

WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1176458

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-12-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: Regular public worship to all. The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation, Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools, the promotion of Christianity through staging of events, meetings and distribution of literature.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£52,725	£46,024	-	-
2023-12-31	£52,510	£59,427	-	-
2022-12-31	£44,937	£55,877	-	-
2021-12-31	£39,009	£51,157	-	-
2020-12-31	£38,228	£74,588	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRENDA TOWLER		2017-12-28
CAROLINE L WORDSWORTH		2017-12-28
Jacob Benjamin Emery		2025-05-18
Keith Edward Middleditch		2025-05-18
PATRICK RAYMOND THACKER		2017-12-28
Vivienne Vertefeuille		2022-07-01
WINSUM VERONA WRIGHT		2017-12-28

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Accounts

All Saints Wigston Magna

Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Standing Orders Bank	4,893.72	-	-	-	4,893.72	4,509.72
0110 - Envelopes	4,683.00	-	-	-	4,683.00	4,056.77
0115 - Parish Giving Scheme	11,128.91	-	-	-	11,128.91	11,714.58
0201 - Other planned giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,693.14	-	-	-	2,693.14	2,441.01
0310 - Sum Up	2,854.49	-	-	-	2,854.49	1,791.75
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	877.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,751.77	150.00	-	-	1,901.77	2,931.59
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,031.29	-	-	-	6,031.29	2,642.93
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
0801 - Recurring grants	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	3,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
0901 - Other funds generated	43.60	-	-	-	43.60	173.92
Donations and legacies Totals	36,079.92	150.00	-	-	36,229.92	37,139.27
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,763.00	-	-	-	4,763.00	6,352.01
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	8,887.00	-	-	-	8,887.00	4,757.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	13,650.00	-	-	-	13,650.00	11,109.01
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1220 - Fund raising	2,835.26	50.00	-	-	2,885.26	2,620.25
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	2,835.26	50.00	-	-	2,885.26	2,620.25
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	160.55	-	-	-	160.55	144.07
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments Totals	160.55	-	-	-	160.55	144.07
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	1,498.00
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	1,498.00

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts Grand Totals	52,725.73	200.00	-	-	52,925.73	52,510.60
Payments						
Raising funds						
1701 - Cost of fund raising - Envelopes etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	-	-	-	-	-	-
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Home mission	442.55	-	-	-	442.55	100.00
1870 - Secular charities	155.31	-	-	-	155.31	-
1901 - Stipends quota	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	12,650.00	-	-	-	12,650.00	11,500.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	487.73	-	-	-	487.73	389.15
2120 - Council tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	-	-	-	-	-	-
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	8,514.04	-	-	-	8,514.04	10,721.11
2310 - Church office - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	284.76	-	-	-	284.76	271.20
2325 - Organist fees	4,450.00	-	-	-	4,450.00	4,485.00
2327 - Verger / Bells Fees	790.00	-	-	-	790.00	1,095.00
2328 - St Wistan's Upkeep / Maintenance	237.34	-	-	-	237.34	1,639.58
2330 - Church maintenance	4,400.30	-	-	-	4,400.30	11,926.76
2331 - Cleaning	33.59	-	-	-	33.59	78.42
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,991.13	-	-	-	2,991.13	2,545.62
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Administration	141.39	-	-	-	141.39	502.61
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	26.88	-	-	-	26.88	23.40
2401 - Church running - electric	2,080.71	-	-	-	2,080.71	4,423.93
2410 - Church running - gas	4,696.20	-	-	-	4,696.20	7,402.49
2420 - Church running - water	220.23	-	-	-	220.23	447.67
2430 - Church running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2520 - Hall running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall running - electricity	713.35	-	-	-	713.35	-
2540 - Hall running - gas	1,773.37	-	-	-	1,773.37	-

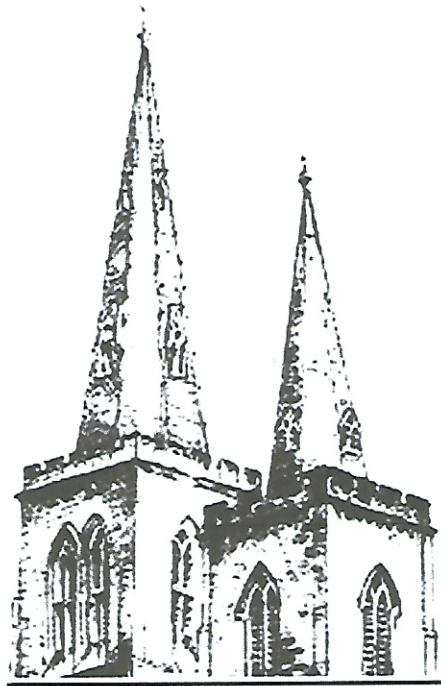
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2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	-	-	-	-	207.41
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	515.00	-	-	-	515.00	332.00
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall running - water	220.23	-	-	-	220.23	94.21
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	60.00
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	1,182.00
2901 - New building parsonage house	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building house for curate	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	46,024.11	-	-	-	46,024.11	59,427.56
Other expenditure						
1705 - HSBC Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
2110 - Cost of appointing a Rector	-	-	-	-	-	-
2365 - Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments Grand Totals	46,024.11	-	-	-	46,024.11	59,427.56

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**The Parish of All Saints and St Wistan
Wigston Magna**
*within the Wigston Benefice
and the Diocese of Leicester*



ANNUAL REPORT
of WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2023

and

**Agenda, Minutes & Reports for the
Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual
Parochial Church Meeting**

Sunday 12th May 2024
11.30am

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 11.30am

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayers
2. Appointment of minute taker for this meeting and the APCM
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 23rd May 2023
5. Election of Church Wardens

Immediately followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Annual Parochial Meeting – 23rd May 2023
2. Matters Arising – *that are not otherwise covered by the reports*
3. Elections:
 - 7 members of the Parochial Church Council
4. Presentation of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
6. Presentation of Annual Reports:
 - a) Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
 - b) Clergy Report
 - c) Safeguarding Report
 - d) Electoral Roll Report
 - e) Churchwardens' Report
 - f) Deanery Synod Report
7. Any other business (*it is appreciated if this is notified ahead of time*)
8. The Grace.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 21st May 2023 at 11.30am


Attendance: The Revds Christopher Johnson (chair), Nick Baker, Paul Betts, & 24 parishioners.

1. Father Christopher Johnson welcomed everybody and opened the meeting with prayers.
2. Appointment of minute taker for this meeting and the APCM: In the absence of a Secretary, Bill Hardy agreed to take the minutes.
3. Apologies for Absence: Viv Vertefeuille, Margery Whait & Thom Purell.
4. The proposal that the minutes of the APM held on 22nd May 2022 be declared an accurate record, proposed by Patrick Thacker and seconded by Winsum Wright, was carried (27.0.0)
5. Election of Churchwardens 2023 – 2024: The following nominations had been received:
 - a. Patrick Thatcher – Proposed by Bill Hardy, seconded by Dennis Daw
 - b. Winsum Wright – Proposed by Dennis Daw, seconded by Brenda Towler

There being no other nominations, Patrick Thacker and Winsum Wright were duly re-elected Churchwardens.

Fr Chris thanked both churchwardens for all their work during the last year.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am

Signed as a true record: 

Date: 12/5/23/24 CJ

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21st May 2023, immediately following the APM

Attendance & apologies as per the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

- 1.** The proposal that the minutes of the APCM held on 22nd May 2022 were a true account, proposed by Bill Hardy and seconded by Dennis Daw, was passed (27.0.0).
- 2.** Matters arising: item 5 – due to the resignation of Stephen Warden as treasurer, the role of independent Examiner was taken over by Joy Heskins.
- 3.** Election of 5 PCC members:
As Dennis Daw is standing down from the PCC, Fr Chris thanked Dennis for his many years of service to the PCC.

Only three nominations have been received and were as follows:
Vivienne Vertefeuille – Proposer Dennis Daw, Secunder Patrick Thacker

Brian Hall – Proposer Dennis Daw, Secunder Patrick Thacker

Thom Purell – Proposer Brenda Towler, Secunder Patrick Thacker

There being no further nominations, all 3 were duly elected as members of the PCC.

The following 2 nominations were received for the posts of Deanery Synod Representatives:

Winsum Wright – Proposer Dennis Daw, Secunder Brenda Towler

Patrick Thacker – Proposer Bill Hardy, Secunder Dennis Daw.

There being no other nominations both were re-elected as Deanery Synod Representatives.

- 4.** Presentation of Annual Accounts and Acting Treasure's Report:
Patrick Thacker took over the role of acting treasurer when the previous treasurer resigned during 2022
 - a) Annual Accounts – The statement of Accounts for 2022 were presented in printed form and showed a deficit of £10,939.62 for the year 2022. Of this St.Wistan's (scaffolding rental and insurance costs) accounts for approximately £8,000.

- i) The Data Development System was introduced during 2022 so no comparable data is available for 2021. It costs £15 per month, but is being paid for by the Diocese.
- ii) Paper copies of the 2021 accounts (old format) are available for inspection in All Saints or via the website.
- iii) Designated Funds (Open Church) is £1,140.87 and Restricted Funds (New Fire Mass) is £1,500.
- iv) Fr. Chris encouraged the use of Parish Giving Scheme (direct transfer) to make the treasurer's work easier.

A proposal to accept the presented accounts (proposer Patrick Thacker, seconder Brenda Towler) was passed (27.0.0).

Fr. Christopher thanked Patrick Thacker for all his efforts on our behalf.

5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner:

Joy Heskins agreed to take over the role of independent examiner as Geoffrey Warner was unable to carry out the work for 2022. A proposal to re-appoint Joy Heskins as the Independent Examiner (proposed by Patrick Thacker, seconded by Bill Hardy) was accepted (27.0.0).

