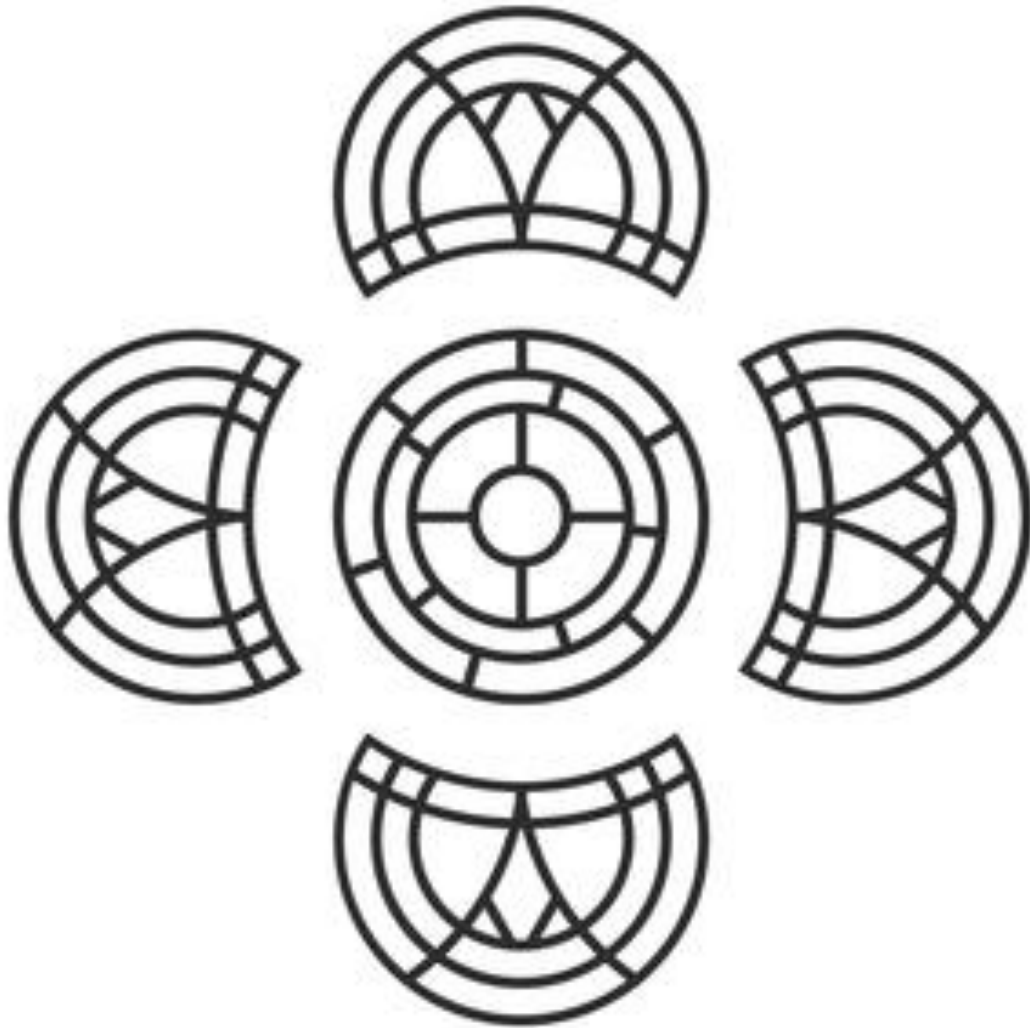


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# St Saviour Wendell Park, W12

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## Annual Report 2021-22

APCM on 29 May 2022

ST SAVIOUR WENDELL PARK  
COBBOLD ROAD, LONDON W12 9LN

ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022  
AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**Administrative information**

Vicar: The Rev'd Chris Lee

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity and has now been registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity number 1177239). PCC members who have served from March 2021 until the date this report was submitted are:

