THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

England & Wales · Charity number 1178660

Details

Other names	ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-06-06
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, prayer and bible study groups. Pastoral work by visiting the sick, bereaved and giving Holy Communion. Teaching Christianity through sermons and school assemblies. Promoting the churches mission by providing and facilitating activities for parents, children and the elderly. Maintaining the church and its church hall for the use of the community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£179,151	£168,014	-	-
2024-12-31	£182,603	£169,516	-	-
2023-12-31	£145,051	£138,497	-	-
2022-12-31	£134,799	£124,246	-	-
2021-12-31	£147,122	£148,479	-	-
2020-12-31	£189,548	£162,470	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexandra Elizabeth Shanks		2026-05-17
Caroline Burke		2022-05-29
Gillian Almond		2022-05-29
Martin Lloyd		2024-05-23
Martyn Shanks		2024-05-26
Rev RACHEL BENNETT		2024-02-22
Rev Thomas James Cotterill		2026-04-28
Rosalind Janice Ashton		2024-05-26

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Accounts

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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ST JOHN THE DIVINE WEST WORTHING



Parish Priest: Vacant

(Assistant Clergy Revd Roger Caswell and Revd Canon Rachel Bennett)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 17 May 2026 at 10.45 am.

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1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Charity also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road. The vicarage is currently tenanted whilst there is no incumbent parish priest and the rental income is payable to the Diocese and not the Charity.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are any licenced clergy, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2025 were:-

Ex Officio Members

The Revd Canon Rachel Bennett- Licensed as Assistant Curate on 22 February 2024

Wardens

Martyn Shanks	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Dorothy Smith	Retired on 23 June 2025

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

Kim Upton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Martin Lloyd	Appointed on 23 May 2024 (also Safeguarding Officer)
Ros Ashton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Dorothy Smith	Retired on 23 June 2025

Elected Members

Gillian Almond	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Mike Chatfield	Appointed on 26 May 2024 died on 5 April 2025
Caroline Burke	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Margaret Borbone	Appointed on 29 May 2022 (Secretary) retired on 11 May 2025

Co-Opted Members- There were no Co-Opted members.

2. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church.

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens have supported and cooperated with the assistant clergy to continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds. The vicarage is tenanted during a time of interregnum of the parish priest. The rental income from the vicarage is payable to the Diocese. The church is a Society Parish which maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

3. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work, we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.

4. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also through fellowship after Sunday services.

Our Parish Clergy team continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our honorary Clergy, servers, sacristans, sidespersons, lay ministers, magazine producers, pew sheets, website and flower arrangers, café team, social committee, work with children and all those who have worked so hard.

5. Review of the year

Prayer & Worship

Although we have been in vacancy for the whole of the year It has been possible to maintain the regular pattern of worship Sunday by Sunday and throughout the week. Numbers have remained consistent.

The clergy have continued to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound week by week.

During Lent, we followed the Diocesan Lent Course studying the Nicene Creed. Stations of the Cross, Mass and Lent Lunch were well attended and the parish giving for Lent was in support of Turning Tides.

During July, along with St Andrew's parish a number of us went on pilgrimage to the Cathedral and people from both churches joined the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham later that month.

Community

We have welcomed children, staff and parents from St John's Preschool and Elm Grove Primary School to celebrate Easter and Christmas, and as usual a leavers' service for the preschool. It is good to see how at home the children feel when they visit the church.

The Congregation

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new worshippers in the course of this year. However, are sad to record the deaths of Mike Chatfield, Greg Biggs and Malcolm Strudwick, for many years faithful members of our parish community. May they rest in peace.

Donations in memory of Mike enabled us to buy two Welcome Mats which have been placed at the North and South doors.

As is reported elsewhere, social events have continued and been well supported.

The future

The churchwardens had a number of meetings with the Archdeacon of Chichester to discuss the shape of future ministry in the parish. Bishop Will presided and preached at the Parish Mass on Sunday 3rd August, and gave us encouragement during this time of vacancy.

Links with St Andrew's

Various services and events throughout the year have continued to strengthen the relationship between our two churches.

Deacon Rachel Bennett

6. Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £69,838 (2024 £103,119). The increase in revenue in 2024 arose because of legacies and other donations.

The expenditure for the year was £77,668 (2024 £86,933), including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £36,000 (2024 £33,000).

St John's church had a deficit in the year of £7,830 mainly as a result of having to replace the hall roof which cost £7,404. This can be compared with a surplus in 2024 of £16,186.

The market value of investments at 31 December 2025 was £26,638 which was a decrease of £1,109 compared to the value at 31 December 2024 of £27,747.

The net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors at 31 December 2025 was £147,758 (2024 £156,697). The reduction in assets of £8,939 being as a result of the deficit in the year of £7,830 plus the decrease in the value of investments of £1,109.

The St John's Preschool results are included in the Charity's consolidated accounts. The Preschool made a surplus in the year of £18,966 (2024 deficit £3,720), after taking into account the hire of the church hall of £6,825.