6. Presentation of Annual Reports:

- a. PCC Report – Repairs and renovation work have been made to the vicarage, which is currently being rental out on a 6 month lease, otherwise the report was taken as read.
- b. Clergy Report.
 - i. Worship – this is now back to normal post-covid.
 - ii. The vacancy for a new rector is still on-going. After 3 rounds of advertising the post, no candidates have applied for the vacancy. This could be due, in part, to potential candidates waiting to see how the Minster Model and Shaped by God work out.
 - iii. Fr. Chris pointed out that the benefice is still one of the better staffed "parishes" in the diocese.
 - iv. Fr. Nick Baker is now signed off from his curacy and is expected to be moving on soon. Fr. Paul Betts should be signed off by the end of 2023.
 - v. During The Chair's forthcoming sabbatical, Fr Paul will be in-charge, assisted by Fr Nick. Sunday worship will involve

more Benefice services with added assistance from outside clergy.

- vi. The following repairs are having to be made to All Saints, clerestory window above the pulpit has buckled; ladder in the bell chamber needs to be replaced and the spring on the bell hammer, which chimes the hour, needs to be replaced. The work to upgrade the electrics in All Saints will commence when the necessary funds have been raised. The application for the necessary faculty is underway.
- vii. A new Mass setting (St. Thomas by David Thorne) is to be introduced.
- viii. The statue of the BVM is to be replaced and funded in part from the Open Church fund. The DAC are to be approached for their comments on a possible replacement.

A comment was made from the floor requesting that the guttering around All Saints needs to be cleared.

- c. Safeguarding Reports - taken as read. Fr. Chris mentioned that this is a statutory duty and thanked Caroline Wordsworth for all her work in this area.
- d. Electoral Roll Report – taken as read.
- e. Churchwardens Report – taken as read. Patrick Thacker added that the diocese has received the St. Wistan's Title Deeds from the Land Registry and that he has supplied the Diocese with all requested information on insurance etc. The hope is that it will soon become the responsibility of the Diocesan Board of Finance and that an alternative use for the building can be found by them.
- f. Deanery Report – taken as read.

7. A.O.B.:

- a. A comment was made on the current state of the All Saints grounds. Patrick Thacker will have a quiet word with the OWBC about this.
- b. There will be no official St. Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk this year. But an unofficial walk will be made on Thursday 1st June starting at 6.30am from St. Wistan's, Wigston. All are welcome to join.
- c. A question was raised regarding parking on the Birkett House site following the fire. Fr Chris noted that we would need to wait

and see whether we might be able to use the site for parking again in future.

The meeting ended at 12.16pm with the Grace.

Signed as a true record: *C.J. Johnson*

Date: 12/5/24

Reports for 2024 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

The accounts show a deficit of £6,916.96 although slightly better than 2022 (10,939.62). The main utilities gas & electricity came to £11,826.42 a significant increase on 2022 due largely to the increase in prices, from September this year they will go down a little when new contracts will take effect.

The Parish Contribution of £11,500 was paid in full.

We received the usual grant of £2,000 from the Haberdashers, and a Legacy of £1,000 from the estate of the late Mrs Gillies.

Another large expense was the updating of the electrics which came to just under £7,000 all of which was raised through various events and grants plus a gift day held in March.

Another source of income is Gift Aid which amounted to £2,642.93 this came mainly from the Parish Giving Scheme. I have currently collected over £3,000 from HMRC this year on the giving of members of the congregation who have signed Gift Aid forms.

With the freeze on the Tax allowance more people especially those on State Pension are having to pay Income Tax. If you are such a person, please have a think about Gift Aid as I can claim 25p in every pound that you give and it can make a big difference to parish finances at no cost to you.

I mentioned in last year's report the help I received from Colin Wood with regards to the Data Development System way of recording the accounts, I am now confident going forward that I can manage on my own.

*Patrick Thacker
(Treasurer)*

6a) **PCC Report**

Administrative Information

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints and St Wistan, Wigston Magna.

All Saints' Parish Church is located on Moat Street, Wigston Magna, and the Church of St Wistan is situated on Church Nook, Wigston Magna. The parish is part of the Wigston Benefice formed on 1st June 2014. The parish is in the Diocese of Leicester and its official correspondence address is:

(during vacancy)

St Thomas' Vicarage
9 Hindoostan Avenue
Wigston
LE18 4UD

The Revd Christopher Johnson is Associate Vicar of the Benefice and acting as Chair of the PCC by virtue of the authority given in the *Church Representation Rules*.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2023

Aims and purposes

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy of the Wigston Benefice in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the All Saints Church Room, Bushloe End, Wigston Magna.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.1176458).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the *Church Representation Rules (CRR)* and membership of the PCC consists of the licensed clergy and lay ministers within the Benefice, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Customarily, the Chair of Wigston Magna PCC is taken by the Rector or by the Associate Vicar or an elected Vice-Chair in their absence.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC meets regularly in order to fulfil its obligations. Matters are attended to by correspondence where necessary between meetings.

In order to fulfil its function the Council has the following sub committees:

Standing Committee

Membership: Rector (or deputy), Vice-Chair, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members elected by the PCC. This committee sets the agenda for the PCC and conducts business on behalf of the full Council between meetings. The Committee is limited to expenditure of £500 on any single item.

Working Parties and ad hoc groups are appointed for the following matters:

Finance Group
Fundraising Committee

Individuals appointed to specific tasks on behalf of the Council:

- Safeguarding Co-ordinator for children, young people and vulnerable adults
- Church Room Bookings officer
- Electoral Roll Officer

The Council employs:

- An Organist

Persons serving on the Council during 2023

Ex officio		
Vacant	Rector	
The Revd Christopher Johnson	Associate Vicar	
Patrick Thacker	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
Winsum Wright	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
The Revd Nick Baker	Assistant Curate <i>(left August 2023)</i>	
The Revd Paul Betts	Assistant Curate	
Elected		
	Term began	Term ends
Caroline Wordsworth	2021	2024
Brenda Towler	2021	2024
<i>Vacancy</i>	2021	2024
Bill Hardy	2022	2025
Margery Whait	2022	<i>Resigned September 2023</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	2022	2025
Brian Hall	2023	<i>Resigned June 2023</i>
Thom Purell	2023	<i>Resigned October 2023</i>
Viv Vertefeuille	2023	2026

The Electoral Roll is revised in accordance with the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and a report is given at the APCM by the Electoral Roll officer.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to the following objectives and activities:

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools.
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Achievements and Performance

- A full programme of Holy Week services also took place across the Benefice.
- Christmas 2023 saw a full programme of Christmas services and events.
- The clergy led collective worship in local schools and welcomed school groups for church visits.
- The process for the closure of St Wistan's as a place of worship has been ongoing throughout 2023, concluding on 1st March 2024 with the vesting of the building in the Diocesan Board of Finance.
- The clergy have offered regular worship and pastoral care in a local care home, and the pastoral team have taken Communion at home to a number of parishioners.

b) Clergy Report

It has been a relief in 2023 to make a full journey through the church's year unhindered by social distancing and the ensuing fears. Two particular highlights were welcoming Bishop Martyn to join us for our patronal festival and the fabulous turnout for carols by candlelight – requiring extra hymnbooks to be handed out at short notice!

2023 was a year of some change. We bade a fond farewell to Fr Nick Baker who concluded his curacy in August, moving off to become chaplain of Shiplake College near Henley-on-Thames. It was lovely to be able to mark with you the tenth anniversary of my ordination and I was very grateful to have been granted the opportunity to undertake a period of sabbatical leave over the summer & early autumn. It was a period both of refreshment and of learning and much appreciated. I'm very grateful to Fr Paul, Patrick

and Winsum, and our visiting clergy for keeping things running in my absence. One development in the last year has been to try to work more across the benefice in terms of pastoral care and particularly home communion visiting. It has been good to welcome Viv Vertefeuille as part of this team along with Jenny Barradell from St Thomas'; I'm very grateful to them both for the ministry that they fulfil in this role.

Looking ahead:

We face a time of continued uncertainty, within the wider diocesan context of the 'Minster Communities' strategy, as we work out how resources will be deployed into the future. The Wigston Benefice will be part of the next set of conversations about this, relating to 'City & Suburbs', and the PCC is beginning to consider what this might mean for us. It is also worth noting the increasing challenge of finding cover for clergy leave & other absences as resources and people are stretched ever more thinly. I thank you for your patience and understanding where this causes disruption or changes to the usual pattern of things. As we consider change, it's also important to note that Fr Paul has now been signed off from his curacy, so at some point in 2024 we will bid farewell to him as his ministry takes him to pastures new. He will also be undertaking a secondment as Bishop's Chaplain over Summer 2024 to cover a sabbatical, so although he will still be curate within the benefice, he will often be on other duties.

Wherever God may be leading each of us next - as a parish and as individuals within the wider community - may we remain attentive and faithful to his place within our lives and the call he places upon them.

Fr Christopher Johnson
Associate Vicar

c) Safeguarding Report

The duty of safeguarding is incumbent not just upon the PCC but upon the whole church community as we seek to protect all God's people and to promote a safer church.

There are also statutory duties that the PCC must keep in good order and up to date, particularly in matters of policy, implementation, training and good practice in relation to safeguarding.

Having completed an annual review in preparation for the 2024 APCM, we have identified several areas which require attention and work over the coming year:

Training

- * All PCC members must have up-to-date training as required by the Church of England.
- * Others who undertake specified roles will need to complete safeguarding training as specified by Church of England guidance.
- * A log will be maintained of training and DBS checks.