Rev'd Chris Lee *	Vicar
Simon Jenkins *	Churchwarden
Johnny Wright (Apr-Nov) *	Churchwarden
Andy Brierley (Jan-Mar) *	Churchwarden
Lauren McKenna	Children and Families Worker
Eva Jeffrey *	Secretary
Elea Huston *	Treasurer
Astrid Wilson	Deanery Synod Representative
Carlene Fantuzzi	
Roey Jenkins	
Lizzie Kendal	
James Mullaly	
Katie Sayles	

\* member of the Standing Committee

Safeguarding Officers: Lizzie Kendal and Eva Leung

Electoral Roll Officer: Deborah Down

Acting Children's Champion: Lauren McKenna

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## INTRODUCTION

In this document the Parochial Church Council presents its annual report for the 12 months since the last APCM report. This last year has been one of recovery and rediscovery for the world and for our church. Chris Lee has now been with the parish for seven years and continues to lead us well through these interesting times. With the pandemic slowly lifting, we went back into our church space following an extended period online. We learnt a lot in this time about our worship and our commitment to Christ and to St Saviour's Church. We want to thank all our church members, as well as those who have given time and service, in supporting not only our church but our whole parish in these last 12 months.

## 1. VICAR'S REPORT

### The church

**1.1 Return to physical church** – We have successfully returned to our church building following the lifting of lockdown rules. Our return prioritised the safety of the congregation, at first having communion only once a month and in one kind, not sharing the peace and wearing masks in church. We have now returned to a completely normal service style while still respecting those who wish to wear masks or maintain a degree of distance while in church. We have communion every week now unless we have a baptism, and we receive in both kinds. We have only one service at 10am and integrate a liturgical style with a more open, charismatic style. We are still finding our identity as a church since returning, but we are holding both a sacramental and a charismatic attitude.

Our return to the building has led to a lot of letting go and picking up of practices which can put an increased stress on our teams. Special thanks go to our Churchwarden Simon Jenkins and our Children and Families Worker Lauren McKenna, who have risen to the challenge in a sterling way.

**1.2 Worship team** – Led by Grace Park, our worship team has been amazing, moving out of the pandemic and Zoom into live, in-person worship in an exceptional way. We are so blessed to have such a great team, which is growing. We want to give a huge thank you to all members of the worship team in their commitment to meet and practise each week, and their continued efforts to lead our sung worship and bless our church community.

**1.3 Zoom services** – During a good proportion of the year, we continued weekly worship via services conducted on the Zoom online video platform. We saw good numbers each week, including regular attendance by people outside our local community, in places as far afield as Germany, France, Lebanon and Brazil. After resuming physical worship in the church building, we attempted to run a hybrid service, which involved live streaming during worship. But sadly, technical issues, as well as lack of human resources, meant that we had to discontinue the live stream. We were

reluctant to do this, since it meant losing touch with our extended Zoom congregation, but we have committed ourselves to concentrating on in-person, local community.

**1.4 Tuesday morning prayer** – has been replaced with Tuesday evening Compline. This is an opportunity to have some silence and stillness in a busy week and a loud city. The service, which has seen good numbers, runs from 7.45 to 8.15pm.

**1.5 Young Franciscans** – The Young Franciscans group still meets on a Monday, but since returning from sabbatical, Chris felt that leading the group on top of his other ministries was too much. Paul Alexander, a friend of Chris and a founding member of the Young Franciscans, has agreed to host and lead going forward.

**1.6. Home groups** – We started running home groups at the beginning of the year. The impetus for this was the desire to have more opportunities for personal growth, and to develop smaller, more intimate communities within the overall community of St Saviour's. We currently have five home groups. The groups run independently of each other, and have developed their own ways of doing community and growing in faith.

**1.7 Helping Hand Fund** – St Saviour's is at the heart of Wendell Park, and looks to be a source of blessing to the wider community. Some 12,000 people live in the parish, and due to the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, many have found themselves out of jobs and entering into a greater level of poverty. The Helping Hand Fund has raised thousands of pounds, and we want to thank the many generous donors who have contributed. See our accounts for more information. The money has come in and gone out to various sources.

