer, Sue Jopson, Bron Sutton and Rosie Cordell. We are so fortunate to have such talent in our villages and beyond to Whitchurch. I feel that flower arranging is becoming a dying art as very few younger people are taking an interest and currently our age range is from 70 to 86. Reaching the windowsills is becoming quite a challenge. In the future it may be difficult to maintain a full rota. The banning of floral foam and its replacement with chicken wire is forcing a return to the "Constance Spry" style of design of the mid-20th century. We can only do our best. Our arrangers finance their own flowers, and the PCC provides extra funds for the main festivals.

Church Unlocks Report (Angie Maxwell) The church has been kept open during the day and has been locked overnight as much as has been possible during the pandemic but there have been spells when this has not happened due to official guidance. Additionally, some petty vandalism occurred in the summer which meant the church was kept locked for a while during the school holidays. Thanks go as usual to the committed band of helpers who have gone with the flow as covid allowed to keep the church accessible during the day. Also, to those others who deputized when necessary. Our regular team for the January to December 2021 year were Anthony Clifton, Genie Stapleton, Angie Maxwell, Bridget Wheeler, Steve Green and Rosemary Cahill. We are grateful to Steve Green for all his help in the past but who decided to come off the rota during the year with Anthony Clifton kindly taking on an extra duty.

Church Hall Report (Nick Harcourt) Still under the Covid 19 restrictions, the Hall began to open up to Regular Users in January, and Casual Users came on stream from July onwards. The strength of the combination of Regular and Casual Users of the Hall continues to show the essential service that the Hall provides for the local community.

In January, John Angle managed to secure Support Funding from Basingstoke and Deane, to the value of £9000, which made a very positive Financial Contribution to the funding. In fact, it made all the difference to secure the overall funding income for the financial year.

Essential works around the Hall were identified but these works were finally scheduled to be carried out by Newbury Construction Services in January 2022.

The online Diary identified and introduced by Mark Rand, East Woodhay Society, and John Angle, Project Manager has been an excellent function for the operation of the Hall. This is financially supported by the East Woodhay Parish Council. So many thanks to them.

The small Hall Committee has been a credit to the Community. Chris Vane, and Bridget Wheeler, our Churchwardens, John Angle the Project Manager, Cedric Cottrell the Treasurer, and Clare McLaughlin the Secretary are the committee. Richard Randall has continued to provide an excellent service in maintaining all areas of the Hall.

The service provision of the Hall to the local community is first class, and a new expanded committee will take over the running of the Hall in April 2022.

Rotas Report (Margaret Burgham) As always, this is my opportunity to say a big "thank you" to all our wonderful Sidespeople, Sacristans and Intercessors who have continued to support and commit to helping St Thomas' to be a welcoming church.

Thank you also for helping me to cover our Sunday services with your willingness.

Social & Fundraising Report (Angela Maxwell) Despite covid restrictions, social and fundraising events still went ahead during the 2021 year. The first of these was the annual Trivial Pursuits quiz in February which had to be held online. Jayne and Ian Roch with the help of question setter Rob Small still managed to make it a really fun evening despite the changed format. At our March committee meeting which also had to be held online, Margaret Burgham announced that she no longer felt able to continue as Chairman. Angie Maxwell agreed to take over the role with Carol Currey as Vice Chair. A huge debt of thanks is due to Margaret for her loyal commitment and steady hand in steering the group over the past few years. Fortunately for us, Margaret will still be able to play her part on the committee in the future. A very successful mini fete (community-wise and financially) was held in the church grounds in July organised by Bertha Bates and Chris Vane and their team. The regular Friday Community Café was able to recommence at the end of July after a long closure due to the pandemic. It continued to be well-supported throughout the year providing a friendly meeting place for refreshment and chat plus raising funds from attendees' donations for the church and a chosen charity. At the beginning of August, celebratory drinks were served after the Benefice service at St Thomas' to mark the end of lockdown. Later in August Ann Fleming hosted a fundraising soiree at her home for members of the social and fundraising committee and their partners. It had been hoped to make this a larger event, but it was felt that the climate wasn't yet right for a larger social gathering being so soon after the lockdown period had ended. Members of the social and fundraising committee ran the Village Market tearoom in September. It was held at the Junior School and the comfortable weather conditions lead to a steady stream of customers and a very profitable end result both enjoyment-wise and financially. Thank you to all those who provided cakes for the occasion which were certainly needed! At harvest time in October, the younger members of the congregation brought along their home-made cupcakes which were served with refreshments and much enjoyed after the Harvest service. Pat Woodage co-ordinated a very successful Jumble Sale in November which again raised welcome funds for St Thomas'. Due to renewed covid restrictions at Christmas, it was not possible to serve the usual mulled wine and mince pie refreshments after the "Not the Carol Service"(2020)! Considering what a roller coaster year pandemic-wise 2021 turned out to be, I am really pleased that we were still able put on a