Policies & Information

- * The policy folder will be kept updated and kept in church.
- * Relevant safeguarding contacts and other required information will be displayed as required by current CofE guidelines.

*Caroline Wordsworth, Safeguarding Co-Ordinator
& Fr Christopher Johnson, Associate Vicar*

d) Electoral Roll Report

At present we have 49 Resident and 10 Non-residents – in total 59 currently on the electoral roll after removing the ones who has moved out of area and our church members who sadly passed away during 2023. 2 church members has moved out of the area who no longer worship at All Saints church. 2 Church members sadly passed away during 2023. From the last APCM, two has been added to the electoral roll.

*Winsum Wright
Electoral Roll Officer*

e) Churchwardens' Report

The main item of work carried out during the year was the updating of the electrical system. This involved installing a new circuit board in the Baptistry cupboard and running a new earth wire to the Sacristy. A new circuit board was also installed in the Sacristy. A wire was also run from the Baptistry to the Lighting conductor.

The Chancel and Sacristy doors were finally repaired following the break in 2019, paid for by the insurance claim. We would like to thank Bryan Towler who gave them a finishing touch, and also for the odd jobs he has carried out during the year.

Some remedial work was carried out on the south aisle and chancel roof, although some further work needs to be carried out.

Servicing was carried out on the boilers in Sacristy and church rooms. The fire alarm system, including all the fire extinguishers both in church and church rooms.

For a few months during the year the clock was unable to chime the hour, this was due to a damaged spring which has now been repaired and replaced by Cumbria Clock Company. This was paid for by a couple of generous donations, for which we're very grateful.

A new statue of Our Lady and Child has been purchased and placed in the Lady Chapel, thanks to the open church group who have raised the funds over several years. The statue was blessed by Bishop Martyn on All Saints' Sunday.

St Wistan's continues to be inspected weekly. As of 1st March 2024, the building has been vested in the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and closed as a regular place of worship. The DBF will seek to find an alternative use for the building in due course. The insurance and scaffolding costs previously borne by the PCC have been transferred to the DBF. There remains a small insurance liability to the parish in relation to the churchyard, but this is covered under our existing policy.

*Patrick Thacker and Winsum Wright
Churchwardens*

f) Deanery Synod Report

Myself and Patrick have attended 3 Deanery meetings after the APCM which took place in May 2023.

The Gartree Deanery Synod meetings took place at St Wilfred's Church Hall, Kibworth

7th June 2023 - talk by Jonathan Kerry, Simon Wilson (Diocesan Board of Finance) including David Palmer and Claire Bampton, they explained the finance and how it affects the Diocesan finances. Post it notes were handed out to members at the meeting to write questions on, the main meeting was to inform the attendees at Deanery meeting about the Diocesan finances

27th September 2023 - Sharing of "Good News" Input from Steve Bailey, Area Dean, and Tom Devas, Associate Rector of Cornerstone Team - asked to mix up in different group from different church and share the good news

and how we came to faith, write on post it notes and put them on a board. After the group discussion we had a chance to circulate getting to know each other from different churches taking time to listen and sharing life on how we came to faith, some I heard brought tears to my eyes.

7th February 2024 – Presentation by Dan Gower from Open Doors, who works with the persecuted church, taking the Bible to places where it's banned. Dan roles is rising the awareness of the persecuted church, a slide show was presented and listed areas around the world where people having to go underground and who are persecuted for being a Christian, information was given how to support and donate, it was the Wigston Benefice's turn to provide refreshments, thank you to Brenda and her daughter Rachel for helping out on the night.

*Winsum Wright
Deanery Synod Rep*

The APCM is followed by
Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

1. Elections:

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Two Members of Standing & Finance Committee

PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Officers

2. Dates of next meeting:

PCC: Wednesday 10th July. 7.30pm

Statement of Accounts 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Wigston Magna PCC		
On accounts for the year ended	December 31 st 2023	Charity no (if any)	1176458
Set out on pages	1 to 4 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: [Signature] Date: 3-2-2024

Name: EL HESKINS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 1 WINDHILL BANK.
WIGSTON MAGNA.
LEICESTER LE11 9SX.

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

All Saints Wigston Magna

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Standing Orders Bank	4,509.72	-	-	-	4,509.72	4,494.29
0110 - Envelopes	4,056.77	-	-	-	4,056.77	4,611.30
0115 - Parish Giving Scheme	11,714.58	-	-	-	11,714.58	10,915.45
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,441.01	-	-	-	2,441.01	2,991.65
0310 - Sum Up	1,791.75	-	-	-	1,791.75	2,286.05
0401 - Regular gift days	877.00	-	-	-	877.00	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,921.59	10.00	-	-	2,931.59	2,299.20
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,642.93	-	-	-	2,642.93	2,019.68
0701 - Legacies	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
0801 - Recurring grants	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	2,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,587.00
0901 - Other funds generated	173.92	-	-	-	173.92	91.00
Donations and legacies Totals	37,129.27	10.00	-	-	37,139.27	33,295.62
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	6,352.01	-	-	-	6,352.01	5,911.00
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	20.00
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	4,757.00	-	-	-	4,757.00	4,954.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	11,109.01	-	-	-	11,109.01	10,885.00
Other trading activities						
1220 - Fund raising	2,348.87	271.38	-	-	2,620.25	734.75
Other trading activities Totals	2,348.87	271.38	-	-	2,620.25	734.75
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	144.07	-	-	-	144.07	21.83
Investments Totals	144.07	-	-	-	144.07	21.83
Other Income						
1310 - Insurance claims	1,498.00	-	-	-	1,498.00	-
Other income Totals	1,498.00	-	-	-	1,498.00	-
Income and endowments Grand totals	52,229.22	281.38	-	-	52,510.60	44,937.20
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1701 - Cost of fund raising - Envelopes etc	-	-	-	-	-	427.43
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	427.43

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1850 - Home mission	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	89.53
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	143.00
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	11,500.00	-	-	-	11,500.00	15,000.00
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	389.15	-	-	-	389.15	406.37
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	18.94
2301 - Church running - insurance	10,721.11	-	-	-	10,721.11	11,676.21
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	271.20	-	-	-	271.20	244.64
2325 - Organist fees	4,485.00	-	-	-	4,485.00	4,757.50
2327 - Verger / Bells Fees	1,095.00	-	-	-	1,095.00	1,020.00
2328 - St Wistan's Upkeep / Maintanance	1,639.58	-	-	-	1,639.58	5,483.40
2330 - Church maintenance	11,926.76	-	-	-	11,926.76	7,172.17
2331 - Cleaning	78.42	-	-	-	78.42	99.43
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,545.62	-	-	-	2,545.62	2,021.73
2360 - Administration	502.61	-	-	-	502.61	935.52
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	23.40	-	-	-	23.40	21.60
2401 - Church running - electric	4,423.93	-	-	-	4,423.93	1,665.87
2410 - Church running - gas	7,402.49	-	-	-	7,402.49	3,591.43
2420 - Church running - water	447.67	-	-	-	447.67	229.35
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	347.40
2550 - Hall running - insurance	207.41	-	-	-	207.41	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	332.00	-	-	-	332.00	-
2580 - Hall running - water	94.21	-	-	-	94.21	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	1,182.00	-	-	1,182.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	58,245.56	1,182.00	-	-	59,427.56	54,924.09
Other expenditure						
1705 - HSBC Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	25.80
2110 - Cost of appointing a Rector	-	-	-	-	-	499.50
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	525.30
Expenditure Grand totals	58,245.56	1,182.00	-	-	59,427.56	55,876.82

All Saints Wigston Magna

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
New Fire							
Restricted	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Sub-totals	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Open Church							
Designated	1,140.87	281.38	1,182.00	-	-	-	240.25
Sub-totals	1,140.87	281.38	1,182.00	-	-	-	240.25
General							
Unrestricted	50,893.21	52,229.22	58,245.56	-	-	-	44,876.87
Sub-totals	50,893.21	52,229.22	58,245.56	-	-	-	44,876.87
Totals	53,534.08	52,510.60	59,427.56	-	-	-	46,617.12

All Saints Wigston Magna

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6501: Bank Nat West current account	34,351.02	44,864.26
6505: Bank Nat West Reserve account	12,166.10	10,022.03
6507: HSBC Current Account	-	-
6509: HSBC Small Accounts	-	-
6590: Cash in hand	100.00	100.00
Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	-
Total Current assets	46,617.12	54,986.29
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	-	1,452.21
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	1,452.21
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	46,617.12	53,534.08
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(6,916.96)	(10,939.62)
Z01: Starting balances	53,534.08	64,473.70
Total Reserves	46,617.12	53,534.08

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	44,876.87	50,893.21
Designated	240.25	1,140.87
Restricted	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	46,617.12	53,534.08

C. J. Johnson
12/5/24

WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1176458

Accounts

**The Parish of All Saints and St Wistan
Wigston Magna**

*within the Wigston Benefice
and the Diocese of Leicester*



ANNUAL REPORT
of WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2022

and

**Agenda, Minutes & Reports for the
Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual
Parochial Church Meeting**

Sunday 21st May 2023
11.30am

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 21st May 2023 at 11.30am

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayers
2. Appointment of minute taker for this meeting and the APCM
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 22nd May 2022
5. Election of Church Wardens

Immediately followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Annual Parochial Meeting – 22nd May 2022
2. Matters Arising – *that are not otherwise covered by the reports*
3. Elections:
 - 5 members of the Parochial Church Council
 - 2 representatives to the Deanery Synod
4. Presentation of Annual Accounts and Acting Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
6. Presentation of Annual Reports:
 - a) Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
 - b) Clergy Report
 - c) Safeguarding Report
 - d) Electoral Roll Report
 - e) Churchwardens' Report
 - f) Deanery Synod Report
7. Any other business (*it is appreciated if this is notified ahead of time*)
8. The Grace.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 22nd May 2022 at 11.30am

Present: The Revd Christopher Johnson, Associate Vicar (Chair), The Revds Nick Baker & Paul Betts (Assistant Curates) and 24 parishioners.