### **My other work**

**1.8 Writing and social media** – I am currently working on two books with Jenny, which will be produced by Tyndale Publishing House, based in the US. I'm grateful to St Saviour's for supporting my social media and writing projects, while appreciating my rootedness in our church.

**1.9 Sabbatical** – I had a sabbatical this year (February to April) as I had been in ministry for 10 years. I was ordained deacon in 2007 and priest in 2011. During my time away, the church was led by Simon Jenkins, Churchwarden, and Cheryl Freeman, curate of St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush. A massive thank you must go to both of them for the hard work and commitment they showed the church in these three months.

*Revd Chris Lee*

*Vicar, St Saviour's, Wendell Park*

## **2. JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT**

Since the last APCM in March 2021, there have been a few developments to the children's ministry at St Saviours Church. We have officially changed the name of the children's ministry to 'kids church' and have fully reverted to sessions back in church.

## 2.1 Kids church Sunday services

Due to numbers of both children and volunteers for kids' team we have been forming as one group, using the church hall as a base. Our team currently consists of 4 teachers and 5 volunteer helpers. We begin our service with children in the main church for the initial prayer and first worship song that is aimed towards children. After this we move through into the hall for our sessions.

## 2.2 Planning

2021

2022

Unit 4 God Loves Us

Unit 5 Who were the prophets

Unit 6 Pre Advent

Unit 7 Christmas

Unit 1 - Life of Jesus

Unit 2 - Miracles of Jesus

Unit 3 - Easter

Unit 4 - Jesus' disciples

Since the last APCM we have learnt lots in kids' church. Our planning structure is continually evolving as the children grow spiritually and in understanding.

		Date	Teacher	Topic: <b>Jesus' Disciples: Thomas</b>
STP	Week 4	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Lizzie	<b>Teaching questions:</b> Who were the disciples? Who followed Jesus?
	<b>Scripture</b> John 20: 25-29		<b>Key Skill</b> Inquisitive	<b>Game</b> Who am I game (ch guess what they are by asking Qs)
Kids Service	Worship		Lesson Input Structure	Response + Prayer Chill/Play
Notes	Kids Worship Song		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get ready to worship and prayer</li> <li>Read/Tell story</li> <li>Talk out loud about the story – what is the message that we are told? (Thomas asked lots of questions and Jesus answered all of them. What questions would like to ask God?)</li> <li>Allow opportunities for children to ask questions about the story throughout.</li> <li>Record comments/questions on whiteboard.</li> </ul>	Prayers: JOY (Jesus, Others, You)  Choices include:  Lego Games Reading Arts/crafts

This new planning template gives structure to the session but allows the teacher to have some flexibility with the activity.

There is more focus on scripture with each story having a key skill linked with the teaching question.

## 2.3 Special events

We have provided some special events for children since the last APCM. These included our annual light party, Christingle and Eastingle. A huge thanks to the kids' team, worship team and other members of the congregation that have been involved in these events. Our Eastingle service had low numbers of children but everyone in attendance enjoyed the service and feedback on the content was good.

*Lauren McKenna*  
*Children and Families Worker*

### **3. CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

#### **3.1 The church fabric**

The Churchwardens, ably assisted by our Administrator, Yew Ming, have worked to ensure that the church property and our operating systems are in all good order, and that when repairs are needed (e.g. water leaks and breakages), they happen quickly and satisfactorily. We believe this has been achieved throughout the past 12 months.

All our usual mandatory inspections and servicing, including gas boilers, fire extinguishers, the roof and gutters, and portable electrical appliances, have been completed.

#### **3.2 Quinquennial Inspection**

Early in the year (April 2021), our church building and grounds had their Quinquennial ('five-yearly') Inspection to check their condition and establish any repairs needed. We were very pleased when St Saviour's passed the inspection without any issues of substance requiring follow up.