variety of events. All those involved deserve a sincere thank you for all their commitment and hard work.

Parish Outreach Reports

Good Neighbour and Welcome Pack Report (Carol Currey) Despite the challenges of the Corona virus restrictions a few Welcome Packs were still delivered to new families moving into the village. Later in the year it seemed that more house moves were taking place giving the team the opportunity to be able to meet and welcome new people to Woolton Hill. Twenty-four Packs were delivered during the year. The contents of the pack have changed a little as more groups are directing people to their on-line websites for information instead of having promotional leaflets. The Team of people who deliver the Packs has not changed, though the Co-ordination of the Packs is now done by Mary Harcourt.

The Coronavirus continued to affect the activities of the Good Neighbour team throughout the first half of 2021. This informal group of people, whose objective is to help others and offer out-reach from our Church to people in the village, meet occasionally to discuss any changes which may be suggested. Many of the previous opportunities for their work stalled because of the virus. However, the baptism cards and birthday cards for those children up to the age of five and who have been baptised in St Thomas' Church continue to be hand delivered.

Community Café Report (Carol Currey) The Community Café re-opened in July 2021 and has continued weekly throughout the year. The number of visitors to the Café each week has varied from four to fifteen and as they have got to know each other they enjoy the chat and social contact. The team helping at the café has increased by two, which is good news as one of the original team is now working full time and is no longer able to help. Three times a year the donations made by the visitors are shared equally between St Thomas' Church and a registered charity chosen by the visitors.

Festival Leaflets Report (Rosemary Cahill) Easter and Christmas leaflets. 1900 are delivered to every dwelling in the 5-parish Benefice, to leave a clear week before the start of the festival in question. The Rector writes an invitation of welcome, listing all the planned services. These are then copied at St Martin's school, by the Benefice co-ordinator, who helpfully sorts into individual named packs for each of the 3 large parishes as instructed by their team leaders. Those for East Woodhay (300) are delivered direct from school for onward distribution to their team. The rest come to me at Stanton, where the greenhouse is a recognised collection point for Highclere (700), Ashmansworth (65), and Crux Easton (26). A few extra are left in each church. Woolton Hill needs 22 volunteers for the 850 households. The clock starts ticking 3 weeks before all will have been delivered.

Musical accompanists and Choir Report (Bertha Bates) The Choir sang for church services throughout 2021. We sang for the Carol Service and again on Christmas Day, and at other services when possible. Hopefully we will be able to return to full choir practice soon. Georgie continues to jolly us along and again we must thank Peter Stanley and Genie Stapleton for playing the organ during the past year.

Bell Ringers Report (Christopher Pack) Due to the Covid restrictions & having limited ventilation facilities we only managed to ring for the Carol Service. Hopefully ringing will restart in April 2022.

St Thomas' Handbells Report (Nicole Bentham) 2021 started with total lockdown which put paid to our ringing activities, and it was not until April that it was again possible to meet in the churchyard for outdoor rehearsals. As a result, we were able to perform at two care homes in the summer and subsequently to deliver a limited Christmas schedule. One novel departure was a group of us attending a Zoom rally in the autumn which proved an enjoyable way of introducing us to some new Christmas pieces. The return of the cold weather and the demise of the church heating led us to move our practices to members' homes and this has continued beyond the end of the year. Intermittent illnesses have depleted our team somewhat and we are conscious of the ongoing need to recruit some additional ringers. In spite of the recent obstacles the team remains keen to ring whenever and wherever we can.