1. Father Christopher Johnson welcomed everybody and opened the meeting with prayers.
2. Appointment of minute taker for this meeting and the APCM: In the absence of a Secretary, Bill Hardy agreed to take the minutes.
3. Apologies for Absence: Ian Knight
4. The proposal that the minutes of the APM held on 23rd May 2021 be declared an accurate record, proposed by Patrick Thacker and seconded by Brenda Towler, was carried (27.0.0)
5. Election of Churchwardens 2022 – 2023: The following nominations had been received:
 - a. Patrick Thacker – Proposed by Dennis Daw, seconded by Bill Hardy
 - b. Winsum Wright – Proposed by Dennis Daw, seconded by Patrick Thacker

There being no other nominations, Patrick Thacker and Winsum Wright were duly elected Churchwardens.

Fr Chris presented Patrick Thacker with a card signed by Bishop Martyn Snow and Archdeacon Richard Worsfold, celebrating Patrick's 26 years as a churchwarden.

The meeting closed at 11.10am.

Signed as a true record:

Date:

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 22nd May 2022 at 11.10am

Attendance was as at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

1. The proposal that the **minutes of the APCM held on 23rd May 2021** were a true account, proposed by Winsum Wright and seconded by Patrick Thacker, was passed (27.0.0).

2. Matters arising: none

3. Election of 4 PCC members:

3 Existing PCC members had reached the end of their 3 year term and were willing to stand for re-election. The nominations were as follows:
Bill Hardy – Proposer Carol Munton, Secunder – Margery Whait
Carol Munton – Proposer Margery Whait, Secunder - Stephen Warden
Margery Whait – Proposer Carol Munton, Secunder – Stephen Warden
The 4th vacancy is for 1 year and the following nomination has been received:

Vivienne Leonard (aka Vertefeuille) – Proposer Patrick Thacker,
Secunder – Dennis Daw

There being no further nominations, all 4 were duly elected as members of the PCC.

4. Presentation of Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report:

a. Stephen Warden presented the Annual Accounts in printed form. Yvonne Leader raised the question of where was the Open Church Fund (£1040)? The Treasurer replied that it was included under the heading of Donations in the Personal Giving section of Receipts. Trevor Leader thought that the Fund had been set up as a restricted fund. It was agreed that the matter was to be referred to the next PCC meeting.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Stephen Warden stated that he was willing to remain as Treasurer, but with Patrick Thacker's assistance.
- ii. Expenditure was still higher than our income and that we needed to increase our income either in-house or from external sources.
- iii. As HSBC are starting to charge for Charity Accounts, all of our 5 accounts (general & reserve) have been or are in the process of being transferred to NatWest.

- iv. The Treasurer stated that as the means by which personal donations are changing, the advantages of Gift Aiding in comparison to Single Gift Scheme need to be addressed by the PCC.
- v. St. Wistan's – The decision to close St. Wistan's as a place of worship is still with the Church Commissioners. Since June 2018 over £40,000 has been spent on insurance and scaffolding hire. Fr Christopher stated that he would keep the PCC informed of any progress made.

Fr. Christopher thanked Stephen Warden for all his efforts on our behalf.

5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner:

Stephen Warden stated that Geoffrey Warner was prepared to act as the Independent Examiner for one more year only. A proposal to re-appoint Geoffrey Warner as the Independent Examiner, proposed by Stephen Warner, seconded by Marguarite Sturgeon, was accepted (27.0.0).

6. Presentation of Annual Reports:

- a. PCC Report – taken as read with no matters arising.
- b. Clergy Report - Fr. Christopher began by paying tribute to Fr. Trevor Thurston-Smith for his ministry over the last 7 ½ years.
 - i. Worship – this is now back to pre-pandemic conditions in that the Host is being received at the High Alter. The use of the chalice is still under review. The use of individual cups as used in some Methodist Churches was against Canon Law.
 - ii. Hymns are being sung again during the Sunday service and the organist (Che) is open to requests from the congregation. Additional instrumental music is being played on occasions by members of the congregation.
 - iii. New Mass settings are being reviewed.
 - iv. The vacancy for a new rector is still on-going.
 - v. The use of email voting by the PCC is being encouraged for minor business transactions.
 - vi. The clergy really encourage people to 'feedback' on any issues that arise. However, mentioning something at the door on a Sunday was not the best method. Instead, Fr Chris encouraged people to get in touch during the week as

this was the best way of making sure something is dealt with properly.

- c. Safeguarding Reports - taken as read. Caroline Wordsworth is responsible for safeguarding training.
- d. Electoral Roll Report – taken as read.
- e. Churchwardens Report – taken as read. Patrick Thacker added that a card reader and on-line donations are in operation at All Saints.
- f. Deanery Report – taken as read.

7. A.O.B.:

- a. There will be no official trip to St Albans this year, as the Bell ringers are holding a tea in the afternoon of the 26th June celebrating a hundred years since the bells at All Saints were recast.
- b. St. Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk is restarting this year. It will be on Wednesday 1st June starting at 9.15am from St. Wistan's, Wistow and ending at the memorial in Bell Street.

The meeting ended at 12.10 pm with the Grace.

Signed as a true record:

Date:

Reports for 2023 Meeting

Acting Treasurer's Report

Following the resignation of Mr Stephen Warden in September 2022, we acquired the services of Mr Colin Wood, a bookkeeper recommended by the Diocese.

We started from the beginning and built up the accounts through a system called *Data Developments*, again a system recommended and paid for by the Diocese. It took a few visits from Colin but we got there. As this is the first year in which this software has been used, it should be noted that there is no comparative data for 2021 input in the system. The 2021 account details can be found on the Benefice website or are available on request. The Accounts were Independently Examined by Mrs Joy Heskins.

*Patrick Thacker
(Acting Treasurer)*

6a) PCC Report

Administrative Information

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints and St Wistan, Wigston Magna.

All Saints' Parish Church is located on Moat Street, Wigston Magna, and the Church of St Wistan is situated on Church Nook, Wigston Magna. The parish is part of the Wigston Benefice formed on 1st June 2014. The parish is in the Diocese of Leicester and its official correspondence address is:

(during vacancy)

St Thomas' Vicarage
9 Hindoostan Avenue
Wigston
LE18 4UD

The Revd Christopher Johnson is Associate Vicar of the Benefice and acting as Chair of the PCC by virtue of the authority given in the *Church Representation Rules*.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022

Aims and purposes

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy of the Wigston Benefice in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the All Saints Church Room, Bushloe End, Wigston Magna.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.1176458).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the *Church Representation Rules (CRR)* and membership of the PCC consists of the licensed clergy and lay ministers within the Benefice, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Customarily, the Chair of Wigston Magna PCC is taken by the Rector or by the Associate Vicar or an elected Vice-Chair in their absence.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC meets regularly in order to fulfil its obligations. Matters are attended to by correspondence where necessary between meetings.

In order to fulfil its function the Council has the following sub committees:

Standing Committee

Membership: Rector (or deputy), Vice-Chair, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members elected by the PCC. This committee sets the agenda for the PCC and conducts business on behalf of the full Council between meetings. The Committee is limited to expenditure of £500 on any single item.

Working Parties and ad hoc groups are appointed for the following matters:

Finance Group

Fundraising Committee

Individuals appointed to specific tasks on behalf of the Council:

- Safeguarding Co-ordinator for children, young people and vulnerable adults
- Church Room Bookings officer
- Electoral Roll Officer

The Council employs:

- An Organist

Persons serving on the Council during 2022

Ex officio		
Vacant	Rector	
The Revd Christopher Johnson	Associate Vicar	
Patrick Thacker	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
Winsum Wright	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
The Revd Nick Baker	Assistant Curate	
The Revd Paul Betts	Assistant Curate	
Elected		
	Term began	Term ends
Stan Rowland	2020	2023
Dennis Daw	2020	2023
Viv Vertefeuille	2022	2023
Stephen Warden	2021	<i>(until Sept 2022)</i>
Caroline Wordsworth	2021	2024
Brenda Towler	2021	2024
Margery Whait	2022	2025
Carol Munton	2022	<i>(until Nov 2022)</i>
Bill Hardy	2022	2025

The Electoral Roll is revised in accordance with the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and a report is given at the APCM by the Electoral Roll officer.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to the following objectives and activities:

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools.
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Achievements and Performance

- Throughout 2022, the PCC and church community have continued the recovery from Covid-19, including the restoration of a full pattern of services on Sundays and mid-week.
- A full programme of Holy Week services also took place across the Benefice.
- Christmas 2022 saw a return to a full programme of Christmas services and events.
- The clergy led collective worship in local schools and welcomed school groups for church visits.
- The process for the closure of St Wistan's as a place of worship has been ongoing throughout 2022.
- The clergy have offered regular worship and pastoral care in three local care homes, along with Communion at home to a number of parishioners.

b) Clergy Report

2022 has been a welcome move away from the difficulties and restrictions of the last couple of Covid-affected years. It has been good to be able to return to 'normal' in terms of our patterns of worship and other gatherings and events as well. Thank you to all who have supported the events and given generously of their time, efforts and finances towards them – it's much appreciated.

There were moments of both national sadness and celebration as we both mourned the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and proclaimed the Accession of His Majesty King Charles III. It was really good for the churches of the Benefice to play their part within the life of the community over those days as people gathered for worship and called by to sign the books of condolence. In traditions unused for 70 years, bells were tolled and rang out muffled across our parishes and 'God save the King' was sung and heard once again.