#### **3.3 Parish Secretary and Church Administrator**

Yew Ming, our new Parish Secretary and Church Administrator, started working for us in December when our previous administrator, Judaline Goon, retired. Ming was especially helpful during Chris's sabbatical, which required a lot of teamwork, attention to detail, and coordination of church groups. We'd like to thank her for her patience, good sense, and hard work during this time.

#### **3.4 The Upper Room lease**

During the year, we agreed a renewed lease with The Upper Room, which will cover the next 12 years. We're very grateful to Simon Tuke and the trustees for all the work they put into making this possible, and we're very pleased to renew our commitment to and relationship with The Upper Room and the essential work they do.

#### **3.5 Communications**

During the year, we've continued to send out our weekly email newsletter via the Mailchimp platform. The emails include details of services and kids' church, plus news and special events. New people joined the mailing list throughout the year, which currently numbers 238 subscribers. We have also maintained our WhatsApp group, SSWP Connect, for chat, news, prayer, and Zoom links. The group currently has 75 participants.

#### **3.6 Donkey Sunday**

With the relaxing of some Covid restrictions in May 2021, we were able to hold a Donkey Sunday in Wendell Park at half term, on 30 May. This was brilliantly organised, as with our previous community events, by Johnny Wright, and was very well attended by local families on a very sunny and hot day.

### **3.7 GDPR issue**

Early in May, we encountered a GDPR problem when our online email account sent a number of emails received by our Administrator to a limited number of church members and church contacts. With the help of our IT consultant, we were able to contain the problem, and contacted those whose data had been shared. We have since replaced the office computer with a newer laptop and upgraded our email and virus software.

### **3.8 Thank you**

We would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the following, in no particular order:

To Johnny Wright, who stepped down as Churchwarden in November. We are hugely grateful to Johnny for the big things he organised, including the community events in Wendell Park, the renewal of The Upper Room lease, and handling the Quinquennial Inspection, but also for the detailed, unglamorous work of looking after the nuts and bolts of the church for several years.

To Jenny Lee, who expertly covered for our Administrator during the year when she was on leave, and also for the marvels she's worked on the new church garden, which looks so brilliant at the moment.

To everyone who helps make Sundays happen at St Saviour's – our welcome team, those who do readings and prayers, everyone who helps provide coffee and tea, and our tech team, who look after sound and vision during services, and who also worked hard during the year to stream our services. Chris has already thanked our worship team, but a big thank you from us, too!

To Lizzie Kendal and Eva Jeffrey for their critically important work in safeguarding, especially during the time when we were streaming services. And to Deborah Down for looking after the electoral roll.

To Elea Huston, for being our quietly efficient treasurer during the year, for looking after our books and keeping the wheels turning. We're so grateful to Elea for looking after this essential side of the life of St Saviour's, and giving so much time and commitment to it.

To Lauren McKenna, for all the creative work she's put into kids' church this year, and for everyone who has helped in the children's team during the year. We are so grateful to have Lauren's educational gifts at the service of the church, and for the way she has found great ways to integrate the children into our services.

And finally, to Chris, our Vicar, for his positive, pastoral and inspiring leadership, and for leading us in such a flexible and innovative way through an often-challenging year. We feel very blessed by God in Chris's ministry, for the way he has enabled St Saviour's to flourish as a worshipping community, and for the way he sets the tone for us to be a welcoming and positive presence in Wendell Park.

*Simon Jenkins and Andy Brierley*  
*Churchwardens, St Saviour's, Wendell Park*



## 4. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The electoral roll is like a membership list for St Saviour's and carries with it the entitlement to vote at the APCM. After this annual meeting, we have to tell the Church of England the number on the roll.

Although we do publicise about joining the roll in the lead-up to the annual meeting, members can join at any time. Anyone who lives in the parish, or who has been worshipping with St Saviour's for six months, is welcome to contact me on [Deborah.down@btinternet.com](mailto:Deborah.down@btinternet.com) to be added to the roll. I can also advise people on whether or not they live in the parish – although it makes no difference to St Saviour's whether you do or not, it is just something that we have to include in our return to the Church of England!