Children's Ministry Report (Jenny Graham) 2021 has been a year which has kept the Sunday Club Team on their toes and ensured we develop the skills to be flexible and respond quickly to changing circumstances! It has also been a year of significant change. The year started as 2020 had finished with Sunday Club happening on Zoom and with a handful of children from regular families joining in. As the months went on it was clear that some of the children were beginning to tire of the 'online' meeting and really wanted to be back together again meeting face to face. This was achieved as the summer approached and then we were blessed to be able to meet for a fun summer holiday session including a picnic. This was also a farewell and 'thank you' to the loyal team led by Jayne Roch as most of them decided to hand on the baton to a new team. Grateful thanks to Jayne, Sarah and Helen for their dedication over many years. Val Burfield is continuing to work with the new team and Lucy, Olivia, Kay and Jenny are very grateful for her wisdom, guidance, enthusiasm and support. The 5 people in the new team were joined by Nicola for the first term but due to other commitments Nicola has stepped back and continues to support by being the first one to sign her family up to anything that Sunday Club is doing!

It was decided to take a break from meeting as Sunday Club on the second Sunday of each month and to use the autumn term to make new contacts in the community. This was achieved through putting on a 'Welcome Back Party' in September, a 'Light Party' as an alternative to Halloween events on 31st October and then a Christmas Event just before Christmas. Each of these events were very well attended and saw the church making connections with new families. As momentum built throughout the term it led to the Christmas event being oversubscribed! However, we had to take the decision to cancel this last event as covid cases were rising quickly and many were being reported through the schools. In order not to add to the spread of the virus just before Christmas, we made up craft boxes for all those who had registered and also those we had added to a waiting list because we were oversubscribed. So, no one missed out in the end and all the children were able to enjoy some of the crafts we had planned and receive some Christmas treats. 40 craft boxes were made up for families to collect from the church and only one was left!

We have started to see some more people join the All Together Service and so the team have decided to prioritise this time each month and make this the focus for Sunday Club alongside any other 'events' that are considered appropriate to provide opportunities to make new contacts. The new pattern for All Together is to provide cake for refreshments after the service and then engage the children in some crafts or games or other activities for a short time while parents have the opportunity to enjoy the refreshments and have conversations with the rest of the congregation.

Thank you to the church family for embracing this change and we hope that relationships can be developed with new families through this.

Thank you to our prayer support team that has been established since September and has been faithfully praying for our events and for the children and families in our community. One of the most immediate challenges for the team is to consider how we provide something suitable for those who are approaching secondary school age. It is a key time for them, and they need something more than Sunday Club currently provides. Please pray for us that we will know what to do to continue to engage this age group and that we will have the resources to support them in the journeys of faith.

Home Group Report (Margaret Burgham) With the continued uncertainty with Covid infections, we decided that it would be safer if we didn't meet until the Sept. / Dec. session. We had already planned to study The Book of Esther which we all thoroughly enjoyed, marvelling at her strength through constant prayer. For this Hebrew woman to become Queen of Persia was a truly remarkable achievement.

Pins and Needles Report (Mary Herbert) Sadly there have been no face to face Pins and Needles Fridays during the last year because of Covid. However, we have been able to get our "stockpile" into the various charities that we support and some of our ladies were still knitting and sewing at home.

School Report (The Rector) 2021 was a year dominated by the bedding in of the federation arrangement between St Thomas' Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School. In January 2021 the governing body were successful second time around in recruiting an Executive Headteacher to lead the Federation. Mr Paul Davies began this role following Easter. He has brought new energy and vision to the federation. The journey for the schools has been challenging with falling numbers on roll, mostly due to a low birth rate in previous years. Despite this much has been done to progress objectives in bringing about more continuity in the curriculum the children study as they move from the infants to the juniors. Successful recruitment of a deputy Headteacher and SEM specialist in the autumn term means that from January 2022 the senior leadership team will be at strength. The ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic continued to restrict the way visitors could enter the schools and also restricted school services in church, The Rector continued to support collective worship and was pleased to welcome the whole federation to church for a start of school collective worship.

We thank the serving Foundation governors: the Rector, Stephen Waite and Jenny Graham (Jenny stands down from this role in March 2022).