More joyfully, it's been a delight to celebrate Fr Paul's ordination as priest at St Margaret's, Leicester, along with his subsequent first mass at All Saints' in July 2022. We've already been able to share in several months of his priestly ministry among us and look forward to more during his time here. Unbelievably, Fr Nick has been 'signed off' in terms of having completed the things required of him as part of his curacy. This means that at some point in the coming year he will be moving on to pastures new – something which will be our loss as much as somewhere else's gain.

2023 marks 10 years since I was ordained deacon. Aside from being an excuse for some cake around St Thomas' day, I've also been granted a sabbatical over the summer and into the early autumn. With annual leave included, I shall be away from early July until October half term. During my absence, Fr Paul will provide priestly cover for the Benefice. Assuming that Fr Nick has moved on by then, this will be along with the kind assistance of the Archdeacon and some retired priests for Sundays. There will be some additional 'Benefice Services' across the summer because of the difficulty in finding cover, but most Sundays will be 'as normal'. It may be that some things are different or have to change over the summer, so do please be understanding and accommodating accordingly.

The need to find cover is based on the assumption of the Benefice technically still being in vacancy at that point. This is despite three rounds of advertisements thus far which have yielded no applicants. The national picture appears to be that recruitment is difficult in many parishes, so we're not alone in this – difficult though the news is each time. The Benefice remains, however, better staffed in terms of clergy than a number of others. As ever, we hope and pray that you will not be afraid to contact one of us if you feel you need to - please don't think 'oh, they're too busy'! The diocesan strategic changes in *Shaped by God Together* still remain an unknown quantity but it's possible that we will get more information about it in 2023.

I remain hugely grateful to all of those who work behind the scenes to keep the life and ministry of All Saints', going through good and bad and particular thanks go to Patrick and Winsum, our wardens, for their work and support in keeping things going here.

Fr Christopher Johnson
Associate Vicar

c) **Safeguarding Report**

The duty of safeguarding is incumbent not just upon the PCC but upon the whole church community as we seek to protect all God's people and to promote a safer church.

There are also statutory duties that the PCC must keep in good order and up to date, particularly in matters of policy, implementation, training and good practice in relation to safeguarding.

Having completed an annual review in preparation for the 2023 APCM, we have identified several areas which require attention and work over the coming year:

Training

- * All PCC members must have up-to-date training as required by the Church of England.
- * Others who undertake specified roles will need to complete safeguarding training as specified by Church of England guidance.
- * A log will be maintained of training and DBS checks.

Policies & Information

- * The policy folder will be kept updated and kept in church.
- * Relevant safeguarding contacts and other required information will be displayed as required by current CofE guidelines.

Other matters

- * Clarity is required regarding safeguarding and hire of the Church Rooms in relation to the provisions required by national policy and guidance.
- * Church activities will be reviewed in relation to safeguarding policies and First Aid requirements and action taken where required.

*Caroline Wordsworth, Safeguarding Co-Ordinator
& Fr Christopher Johnson, Associate Vicar*

d) **Electoral Roll Report**

The Electoral Roll from the last APCM in 2022 recorded 53 as resident and 10 Non-Resident bringing the total to 63.

At present, two people have been removed from the Electoral roll and one name has been added. As it stands at present – 52 resident, 10 non-resident – bringing the total of 62 on the Electoral Roll when it closed prior to the APCM meeting in May 2023.

e) Churchwardens' Report

All Saints remains in a good state of repair.

The usual annual services have been carried out to clock, boiler, organ, fire extinguishers & Church Rooms fire alarm. We are having trouble with some of the radiators which we keep pursuing, we have had a report from an independent advisor. We have also had an electrical inspection which bought a few problems to light, again we are currently obtaining quotes and fundraising to have the work carried out. The Sacristy and Chancel doors are still a work in progress. On Sunday September the 4th the local branch of the Royal Naval Association laid up their Standard during Mass.

St Wistan's continues to be inspected on a weekly basis. During the year, as part of the closure processes, it was found that the church doesn't appear on the Land Registry. The form has been completed, and as of the 31st of December 2022 The Diocese was still waiting for the Deeds.

*Patrick Thacker and Winsum Wright
Churchwardens*

f) Deanery Synod Report

Three Deanery Synod meeting have taken place since the last APCM. Synod met on the following dates:

8th June 2022 at St Wilfrid's Church Kibworth – Refreshment – Wigston Benefice guest speaker Emily Williams, Diocesan Disability Advisor – discussion – exploring what is meant by “accessible church” why it is biblical and part of our Christian witness, the barriers that are put up by society, if we can identify the barriers, we can work to remove them. There is a leaflet “How to Make Your Presentation More Accessible. Emily also mentioned she can be contacted and come out to churches to give advice.

28 September 2022 at St Wilfrid's Church – Kibworth – guest speaker Phil Leach, Generous Giving team. The key themes underpinning the diocesan approaches to finance are : transparency, Trust, Working together, Christlike generosity. Discussed the costs of stipendiary clergy posts, cost of living

15th February 2023 at St Wilfrid's Church – Kibworth. Guest speakers Tom Wilson and Maria Jukes. Talk – Reflections on Ukraine, in there talk Maria Jukes made references to a fundraising campaign to buy a car for medics in the Ukraine.

*Winsum Wright
Deanery Synod Rep*

The APCM is followed by

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

1. Elections:

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Two Members of Standing & Finance Committee

PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Officers

2. Dates of next meeting:

Standing Committee: Wednesday 21st June. 7.30pm

PCC: Wednesday 5th July. 7.30pm

All Saints Wigston Magna

**Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Standing Orders Bank	4,494.29	-	-	-	4,494.29	-
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	4,611.30	-	-	-	4,611.30	-
0115 - Parish Giving Scheme	10,915.45	-	-	-	10,915.45	-
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,991.65	-	-	-	2,991.65	-
0310 - Sum Up	2,286.05	-	-	-	2,286.05	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,299.20	-	-	-	2,299.20	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,019.68	-	-	-	2,019.68	-
0801 - Recurring grants	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,587.00	-	-	-	1,587.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated	91.00	-	-	-	91.00	-
Donations and legacies Totals	33,295.62	-	-	-	33,295.62	-
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	5,911.00	-	-	-	5,911.00	-
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	-
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	4,954.00	-	-	-	4,954.00	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,885.00	-	-	-	10,885.00	-
Other trading activities						
1220 - Fund raising	734.75	-	-	-	734.75	-
Other trading activities Totals	734.75	-	-	-	734.75	-
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	21.83	-	-	-	21.83	-
Investments Totals	21.83	-	-	-	21.83	-
Income and endowments Grand totals	44,937.20	-	-	-	44,937.20	-
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1701 - Cost of fund raising - Envelopes etc	427.43	-	-	-	427.43	-
Raising funds Totals	427.43	-	-	-	427.43	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1850 - Home mission	89.53	-	-	-	89.53	-
1870 - Secular charities	143.00	-	-	-	143.00	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	406.37	-	-	-	406.37	-
2170 - Education	18.94	-	-	-	18.94	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	11,676.21	-	-	-	11,676.21	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	244.64	-	-	-	244.64	-
2325 - Organist fees	4,757.50	-	-	-	4,757.50	-
2327 - Verger / Bells Fees	1,020.00	-	-	-	1,020.00	-
2328 - St Wistan's Upkeep / Maintenance	5,483.40	-	-	-	5,483.40	-
2330 - Church maintenance	7,172.17	-	-	-	7,172.17	-
2331 - Cleaning	99.43	-	-	-	99.43	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,021.73	-	-	-	2,021.73	-
2360 - Administration	935.52	-	-	-	935.52	-
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	21.60	-	-	-	21.60	-
2401 - Church running - electric	1,665.87	-	-	-	1,665.87	-
2410 - Church running - gas	3,591.43	-	-	-	3,591.43	-
2420 - Church running - water	229.35	-	-	-	229.35	-
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	347.40	-	-	-	347.40	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	54,924.09	-	-	-	54,924.09	-
Other expenditure						
1705 - HSBC Bank Charges	25.80	-	-	-	25.80	-
2110 - Cost of appointing a Rector	499.50	-	-	-	499.50	-
Other expenditure Totals	525.30	-	-	-	525.30	-
Expenditure Grand totals	55,876.82	-	-	-	55,876.82	-

All Saints Wigston Magna

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
6501: Bank Nat West current account	44,864.26	22,628.80
6505: Bank Nat West Reserve account	10,022.03	10,000.20
6507: HSBC Current Account	-	33,522.30
6509: HSBC Small Accounts	-	10.34
6590: Cash in hand	100.00	100.00
Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	1,466.63
Total Current assets	54,986.29	67,728.27
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	1,452.21	3,159.00
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	95.57
Total Liabilities	1,452.21	3,254.57
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	53,534.08	64,473.70
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(10,939.62)	-
Z01: Starting balances	64,473.70	64,473.70
Total Reserves	53,534.08	64,473.70

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	50,893.21	61,832.83
Designated	1,140.87	1,140.87
Restricted	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	53,534.08	64,473.70

All Saints Wigston Magna

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
New Fire - New Fire Mass	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Open Church - Open Church	1,140.87	-	-	-	-	-	1,140.87
General - General Fund	61,832.83	44,937.20	55,876.82	-	-	-	50,893.21
Totals	64,473.70	44,937.20	55,876.82	-	-	-	53,534.08

Accounts adopted by
the PCC 11.5.23

C. J. Johnson

(Acting Chair)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Wigston Magna PCC

**On accounts for the year
ended**

December 31st 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176458

Set out on pages

1 to 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

J. J. Heskins

Date:

22-4-23

Name:

JOY L. HESKINS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



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WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1176458

Accounts

The Parish of All Saints and St Wistan
Wigston Magna, Leicestershire
Diocese of Leicester

Parochial Church Council Report for 2021

Administrative Information

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints and St Wistan, Wigston Magna.