Last year there were 76 members on the roll, and this year we have grown to 79. While this sounds modest, we do in fact have 11 new members, while eight people have moved away. Of the 79, 44 live in the parish and 35 outside the parish. We offer a big welcome to the new members.

A lot of church members have moved house in the last year. If this applies to you, I'd appreciated it if you would let me know your current address, so I can update the electoral roll.

*Deborah Down*  
*Electoral Roll Officer*

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2021**

### **St Saviour Wendell Park Cobbold Road London. W12 9LN**

#### **Financial accounts held:**

1. CBF Church of England Deposit Fund  
deposit rate at December 2021: 0.04% AER
2. Current Account  
HSBC, 281 Chiswick High Road, W4 4HJ
3. Paypal Account

Treasurer:  
Elea Huston

Independent Examiner:  
Anthony Simkin FCA

#### **2021 Accounts**

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**Balance Sheet at 31st December 2021**

	Notes	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
<b>Current Assets</b>			
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		15,602	15,595
GBP PayPal Account		1,398	5,822
HSBC Main Bank Account		81,911	75,377
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments		451	4,035
		<u>99,362</u>	<u>100,829</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Church halls, 57% of total buildings insured		6,372,600	6,372,600
Computer Equipment		944	1,350
Fixtures and Fittings		948	1,077
Music Instruments		759	759
		<u>6,375,251</u>	<u>6,375,786</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry Creditors & accruals		3,034	1,211
		<u>3,034</u>	<u>1,211</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		97,795	90,949
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>6,473,046</b></u>	<u><b>6,466,735</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		87016	85,839
Designated Funds		10550	10,550
Restricted Funds		7746	7,473
Church Halls		6372600	6,372,600
Sub-total		<u>6,477,912</u>	<u>6,476,462</u>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
None			
<b>Totals</b>		<u><b>6,477,912</b></u>	<u><b>6,476,462</b></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on:

and signed on its behalf by:

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 Mr Andrew Brierley (Churchwarden)

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 Mr Simon Jenkins (Churchwarden)

The notes on pages D to I form part of these accounts

**Statement of Financial Activities****For the Year ended 31st December 2021**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
					<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Incoming resources from donors		50,713	-	-	50,713	68,429
Other voluntary incoming resources		-		-	0	1,607
Income from charitable & ancillary trading		60,883	-	-	60,883	49,826
Other ordinary incoming resources		6,939	-	-	6,939	2,851
Income from investments		7	-	-	7	66
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>118,542</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,542</b>	<b>122,779</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>						
Donations to missions & good causes		4,753		-	4,753	3,239.00
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church		97,830	-	-	97,830	105,386
Church management & administration		18,864	-	-	18,864	12,977
<b>Total Resources Used</b>		<b>121,447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,447</b>	<b>121,602</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure (before transfers)</b>		<b>-2,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2,904</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers	<b>2a</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure (after transfers)</b>		<b>-2,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2,904</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Balance as at 1st January 2021</b>		<b>87,017</b>	<b>7,473</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>105,040</b>	
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2021</b>		<b>84,113</b>	<b>264*</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>94,663</b>	

\*Excludes Helping Hand Fund

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended 31st December 2021**

**Note 2a: Designated Funds**

**Analysis by Fund**

	Patronal Collection £	Capital Contingency £	New Priest Fund £	Vestments £	Total £
Balance as at 1st January	-	10,000	-	550	10,550
Donations/Income		-			-
Less: Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31st December</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>10,550</b>

"Designated Funds" are those whose use is designated by the PCC.

**Note 2b: Restricted Funds**

**Analysis by Fund**

	Helping Hand Fund	Worship Space £	Vicar's Discretionary £
Balance as at 1st January	7,209	-	264
Donations/Income	2,023	-	-
Less: Expenditure	1,749	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31st December</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>264</b>

"Restricted Funds" are those whose use is restricted by the donor.