Whitchurch Deanery Synod Report (Val Burfield) This year has seen the proposed reorganisation of the Benefices in the Deanery taking place with some amalgamation of churches into a different benefice, but we voted to remain as the North West Hampshire Benefice.

We were also reminded to work towards gaining an eco-church award and at the February meeting Rev Rosie presented a talk giving guidance as to ways of achieving this. We were encouraged to look at ideas on her church St Thomas Lymington web site as they have reached the gold standard. The treasurer was pleased to report that our Deanery led this year's league table of donations to the Common Mission Fund and thanked us all sincerely.

Once again, we were delighted with Rev. Dodie Marsden's report on the ongoing work with the children, schools, communities and churches which we support in Mytiana.

The churches are hoping to set up a training scheme for lay readers and she asked for voluntary contributions from churches in the Deanery and I am pleased to say we are supporting one lay reader.

Churchwarden's Report (Chris Vane) During the year we were still managing the implications of Covid restrictions on church life. At the end of May we were able to open the church during the day, and in July the pew arrangements began to be eased. My notes say, 'still use alternate pews only, but each pew could have more people'. Meanwhile from Spring onwards we were meeting the DAC representatives and our architect to gain advice and information regarding the options for a new heating system. The first quote for the work came through in October and at that time the underfloor pipework failed and, with no heating at all, the matter took on a new urgency. Portable electric heaters were brought in (including two new oscillating heaters kindly donated by members of the congregation) but with only four power sockets available these could only take off some of the chill. Blankets were available! Bertha Bates has once more taken the role of Project manager and we are working hard to resolve the issue, with support from Christine and Bridget. Meanwhile Bridget is kept busy with the meetings involved in the 'One PCC' plans. We look forward to both these matters progressing rapidly in 2022.

In Conclusion (The Rector)

As 2021 began we discovered how quickly we had become used to 'zoom' online services and to constantly having to think and reflect on the way that we were able to go about church life and worship in the midst of the pandemic and unfolding vaccination programmes. As services in church became more possible to resume, we continued to reach as many folk as possible through a mix of 'online' and 'in-person' services until the end of July, after which the service pattern in all our churches resumed. The clergy put in place a 'baptism recovery' programme to accommodate a good number of baptisms which had had to be postponed in 2020. Some weddings went ahead earlier in the year with restricted numbers with most restrictions for pastoral offices being eased by July/August. Numbers attending church services did reduce, including at Christmas when services were able to follow the pre-pandemic pattern. Social and fundraising activities were also curtailed for much of the year, although some outdoor activities were a success.

The regular weekly e-mail from the Rector, begun at the start of the pandemic, has continued as an important point of communication across all our church congregations and includes others who wish to keep in touch with church. Along with this the weekly news sheet was redesigned for easier circulation in an electronic form.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has remained faithful and done much to keep things going as needed during these two years of pandemic. Despite all 'church' in so many ways really has gone on as usual, that is the people of the church sharing together in worship, prayer, faith, ministry and outreach in whatever ways we can.

During 2021, as a benefice, we engaged with promptings from the Diocese with respect to exploring joining our five PCCs to become one PCC with local church committees. The aim of this being to centralise and thereby reduce overall governance matters in order to release more energy locally. A small working group has been making progress on this and as 2022 unfolds more information will be shared and PCCs will be engaged in more detailed conversations.

My thanks as ever to my clergy colleague Marvin, and to all my Ministry Team colleagues including Sue Hopkinson and Bertha Bates who support with administration. I give especial thanks to Mary Herbert who has served us so faithfully as a Licensed Lay Minister and who hung up her blue Reader scarf at the end of last September after many years of ministry, both with us here and earlier in other Dioceses.

For me it continues to be a privilege and a joy to share in the life of St Thomas' Church and the parish of Woolton Hill. May we continue to be confident in our call to follow Christ, in knowing the love of God, loving one another and in serving our neighbour. For so we will recognise God with us and among us, and so we will make Christ known in our communities.