All Saints' Parish Church is located on Moat Street, Wigston Magna, and the Church of St Wistan is situated on Church Nook, Wigston Magna. The parish is part of the Wigston Benefice formed on 1st June 2014. The parish is in the Diocese of Leicester and its official correspondence address is:

until January 2022

The Rectory
8 Harrogate Way
Wigston
LE18 3YB

from January 2022

(during vacancy)
St Thomas' Vicarage
9 Hindoostan Avenue
Wigston
LE18 4UD

2021.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith SMMS was Incumbent (Rector) of the Benefice until January 2022. His departure to St Matthew's Perry Beeches in the Diocese of Birmingham was announced during Autumn

The Revd Christopher Johnson is Associate Vicar of the Benefice. Ms Julie Chaplin was licensed as a Reader by the Bishop of Leicester prior to leaving the Benefice in November 2021.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2021

- **Aim and purposes**

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy of the Wigston Benefice in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the All Saints Church Room, Bushloe End, Wigston Magna.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.1176458).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) and membership of the PCC consists of the licensed clergy and lay ministers within the Benefice, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the

electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Customarily, the Chair of Wigston Magna PCC is taken by the Rector or by an elected Vice-Chair at their request or in their absence.

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

The PCC meets regularly in order to fulfil its obligations. Matters are attended to by correspondence where necessary between meetings.

In order to fulfil its function the Council has the following sub committees:

Standing Committee

Membership: Rector, Vice-Chair, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members elected by the PCC. This committee sets the agenda for the PCC and conducts business on behalf of the full Council between meetings. The Committee is limited to expenditure of £500 on any single item.

Working Parties and ad hoc groups are appointed for the following matters:

Finance Group

Individuals appointed to specific tasks on behalf of the Council:

- Safeguarding Co-ordinator for children, young people and Vulnerable Adults
- Church Room Bookings officer
- Electoral Roll Officer

The Parochial Church Council employs;

- An Organist

Persons serving on the Council during 2021

Ex officio		
The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith	Rector	
The Revd Christopher Johnson	Associate Vicar	
Julie Chaplin	Reader <i>(until November 2021)</i>	
Patrick Thacker	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
Winsum Wright	Churchwarden <i>(also Deanery Synod Representative)</i>	
The Revd Nick Baker	Assistant Curate	
The Revd Paul Betts	Assistant Curate <i>(from July 2021)</i>	
Elected		
	Term began	Term ends
Margery Whait	2019	2022
Carol Munton	2019	2022
Bill Hardy	2019	2022
Stan Rowland	2020	2023
Dennis Daw	2020	2023
Vacant	2020	2023
Mr Stephen Warden	2021	2024
Mrs Caroline Wordsworth	2021	2024
Brenda Towler	2021	2024

The Electoral Roll is revised in accordance with the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and a report is given at the APCM by the Electoral Roll officer.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to the following objectives and activities:

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2021 we have tried to offer a range of worship within our Inclusive Catholic tradition. While the church had to be closed again for public worship due to further Covid-19 restrictions between January and Easter 2021, alternative worship was offered on line (recorded services on 'You Tube', live Services on 'Zoom') with pointers to other on-line resources, and printed resources for each Sunday were posted out to those parishioners who were believed or known to be without internet access and who have been unable to return for worship in church.

Mid-2021 saw the return to a more 'normal' pattern of worship with the return of midweek masses, unrestricted attendances at Occasional Offices, and some more limited gatherings in person. Worship in All Saints remained subject to social-distancing requirements beyond the end of 2021.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith was a Foundation Governor at All Saints CofE Primary School, Wigston, leading Collective Worship in the school on

a regular basis as well as visiting on other occasions where possible. The School normally holds end of term services in All Saints Church three times a year. Groups from other local schools would normally have visited the church regularly and bookings were in place for this to resume in 2022. Normally several schools hold carol services in All Saints during December, but sadly this wasn't possible this year due to lockdown.

A Benefice Lent Course was held online via Zoom.

In October 2021 a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk was held.

The monthly service at Amberwood Care Home was set to return in early 2022.

Our Benefice website and Facebook page is used along with a weekly e-mailing list.

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council. Reg Charity 1176458
Statement of Accounts January 1 to December 31 2021
General Account

RECEIPTS

Personal Giving	2021
Personal Standing Order	4,064.00
Bequeaths / Legacies	0.00
GA envels, candles etc	19.92
PG Scheme SO donations	12,916.69
PG Scheme Gift Aid	1,443.96
Roof Lights	244.00
Donations	3,851.25
	22,539.82

Collective Giving	
Offertory collections	3,764.91
Offer + donates Gift Aid Claimed	1,443.96
Petty Cash funds	0.00
	5,208.87

Other Receipts	
Church Room income	1,271.00
Weddings	4,189.00
Funerals	3,227.00
Tax / VAT Refunds	0.00
Grants received	1,000.00
Walsingham Pilgrimage	1,573.00
	11,260.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 39,008.69

Bank Movements 68,609.36

GROSS RECEIPTS 107,618.05

Petty Cash held x 2 funds 100.00

RECEIPTS

Personal Giving	2020
Personal Standing Order	3,889.00
Bequeaths / Legacies	0.00
GA envels, candles etc	25.09
PG Scheme SO donations	10,694.26
PG Scheme Gift Aid	2,673.67
Roof lights	62.50
	17,344.52

Collective Giving	
Offertory collections	5,286.49
Offer + donates Gift Aid Claimed	1,781.77
Petty Cash funds	193.95
Donations	2,092.44
	9,354.65

Other Receipts	
Church Room income	984.57
Weddings	3,235.00
Funerals	1,755.00
Tax / VAT Refunds	2,887.92
Grants received	2,000.00
Walsingham Pilgrimage	666.00
	11,528.49

TOTAL RECEIPTS 38,227.66

Bank Movements 38,000.00

GROSS RECEIPTS 76,227.66

PAYMENTS

<u>SUPPLIERS</u>	2021
COPIER USAGE	0.00
UTILITIES	3,933.53
SMITHS [clocks]	0.00
FIRE / SAFETY SERVICING	0.00
E-BOUND AVX Ltd - Alarms	345.60
REDEMPTORIST	228.73
RSCM / WEBSITE	362.00
INSURANCES; All Saints	4,631.31
INSURANCES; Church rooms	2,385.83
INSURANCES; St Wistans	6,033.85
LICENCES [2020 paid in 2019]	455.58
CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	83.17
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	18,459.60

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHARITY DONATIONS; given	0.00
CHURCH MAINT; All Saints	4,060.61
CHURCH MAINT; St Wistans	2,088.80
CHURCH ROOMS MAINT	50.00
DIOCESE FEES	3,004.00
FUND RAISING COSTS	0.00
ORGAN COSTS	0.00
PILGRIMAGES	1,573.00
PARISH GIFT	17,000.00
CONSUMABLES	549.07
Bank charges	60.00
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	28,385.48

PERSONNEL

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	2021
ARCHITECT [St Wistans]	0.00
BELL RINGERS remuneration	150.00
CLERGY / READERS FEES+EXPS	659.04
AUDITOR	60.00
ORGANIST remuneration	2,282.99
REIMBURSEMENTS	0.00
TREASURERS EXPS	0.00
SECRETARIES EXPS	0.00
VERGER remuneration	1,050.00
PPE [C19 protection]	99.99
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	4,302.02

TOTAL EXPENDS 51,147.10

BANK MOVEMENTS 41,010.00 [to NatWest]

GROSS PAYMENTS 92,157.10

EXCESS / DEFICIT -12,138.41

Petty Cash 0.00

PAYMENTS

<u>SUPPLIERS</u>	2020
COPIER USAGE	311.06
UTILITIES	3,676.46
SMITHS [clocks]	520.80
FIRE / SAFETY SERVICING	802.79
E-BOUND AVX Ltd - Alarms	181.20
REDEMPTORIST	147.33
WEBSITE	0.00
INSURANCES; All Saints	4,463.70
INSURANCES; Church rooms	2,299.48
INSURANCES; St Wistans	4,936.64
LICENCES [2020 paid in 2019]	0.00
CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	3.74
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	17,343.20

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHARITY DONATIONS; given	1,169.68
CHURCH MAINT; All Saints	20,872.25
CHURCH MAINT; St Wistans	5,241.60
CHURCH ROOMS MAINT	0.00
DIOCESE FEES	1,750.00
FUND RAISING COSTS	0.00
ORGAN COSTS	508.20
PILGRIMAGES	500.00
DIOCESE GIFT	20,000.00
Royal School Church Music	358.00
CONSUMABLES	724.82
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	51,124.55

PERSONNEL

ARCHITECT [St Wistans]	440.00
BELL RINGERS remuneration	75.00
CHURCH ROOM CLEANER	238.09
CLERGY / READERS FEES+EXPS	1,470.47
AUDITOR	0.00
ORGANIST remuneration	3,025.81
REIMBURSEMENTS	67.99
TREASURERS EXPS	0.00
SECRETARIES EXPS	0.00
VERGER remuneration	630.00
PPE [C19 protection]	172.87
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	6,120.23