"Helping Hand Fund" income and expenses are recognised in the year which the money is spent.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year ended 31st December 2021

#### Note 3: Fixed Assets

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>
<b>Gross Book Value</b>	
At 1 January	3,107
Additions	-
Total	<u>3,107</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January	1,380
Charge for the year	377
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<u>1,350</u>
	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>
<b>Gross Book Value</b>	
At 1 January	11,978
Additions	-
Total	<u>11,978</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January	9,135
Charge for the year	1,766
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<u>1,077</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year ended 31st December 2021

#### Note 3: Fixed Assets (Cont.)

	Music Instruments
<b>Gross Book Value</b>	
At 1 January	920
Additions	
Total	<u>920</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January	69
Charge for the year	92
Net Book Value	<u>759</u>

#### Note 4: Insurance for St Saviour Wendell Park, Cobbold Road

This consecrated property, ie the worship area, is excluded from these financial statements by virtue of Section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act.

The church buildings, including the three halls, and contents are 100% insured for: £ 11,180,000

The value, for insurance purposes, of the three halls is included on page B, the Balance Sheet.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31st December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds 2021    2020 £        £	
Note 5:						
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>						
<b>Planned giving:</b>	<b>5a</b>					
Stewardship		35,380	-	-	35,380	34,550
Gift Aid recovered on donations		3,267	-	-	3,267	13,178
<b>Collections at all services</b>						
Offertory, Baptisms & Weddings		2,407	-	-	2,407	1,185
Special Offerings		-	-	-	-	-
Donations		9,659	-	-	9,659	19,516
		<b>50,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,713</b>	<b>68,429</b>
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>	<b>5b</b>					
Special Fundraising		-	-	-	0	1,607
		<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,607</b>
<b>Income from charitable &amp; ancillary trading</b>	<b>5c</b>					
Fees		275	-	-	275	45
Church Hall lettings		60,608	-	-	60,608	49,781
		<b>60,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,883</b>	<b>49,826</b>
<b>Other ordinary incoming resources</b>	<b>5d</b>					
Church lettings		6,939	-	-	6,939	2,088
Church activity fees		-	-	-	0	614
Insurance claims		-	-	-	0	149
		<b>6,939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>2,851</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>	<b>5e</b>					
Dividends & Interest		7	-	-	7	66
		<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>118,542</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,542</b>	<b>122,779</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31st December 2021

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 2021	2020
Note 6:	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Resources Used</b>					
<b>Donations</b>	<b>6a</b>				
Special Offerings	-	-	-	-	-
Overseas	-	-	-	-	-
Home	4,417		-	4,417	3,239.00
	<b>4,417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>3,239.00</b>
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church Ministry:</b>	<b>6b</b>				
Diocesan quota	59,700	-	-	59,700	59,911
Depreciation	2,770	-	-	2,770	2,506
Church Activities	513	-	-	513	
Priest	491	-	-	491	1,256
Bann Fees	-	-	-	-	-
New Priest Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sacristy	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Church	99	-	-	99	8,981
Music	499	-	-	499	630
Hospitality/Mission	383	-	-	383	219
Utilities/Cleaning	8,936	-	-	8,936	6,170
Repairs	9,423	-	-	9,423	14,448
Church Hall outgoings		-	-	0	11,256
	<b>82,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>105,377</b>
<b>Church management &amp; administration</b>	<b>6c</b>				
<b>Administration:</b>					
Office Costs	21,404	-	-	21,404	7,271
Major equipment and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4,315	-	-	4,315	3,374
Miscellaneous	8,497	-	-	8,497	2,332
	<b>34,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,216</b>	<b>12,977</b>
<b>Total Resources Used</b>	<b>121,447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,447</b>	<b>118,354</b>
<b>Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>-2,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2,905</b>	<b>4,424</b>
<b>Resources used:</b>	<b>£</b>				
Resources used is stated after charging:	<b>6d</b>				
Remuneration to Independent Examiner	zero				
Reimbursement of expenses to members for travel, subsistence or out-of-pocket expenses	zero				

Note: The salary and on-costs for our Parish Administrator are split within 6c: "Office Costs" and 6b: "Church Hall Outgoings".