Revd Canon Christine Dale

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Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Woolton Hill

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, Charity no 1173894 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts, you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

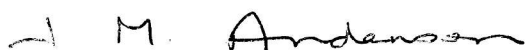
Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners Statement

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

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



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Date: 21st March 2022

Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

Statement of activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

| | Note | 2021 | | | | 2020 |
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| | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total | Total |
| Incoming Resources | 4 | | | | | |
| Planned Voluntary Income | a | 24,844.30 | 64.26 | 0.00 | 24,908.56 | 25,208.84 |
| Unplanned Voluntary income | b | 2,322.23 | 784.89 | 0.00 | 3,107.12 | 1,008.89 |
| Other Voluntary income | c | 6,799.47 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 8,799.47 | 8,819.62 |
| Ordinary income | d | 22,973.42 | 816.16 | 7,211.50 | 31,001.08 | 24,223.96 |
| Extraordinary income | e | 9,015.09 | 306.00 | 0.00 | 9,321.09 | 29,066.74 |
| Total incoming resources | | 65,954.51 | 3,971.31 | 7,211.50 | 77,137.32 | 88,328.05 |
| Resources Used | 5 | | | | | |
| Ministry | a | 36,848.86 | | | 36,848.86 | 31,867.55 |
| Building Costs | b | 15,748.85 | 0.00 | | 15,748.85 | 55,507.26 |
| Service Costs | c | 3,141.80 | | | 3,141.80 | 2,077.64 |
| Administration | d | 4,509.92 | | | 4,509.92 | 2,638.34 |
| Grants & other extraordinary expenditure | e | 0.00 | 1,102.89 | 0.00 | 1,102.89 | 7,295.00 |
| Total Resources Used | | 60,249.42 | 1,102.89 | 0.00 | 61,352.31 | 99,385.79 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources | | 5,705.09 | 2,868.42 | 7,211.50 | 15,785.01 | (11,057.74) |
| Transfers | | 7,500.00 | | (7,500.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Unreleased gains/(losses) (i.e. Revaluation of Lock Trust) | | | 2,534.34 | 15,955.39 | 18,489.73 | 14,641.12 |
| Net movement of funds | | 13,205.09 | 5,402.76 | 15,666.89 | 34,274.74 | 3,583.38 |
| Balance brought forward | | 20,150.00 | 78,449.24 | 262,454.91 | 361,054.15 | 357,470.77 |
| Balance Carried Forward | | 33,355.09 | 83,852.00 | 278,121.80 | 395,328.89 | 361,054.15 |

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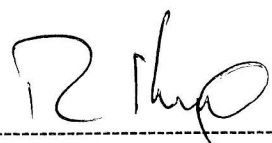
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

| | Note | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Investments | | 278,180.60 | 275,135.42 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 562.18 | 2,104.59 |
| Cash and Bank Balances | | | |
| Nat West - General account | 8 | 5,790.68 | 1,879.32 |
| Newbury Building Soc LSP & Church f | 9 | 63,959.76 | 61,621.27 |
| Nat West - LSP | | 1,778.99 | 1,726.73 |
| Church Hall Santander Bank & cash | 10 | 24,899.27 | 14,036.30 |
| Lloyds - Lock Trust account | | 4,517.02 | 4,805.52 |
| | | 100,945.72 | 84,069.14 |
| Deduct Creditors | 7 | 315.00 | 255.00 |
| | | 379,373.50 | 361,054.15 |
| Funds | 11 | | |
| Unrestricted | | 33,355.09 | 20,150.00 |
| Restricted | | 83,852.00 | 78,449.24 |
| Endowment - permanent | | 262,166.41 | 262,454.91 |
| | | 379,373.50 | 361,054.15 |

The attached notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council on
th March 2022


 Rev'd Canon Christine Dale
 Chairman


 R. King
 Honorary Treasurer

Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

(a) General

The accounts are based on the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, except where noted below, under the historical cost convention, except for investments, which are shown at valuation

The accounts include all material transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

Where costs have been incurred for the whole benefice, just those that relate to St Thomas' are recorded in the accounts.

(b) Funds

The general fund receives the regular income of the PCC and is used to pay its recurring expenses, and is not subject to any restriction.

The Church Hall funds are separately run under the auspices of the PCC.

The Special Collection fund is a restricted fund into which received sums donated at collections and for other specific reasons are passed onto the designated recipient.