TOTAL 74,587.98

BANK MOVEMENTS 3,639.00

GROSS PAYMENTS 78,226.98

Petty Cash Funds 500.58

BANK ACCOUNTS	2021	2020
GENERAL ACCOUNT 430		
Account B/F	18,061.35	Account B/F 113,753.89
Receipts	107,618.05	Receipts 52,099.74
Payments	92,157.10	Payments 89,042.04
	TOTAL 33,522.30	TOTAL 76,811.59
RESERVE Account 227		
Account B/F	64,974.66	27,023.36
Receipts	8.12	Receipts 75,200.00
Interest	1.82	Interest 4.72
Payments	64,984.27	Payments 13,320.00
	TOTAL 0.33	TOTAL 88,908.08
PARISH GIFT Account 308		
Account B/F	998.91	17,525.60
Receipts	5.02	Receipts 14,160.00
Interest	0.02	Interest 14.70
Payments	998.95	Payments 19,000.00
	TOTAL 5.00	TOTAL 12,700.30
AWAY DAY FUND 660		
Account B/F	1,039.29	Ordinands account 1.13
Receipts	0.00	Receipts 1,200.10
Interest	0.04	Interest 0.10
Payments	1,039.32	Payments 1,201.23
	TOTAL 0.01	TOTAL 0.10
AUDIO SYSTEM 860 Restricted		
Account B/F	1,594.92	1,639.08
Receipts	5.00	Receipts 0.00
Interest	0.02	Interest 3.20
Payments	1,594.94	Payments 48.99
	TOTAL 5.00	TOTAL 1,593.29
GROSS FUNDS HELD BY PCC	<u>33,532.64</u>	GROSS FUNDS HELD BY PCC <u>180,013.36</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities; December 31 2021

Notes;

1. Financial states of the PCC have been prepared by the treasurer in accordance with the church accounting regulations 2006 on a 'Receipts & Payments' basis.
2. The assets as shown are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement of Assets & Liabilities;
 - a. All movable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC which will require a faculty for disposal.
 - b. All items of sacristy and decoration which have an historical or intrinsic value above a nominal £1.
3. Expenses paid to Clergy may include a small amount which relates to their function as a PCC member. No remunerations were made to members in connection to their trustee role on the PCC.

RECONCILIATION

Debtors [owe us]

Gift Aid claims due	1,321.63
VAT Claims due	0.00
Refunds owed	0.00
Donations to be banked	145.00
	<u>1,466.63</u>

Creditors [we owe]

Payments not cleared	0.00
Brit Gas	95.57
Fees to pay	3,159.00
	<u>3,254.57</u>
Petty Cash held	100.00

31,844.70

FIXED ASSETS

- All Saints Church All Contents See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.
- St Wistans Church All Contents See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.
- Church Rooms All Contents See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.

Signed _____ Auditor Date _____

Signed S.A. Warden Treasurer I 16 February 2022

Accepted as a true and correct record.

CHAIRMAN PCC _____ Date _____

Mr Geoffrey Warner
Independent Examiner
For Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council 2021

15 February 2022

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Yours faithfully

Geoffrey Warner.

WIGSTON MAGNA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1176458

Accounts



**The Parish of All Saints and St Wistan
Wigston Magna**



**Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council
ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints and St Wistan, Wigston Magna.

All Saints' Parish Church is located on Moat Street, Wigston Magna, and the Church of St Wistan is situated on Church Nook, Wigston Magna. The parish is part of the Wigston Benefice formed on 1st June 2014. The parish is in the Diocese of Leicester and its official correspondence address is:

The Rectory
8 Harrogate Way
Wigston
Leicestershire
LE18 3YB

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith SMMS is Incumbent (Rector) of the benefice.

The Revd Christopher Johnson is Associate Vicar of the benefice with delegated responsibility for St Thomas The Apostle, South Wigston.

Ms Julie Chaplin is licensed as a Reader by the Bishop of Leicester.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2020

- **Aim and purposes**

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy of the Wigston Benefice in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the All Saints Church Room, Bushloe End, Wigston Magna.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.1176458).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) and membership of the PCC consists of the licensed clergy within the Benefice, the licensed Reader, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod, providing the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Customarily, the Chair of Wigston Magna PCC is taken by the Rector or by an elected Vice-Chair at his request or in his absence.

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

The PCC met twice during the early part of the year before the Covid-19 lockdown, to deal with various aspects of parish life. Matters arising during the remainder of the year were dealt with by e-mail.

In order to fulfil its function the Council has the following sub committees:

Standing Committee

Membership: Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members elected by the PCC. This committee sets the agenda for the PCC and conducts business on behalf of the full Council between meetings. The Committee is limited to expenditure of £500 on any single item.

Working Parties and ad hoc groups are appointed for the following matters:

- Finance Group

Individuals appointed to specific tasks on behalf of the Council:

- Safeguarding Co-ordinator for children, young people and Vulnerable Adults
- Church Room Bookings officer
- Electoral Roll Officer

The Council employs;

- An Organist

Persons serving on the Council during 2020

EX OFFICIO:	
The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith	Rector
The Revd Christopher Johnson	Associate Vicar
Ms Julie Chaplin	Reader
Mr Patrick Thacker	Churchwarden/Deanery Synod Representative
Miss Winsum Wright	Churchwarden/Deanery Synod Representative
ELECTED:	
Mr Stan Rowland	Elected 2020
Mr Dennis Daw	Elected 2020
Mrs Brenda Towler	Elected 2018
Mr Stephen Warden	Elected 2018 (Treasurer)
Mrs Caroline Wordsworth	Elected 2018
Mr Bill Hardy	Elected 2019
Mrs Carol Munton	Elected 2019
Mrs Margery Whait	Elected 2019

Prior to the APCM on there are 61 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 52 are resident within the parish.

• Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to the following objectives and activities:

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Achievements and Performance

Items discussed at PCC meetings during 2020 included:

- Reports from Deanery Synod
- Approval of key policies – Safeguarding & Health and Safety
- Ongoing development of monthly 'New Fire Mass'
- Development of bi-monthly Sunday evening 'ABLAZE' Service
- Development of Café-Church-style worship
- Pattern of services for the major Festivals of Christmas and Easter
- Special services, prayer workshops and activities for the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative
- Special memorial Carol Service for funeral families
- Temporary Closure of St Wistan's and liaison with Oadby and Wigston Borough Council regarding possible future use.
- Church Room Heating

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith is a Foundation Governor at All Saints CofE Primary School, Wigston. The Rector leads Collective Worship in the school on a regular basis as well as visiting on other occasions. The School normally holds end of term services in All Saints Church three times a year. Groups from other local schools have visited the church

regularly. Normally several schools hold carol services in All Saints during December, but sadly this wasn't possible this year due to lockdown.

Throughout 2020 we have tried to offer a range of worship within our Inclusive Catholic tradition. While the Church had to be closed for public worship due to Covid-19 restrictions, alternative worship was offered on line (recorded services on 'You Tube', live Services on 'Zoom') with pointers to other on-line resources, and printed resources for each Sunday were posted out to those parishioners who were believed or known to be without internet access.

A Lent Course was begun on Wednesday afternoons, but had to be abandoned due to lockdown.

In July 2020 our second Wigston Benefice weekend residential Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk also had to be postponed until the equivalent dates in 2021.

The monthly service at Amberwood was replaced during the year by some on-line services, but sadly these were often marred by technical difficulties. On line or video-recorded school assemblies ('Collective Worship') have worked well, however, and now take place on a weekly basis. Our Benefice website has been maintained and a 'webmaster' keeps the event pages and Calendar up to date and a Facebook page has also been maintained.

RECTOR'S REPORT

To say that 2020 was a difficult year for everyone would be an understatement. Covid-19 and the resulting regulations were highly disruptive to the life of the church. Nevertheless, it was entirely right that the safety of worshippers (many of whom, in our case, are quite elderly and vulnerable) should be of paramount concern to those making decisions about worship and the temporary closure of churches at both national and local level.

As indicated above, for most people, worship had to be homebased for much of the year, and we had to use a mix of on-line resources (some national but most 'home-produced') and printed materials to enable people to still feel part of the worshipping community. As one would expect, this involved quite a steep learning-curve for all concerned, but confidence and competence grew steadily on all sides over the year.

As we emerge from lockdown, in common with other churches and many other organisations, we will need to review what has worked well in this new and challenging environment and what new practices we might wish to continue into the future as we emerge into what has been called 'hybrid church' – a combination of traditional 'in person' worship and on-line activity. ('Attendance at 'Zoom' Morning and Evening Prayer from Monday to Friday is often now three or four times what it was when held in church, and people seem to appreciate the opportunity to join in this daily round of prayer without having to leave home.)

Again, as with other bodies, the Church has taken a significant financial 'hit' as a result of Covid. This, coupled with some of the other challenges to which the pandemic has given rise, means that issues that would need to be considered in the next five or ten years have become all the more pressing for the Church at national, diocesan and benefice level. In Leicester this has resulted in the launch of the new initiative, 'Shaped by God Together' that will review and re-shape our approaches to ministry, buildings and finance. It is inevitable that this will result in significant changes, but I would encourage everyone to approach this in a positive and open-minded spirit and, of course, to take an active part wherever possible in the discussions around these issues.

A further unfortunate casualty of the lockdown was the planned 'St Wistan's Festival' scheduled to take place in June 2020. This would have not only been a major event for both church and community, but it was intended to be the 'springboard' for consultations with the public about St Wistan's Church and its future use.

Although technically beyond the period covered by this report, when it became clear that the Festival would have to be cancelled yet again in 2021, I decided in consultation with the diocese that a small-scale information and consultation event would instead be held here at All Saints on Saturday 22nd May 2021. In parallel with this, the diocese has agreed to move forward in the legal process that will decide the future of the building. I am hopeful that the matter will be with the Church Commissioners from September 2021, but at the moment it's unclear how quickly they are processing 'Pastoral Schemes' and whether there is a backlog. In the meantime there is a lot of local interest in hopefully repairing and saving the building and exploring potential future uses, but this is a community project and separate from the PCC's decision to explore permanent closure. Whilst I'm sure we will want to work with the community in any initiatives that may emerge, we need to be quite clear that we will not be responsible for 'driving' this process or playing a key role in fundraising.