**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the PCC of St Saviour Wendell Park**

**LDF 08/20**

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021  
as set out on pages A to I

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

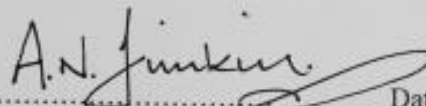
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and so consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 20 May 2022

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## 6. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, Deanery Synod began to have meetings in person and not on Zoom. This started with the meeting in September.

As usual, all of the meetings raised and discussed important issues. One of the most interesting was the meeting held in July. This was on the subject of institutional racism. A penetrating presentation was given by the Rev'd Denis Adide of St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush. We then broke up into groups to discuss this problem.

The meeting in November, held at St Matthew's, Fulham, was on the subject of safe families. Here the presentation was made by representatives from the charity Safe Families ([safefamilies.uk](http://safefamilies.uk)). We were given detailed examples of the many problems existing in families and then we were shown the very real help that the volunteers in the charity provided.

The most recent meeting was held in February in Holy Innocents, Paddenswick Road. This was of particular interest. It was on the subject of mental health and in particular mental health as impacted on by the pandemic. It also addressed the issue of stress in leadership. The presentation was made by the Rev'd Will Van Der Hart, Associate Vicar of St Dionysus. He is one of the directors of The Mind and Soul Foundation ([mindandsoulfoundation.org](http://mindandsoulfoundation.org)), a unique organisation in that it encompasses a priest as well as a number of psychiatrists.

As usual, we were given reports on finance and the Common Fund.

*Astrid Wilson*

*Deanery Synod Representative*

## 7. THE UPPER ROOM REPORT

With the pandemic continuing, it was another challenging year for The Upper Room, but one that we weathered remarkably well, thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers, and the support of funders and the local community – St Saviour's of course being one of the most vital elements.

Fluctuating regulations around lockdowns kept us on our toes, continually reviewing and adapting our modus operandi. UR4Meals has now moved to a mix of serving meals inside the building and takeaways, with meal service times extended through the afternoon. Whilst this creates more work for our staff, and in particular the chef, it does have the benefit of allowing us more one-to-one time with individual guests.

UR4Driving is offering a mix of online and in-person training. The exciting development at the start of this year was the launch of our satellite UR4Driving project in Croydon, which represents the first step in our ambition to make the programme more widely available. Early indications are that the Croydon operation is going well.

UR4Jobs continues to be highly regarded and very popular, offering a range of bespoke services to our clients.

Finally, UR4Counselling remains in high demand, with a noticeable increase in the seriousness of the challenges people are facing in their lives, due mostly to the pandemic.

At this stage we have not been directly impacted by the war in Ukraine, but we are standing by for knock-on effects that this may bring.

We said farewell to our Chief Executive Nicky Flynn, who has moved to the west country with her husband Jeremy. We are enormously grateful for the tremendous job that Nicky did for The Upper Room during her time with us.

Chris Francis has stepped up to the role of Chief Executive with great aplomb, taking to it as to the manor born.

One event that was able to take place was our Carol Service in December, which was a great success. Many thanks to St Saviour's for letting us use the church for this.

We are delighted that a new, long-term lease has been agreed by St Saviour's and The Upper Room, cementing the long-standing links between the two. I am extremely grateful to Chris, the Churchwardens and the PCC for all their work in making this happen.

With the pandemic apparently starting finally to recede, there is more scope for volunteers to assist us with our work. Volunteers have always been vital to the work of The Upper Room, and it's a uniquely rewarding thing to do. So if you are interested, please do get in touch via our website at:

<https://theupperroom.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>

*Simon Tuke,  
Chair of Trustees, The Upper Room*

## CONCLUSION

The PCC ends this report with a reminder that we are here at St Saviour's Wendell Park to witness to the love of God for all people, and to put into practice the teaching of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.