The Churchyard Fund represents the money received for the upkeep of the churchyard and has been restricted to that activity.

The Lock Trust consists of a permanent endowment fund and a restricted distributable income fund.

The Living Stones Project represents the money received and spent on the the development of the Church and is restricted to this purpose.

(c) Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and donations are recognised when made.

Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised when honoured by the donor.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid is recognised when received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.

(d) Application of Resources

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

(e) Cost related to the work of the church

The diocesan parish quota is accounted for when payable.

(f) Church Properties

Church properties are excluded from the accounts under the Charities Act 2011. The PCC, however, has responsibility for maintaining and insuring the properties. The Church, the Church Hall and contents of both buildings are presently insured for a total of £11,590,000

Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2021 (continued)

- 2 Within the North West Hampshire Benefice, St Thomas' PCC pays for the combined Benefice office and other combined costs and is then reimbursed by the other parishes in the Benefice. As at 31 December 2021, St Thomas' PCC was owed £562.16 (£109.05 2020) for office expenses, altar supplies and other Benefice costs from the other Benefice PCCs.
- 3 The Living Stones Project is abbreviated in the accounts to LSP. The project is specifically to raise funds for the refurbishment, reordering and development of the Church.

| | 2021 | | | | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total | Total |
| 4 Ordinary Income | | | | | |
| voluntary income | | | | | |
| (a) Planned giving | | | | | |
| Tax on Gift Aid | 5,304.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,304.25 | 6,883.84 |
| Gift Aid | 19,540.05 | 64.26 | 0.00 | 19,604.31 | 18,325.00 |
| | 24,844.30 | 64.26 | 0.00 | 24,908.56 | 25,208.84 |
| (b) Unplanned giving | | | | | |
| Church collections | 2,322.23 | 784.89 | 0.00 | 3,107.12 | 1,008.89 |
| (c) Other Voluntary income | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 1,912.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,912.30 | 540.58 |
| Donations & Legacies | 4,887.17 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,887.17 | 8,279.04 |
| | 6,799.47 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 8,799.47 | 8,819.62 |
| (d) Ordinary income | | | | | |
| Hire of hall | 17,985.25 | | 0.00 | 17,985.25 | 12,889.00 |
| Fees | 4,955.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,955.00 | 2,545.00 |
| Churchyard | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Dividends and interest | 33.17 | 816.16 | 7,211.50 | 8,060.83 | 8,789.96 |
| | 22,973.42 | 816.16 | 7,211.50 | 31,001.08 | 24,223.96 |
| (e) Extraordinary income | | | | | |
| LSP | | 306.00 | | 306.00 | 57.17 |
| Wayleave | 15.09 | | | 15.09 | 15.17 |
| Grants Church Hall | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | | 9,000.00 | 28,476.57 |
| | 9,015.09 | 306.00 | 0.00 | 9,321.09 | 29,066.74 |
| Total incoming resources | 65,954.51 | 3,971.31 | 7,211.50 | 77,137.32 | 88,328.05 |

Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2021 (continued)

| | 2021 | | | | 2020 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total | Total |
| 5 Ordinary Expenditure | | | | | |
| (a) Ministry | | | | | |
| Quota | 34,212.48 | | 0.00 | 34,212.48 | 29,600.18 |
| Office Expenses | 2,636.38 | | 0.00 | 2,636.38 | 2,267.37 |
| | 36,848.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 36,848.86 | 31,867.55 |
| (b) Building | | | | | |
| Heat and Light | 6,056.29 | | 0.00 | 6,056.29 | 5,965.87 |
| Insurance | 3,819.89 | | 0.00 | 3,819.89 | 3,599.21 |
| Repairs | 1,867.53 | | 0.00 | 1,867.53 | 1,056.02 |
| Churchyard | 1,205.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,205.67 | 10,783.02 |
| Church Hall | 2,799.47 | | 0.00 | 2,799.47 | 34,103.14 |
| | 15,748.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,748.85 | 55,507.26 |
| (c) Service costs | | | | | |
| Music | 2,697.64 | | 0.00 | 2,697.64 | 1,655.26 |
| Altar Expenses | 47.10 | | 0.00 | 47.10 | 197.75 |
| Other service costs | 199.59 | | | 199.59 | 40.20 |
| Children's Ministry | 197.48 | | 0.00 | 197.48 | 184.43 |
| | 3,141.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,141.80 | 2,077.64 |
| (d) Administration | | | | | |
| Books and Stationery | 438.02 | | 0.00 | 438.02 | 302.60 |
| Photocopier | 87.46 | | 0.00 | 87.46 | 216.33 |
| Church Hall cleaning | 3,602.50 | | 0.00 | 3,602.50 | 1,712.50 |
| Sundries | 15.62 | | 0.00 | 15.62 | 53.15 |
| Telephone and broadband | 366.32 | | 0.00 | 366.32 | 353.76 |
| | 4,509.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,509.92 | 2,638.34 |
| (e) Grants made & other extraordinary expenditure | | | | | |
| Church related | 0.00 | 784.89 | 0.00 | 784.89 | 205.40 |
| LSP - Church development | | 318.00 | | 318.00 | 7,089.60 |
| | 0.00 | 1,102.89 | 0.00 | 1,102.89 | 7,295.00 |
| Total Expenses | 60,249.42 | 1,102.89 | 0.00 | 61,352.31 | 99,385.79 |