As always, I would like to thank my colleagues Fr Chris and Julie Chaplin for their respective ministries, their friendship and unstinting support, along with our Churchwardens, Patrick and Winsum and all members of the PCC.

It has been good in the past year to be able to welcome Fr Nick Baker as Curate and Paul Betts as a Contextual-based Ordinand on placement here for his final year of training. We now look forward to Paul also remaining with us as Curate from July onwards. I count myself as very fortunate to be surrounded by such a gifted, diverse and affable team.

So, although it has been a difficult year, good things have happened, and there are signs of interesting (if challenging) times ahead, but we move into God's future recognising that he alone is changeless, and trusting in his unfailing love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Trevor

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Each year we are required to review and report to the APCM what tasks are outstanding or not fully implemented in relation to our work with children and young people and vulnerable adults.

These are:

- To ensure that copies of the latest policies and the Pocket Guide to Safeguarding are made available to volunteers.
- To ensure that volunteers undergo safeguarding training, including instruction on what to do if they receive information or have concerns about possible abuse. This should be renewed and updated as required.
- To ensure that volunteers and staff are aware of the expectations upon them, particularly in relation to social media and the use of text messaging with those under 18.
- To complete and update risk assessments for activities and to ensure that adequate insurance is in place for them.
- To clarify our first aid needs and to train volunteers as appropriate.
- To continue to ensure that consent forms for under 18s and contact details for volunteers are in place and up to date.
- To be sure that confidential details are kept securely and where they need to be shared are done so according to correct procedure and are GDPR compliant.

Ongoing matters will be monitored as appropriate. Other matters will be implemented over the next few months by church officers and the clergy.

Fr Trevor

All Saints Receipts and Payments Accounts to the Year Ended 31.12.19

Receipts and Payments

Receipts

	General fund	Restricted fund Roof Lights	Restricted fund Ordinands	Restricted fund Sound system	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
Personal Giving						
Personal Standing Order Giving	11,230.36				11,230.36	5,954.00
Bequeaths/Legacies	0.00				0.00	158,347.46
GA Envelopes; to buy	0.00				0.00	49.11
Publications	0.00				0.00	30.00
Candles	86.26				86.26	126.64
Donations	2,047.23				2,047.23	2,896.91
Donations	0.00				0.00	650.00
Ordinands Sponsor	0.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	2,510.20
	13,363.85	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	14,563.85	170,564.32
Collective Giving						
Offertory Collections	12,245.44				12,245.44	13,429.51
Gift Aid Received	4,907.24				4,907.24	17,276.23
Donations	116.00				116.00	151.96
Grants Received	-50.00				-50.00	0.00
Grants Received	1,000.00				1,000.00	0.00
	18,218.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,218.68	30,857.70
Other Income						
Church Room Income	4,761.28				4,761.28	3,670.05
Fund Raising	0.00				0.00	265.45
Weddings	5,570.50				5,570.50	3,896.00
Funerals	4,940.00				4,940.00	8,677.00
Roof light donations		240.00			240.00	0.00
Tax VAT refunds	0.00				0.00	1,205.90
Coffee mornings	1,470.14				1,470.14	1,345.54
Bank's error/movements	0.00				0.00	1,039.88
Special Events/Away days Restricted	1,600.00				1,600.00	0.00
Bank interest	225.69		0.10	3.20	228.99	0.00
Insurance claim	1,949.60				1,949.60	0.00
Grants received					0.00	1,400.00
Leics Diocese					0.00	225.00
Armistice Poppy week					0.00	1,491.82
	20,517.21	240.00	0.10	3.20	20,760.51	23,216.64
Total Receipts	52,099.74	240.00	1,200.10	3.20	53,543.04	224,638.66

	General fund	Restricted fund Roof Lights	Restricted fund Ordinands	Restricted fund Sound system	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
Payments						
Suppliers						
Photocopier	2,716.71				2,716.71	5,850.17
Utilities	5,176.17	240.00			5,416.17	7,949.76
Smiths (Clocks)	0.00				0.00	249.60
Chubb Security	5,265.73				5,265.73	424.86
Viking Direct (Stationery/consumables)	49.46				49.46	260.90
E-Bound AVX Ltd - Alarms	819.18				819.18	145.46
Redemptorist Publications	216.26				216.26	289.40
Website charges	230.00				230.00	266.00
Licences (Music Aud, vid, includes 201	236.30				236.30	658.08
Bank charges/errors	0.00				0.00	123.50
Insurances	12,515.19				12,515.19	8,744.68
Gift Aid envelopes	288.58				288.58	0.00
Plumbing/Heating	220.00				220.00	0.00
Electricians	1,891.40				1,891.40	0.00
Organ Tuner	452.40				452.40	0.00
Christian Resources (candles etc)	68.25				68.25	1,615.66
Carpenter	75.00				75.00	0.00
In Shape magazine	20.00				20.00	0.00
	30,240.63	240.00	0.00	0.00	30,480.63	26,578.07
Church Administration						
Candles Purchased	1,000.68				1,000.68	0.00
Fundraising costs	0.00				0.00	349.42
Church Maintenance	5,264.91			48.99	5,313.90	4,824.01
Church Rooms Maintenance	13,765.29				13,765.29	481.87
Diocesan fees	5,988.94				5,988.94	4,157.60
Parish Gift	20,000.00				20,000.00	15,000.00
RSCM Subs	140.00				140.00	137.00
Special events/away days	3,104.00				3,104.00	0.00
Charities/Mission	389.00				389.00	0.00
Refund (wedding)	0.00				0.00	100.00
Contribution to Deanery	20.00				20.00	0.00
Charity donations given					0.00	1,491.30
Digital piano					0.00	579.00
Armistice Poppy event					0.00	200.00
	49,672.82	0.00	0.00	48.99	49,721.81	27,320.20
Personnel						
Architect	0.00				0.00	8,178.00
Bell Ringers remuneration	435.00				435.00	690.00
Church room cleaner	1,196.84				1,196.84	1,101.78
Clergy/Readers fees + expenses	3,001.99				3,001.99	4,556.24
Auditor	60.00				60.00	60.00
Organist fee	3,045.00				3,045.00	3,915.00
Reimbursements	0.00				0.00	468.90
Verger remuneration	900.00				900.00	1,020.00
Ordinands exps (Sponsored)	489.76		1,201.23		1,690.99	3,494.24
	9,128.59	0.00	1,201.23	0.00	10,329.82	23,484.16
Total Payments	89,042.04	240.00	1,201.23	48.99	90,532.26	77,382.43
Surplus/(Deficit)	-36,942.30	0.00	-1.13	-45.79	-36,989.22	147,256.23
Transfers between funds	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds at 01.01.19	158,299.98	0.00	1.13	1,639.08	159,940.19	12,683.96
Movement in the year	-36,942.30	0.00	-1.13	-45.79	-36,989.22	147,256.23
Total funds at 31.12.19	121,357.68	0.00	0.00	1,593.29	122,950.97	159,940.19
					0.00	

Agreed to bank statement

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash

Cash at bank	122,950.97
Petty cash	
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	122,950.97

Funds

General fund	121,357.68
Restricted fund - Lights	0.00
Restricted fund - Ordinands	0.00
Restricted fund - Sound System	1,593.29
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	122,950.97

Other assets

Pending tax reclaim - General Fund	Gift Aid =	£	1,659.62
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Liabilities

RSCM Subscription	£143.00	Paid in January 2020
LOROS donation	£169.68	Banked in 2019 but paid out in 2020
Organist and cleaning	£436.78	Paid in January 2020

Notes

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the R&P basis.
- 2) The assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities;
 - a. All moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC which will require a faculty for disposal.
 - b. All items of sacristy and decoration which have a historical or intrinsic value above a nominal £1.
- 3) No remunerations were made to members in connection to their trustee role on the PCC.
- 4) A new restricted fund was created in the year - the roof light fund. For a fee of £12.50 a week, donors can pay for the steeple to be illuminated to remember a loved one

SJA Warden

PCC Treasurer.

31-3-2020

Mrs Caroline Wademan
8 Heards Close
Wigston
Leicester
LE18 3SW
6th March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you after completing an Independent Examination of the financial statements of Wigston Magna PCC.

The treasurer had a good system for finding expenses and everything was filed in an orderly manner. Cash takings were banked regularly and analysed out well. The day to day bookkeeping job was being done well.

However, the statement of accounts given to me did not agree back to the bank statements so were in essence a list of receipts and payments.

After some work between myself and the treasurer, a set of financial statements was produced that agrees back to the bank statements. I have no concerns that anything untoward has taken place I just think that the treasurer needed some more support to produce a set of accounts.

The total receipts were £54k and the total payments were £91k (leaving a deficit of £37k) and therefore I would suggest whether a simple church accounting package should be bought? Maybe this is something the treasurer can discuss with John Orridge? He will have a better idea as to whether other churches of a similar size, use an accounting package and whether it would be suitable for your needs.

One concern I would like to specifically mention is the practice I noted of signing blank cheques. PCC cheques require 2 or 3 signatures and if cheques are pre signed then this control is not in place. This practice must cease and the financial controls should be reviewed as soon as possible.

The treasurer and I have arranged to spend some time setting up 2020 so that an accurate set of accounts can be produced for next year's Independent Examination.

I have enjoyed having an insight into the life of All Saints and hope that I have been some help.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Caroline Wademan

Mr Geoffrey Warner
Independent Examiner of Finances
For Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council

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