6 Debtors

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Prepayment - Good Exchange | 0.00 | 1,995.54 |
| Other Benefice parishes | 562.18 | 109.05 |
| Total Debtors | 562.18 | 2,104.59 |

7 Creditors & accruals

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Made up of | 315.00 | 255.00 |
| Deferred income and credit notes - Church Hall | 165.00 | 165.00 |
| Church Hall electricity | 150.00 | 100.00 |
| Total creditors and accruals | 315.00 | 255.00 |

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Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2021 (continued)

8 Within the National Westminster General account at the year end £1,000.90 is owed by the restricted churchyard fund and £3,756.44 is designated for the LSP.

9 Within the Newbury Building Society account total of £63,959.76 is £5,082.50 that belongs to the Church Hall the remaining £58,877.26 to Living Stones

10 The Church Hall holds in total £111.22 petty cash, £24,788.05 in its Santander Bank account and £5,082.50 in Newbury Building Society. The Church Hall received £9,000 in non repayable Covid grants in the year.

11 Funds Analysis

| | Opening balance | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | Uplift and transfers | Closing Balance |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| General | 1,319.37 | 38,936.09 | (46,932.90) | 10,365.76 | 3,688.32 |
| Church Hall | 18,830.63 | 27,018.42 | (13,316.52) | (2,865.76) | 29,666.77 |
| Unrestricted funds | 20,150.00 | 65,954.51 | (60,249.42) | 7,500.00 | 33,355.09 |
| Special collections | 0.00 | 784.89 | (784.89) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Living Stones Project - Church | 62,055.11 | 2,675.58 | (318.00) | 0.00 | 64,412.69 |
| Churchyard | 16,394.13 | 510.84 | 0.00 | 2,534.34 | 19,439.31 |
| Restricted funds | 78,449.24 | 3,971.31 | (1,102.89) | 2,534.34 | 83,852.00 |
| Investments | 257,649.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,955.39 | 273,604.78 |
| Bank Account | 4,805.52 | 7,211.50 | 0.00 | (7,500.00) | 4,517.02 |
| Endowment Fund | 262,454.91 | 7,211.50 | 0.00 | 8,455.39 | 278,121.80 |
| Grand Total | 361,054.15 | 77,137.32 | (61,352.31) | 18,489.73 | 395,328.89 |

| | Investments | Debtors and stock | (Creditors) | Cash / Bank | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Endowment | 273,604.78 | | | 4,517.02 | 278,121.80 |
| Restricted | | | | | |
| LSP | | | | 64,412.69 | 64,412.69 |
| Churchyard | 20,440.21 | | | (1,000.90) | 19,439.31 |
| Unrestricted | | | | | |
| General | 91.00 | 562.18 | | 3,035.14 | 3,688.32 |
| Church Hall | | | (315.00) | 29,981.77 | 29,666.77 |
| | 294,135.99 | 562.18 | (315.00) | 100,945.72 | 395,328.89 |

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Woolton Hill

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, Charity no 1173894 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts, you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners Statement

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

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



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Date: 21st March 2022