The Charity's consolidated accounts show that its total assets at 31 December 2025 had increased to £218,292 (2024 £208,265). This increase of £10,027 was made up of the St John's Preschool surplus of £18,966 less the deficit incurred by St John's church of £8,939.

7. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's future needs.

Roof funds-restricted and designated at 31 December 2025

The restricted roof fund is currently at a level whereby it is unlikely that any significant work can be undertaken to completely renew the church roof.

At 31 December 2025 the funds retained for the roof were £49,995 (2024 £42,681 made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £34,086 (2024 £29,265)
- Roof designated £15,909 (2024 £13,416)

Restricted funds at 31 December 2025

At the 31 December 2025 the restricted funds totalled £67,477 (2024 £73,060 made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £34,086 (2024 £29,265)
- Solar panels £11,624 (2024 £10,000)
- Pan Bailey legacy £12,729 (2024 £17,310)
- Specific purpose fund £4,244 (2024 £3,645)
- Children fund £723 (2024 £688)
- Redecoration fund £436 (2024 £415)
- Share revaluation fund £3,635 (2024 £4,745)
- Dividends on shares have been reallocated to the specific restricted funds in the year hence £nil (2024 £2,231)
- Interest on restricted funds has been reallocated to the specific restricted funds in the year hence £nil (2024 £4,761)

Designated funds at 31 December 2025

At the 31 December 2025 the designated funds totalled £24,460 (2024 £24,977 made up as follows:-

- Roof designated fund £15,909 (2024 £13,416)
- Church redevelopment-designated £4,967 (2024 £4,251)
- Hall designated fund £3,391 (2024 £4,921)
- Restoration fund £193 (2024 £nil)
- Interest on designated funds has been reallocated to the specific designated funds in the year, hence £nil (2024 £2,389)

Charity's reserves at 31 December 2025

The Charity's reserves at 31 December 2025 totalled £218,292 (2024 £208,265) made up as follows: -

- Restricted funds of £67,477 (2024 £73,060)
- Designated funds of £24,460 (2024 £24,977)
- Preschool designated funds of £70,534 (2024 £51,568)
- Unrestricted funds of £55,821 (2024 £58,660)

The movements in reserves are shown in more detail within those accounts.

Alan Caperon-Treasurer

St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2025

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document.
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

'To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; parents are being recruited to help as volunteers in the preschool.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2025
(SORP Ref; Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2025 remained strong, with a surplus in the year of £18,966 compared to a deficit of in 2024 of £3,720.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:
- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009 and amended slightly in September 2023 when co-opted governors were introduced.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.

The Governors approved a new policy for the induction of governors in 2023. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

The Preschool relates to:

- The Parochial Church Council- Regular reports are given at PCC meetings and annual accounts are provided. A report is written for the APCM.
- Other Local Early Years Settings-There has sometimes been liaison with other local early years settings.
- Early Years Alliance-An annual membership fee provides access to the EYA website, advice and information.
- West Sussex County Council-Advice and support are received from the Early Years Team.
- Ofsted-An annual registration fee is paid to Ofsted; the Preschool has an Ofsted Designated Person who is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the Ofsted registration are met.

Sally Thompson
Chair of Governors

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

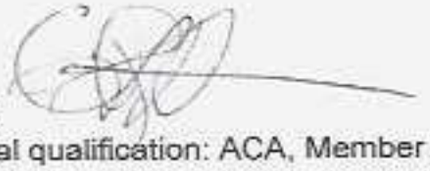
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2025 comply with the requirement to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Preschool.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 accord with the accounting records. The accounts therefore comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.



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Date: 14 April 2026
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2025	Year to 31-Dec-24
INCOMING RESOURCES	General	Designated	Designated Pre school			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
St John The Divine, income						
Planned giving	18,808				18,808	19,540
Other gift aided donations	13,959				13,959	17,361
Other donations including legacies	519			155	674	17,852
Gift aid	3,416				3,416	4,176
Children fund	0				0	688
Donations and legacies total	36,702			155	36,857	59,617
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			113,574		113,574	84,255
Other income for the year			1,476		1,476	492
Other income-interest			1,087		1,087	941
			116,137		116,137	85,688
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals etc	2,519				2,519	2,162
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	2,382	185			2,567	3,999
Insurance claim	0				0	8,020
Parish magazine sales	193				193	150
Hall and church hire	15,730				15,730	10,748
Hall and church hire-pre school	(6,825)				(6,825)	6,825
St Andrew's contributions/Walsingham	1,988				1,988	1,173
100 Club	297				297	321
Flower fund	669				669	769
Polling	0				0	2,150
Sundry income	898	450			1,348	582
Photocopying	120				120	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288				288	288
Catering	768				768	50
VAT recovered on repairs in 2024	971				971	0
Other Fundraising activities total	17,479	635		0	18,114	35,135
Bank and CBF deposit interest	1,770	978		2,005	4,753	5,452
CBF investment fund dividend				771	771	753
Investment income	1,770	978		2,776	5,524	6,205
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	58,470	1,613	116,137	2,931	179,151	181,982

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2025	Year to 31-Dec-24
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,711				1,711	1,809
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	36,000				36,000	33,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	44				44	1,169
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	489				489	1,095
PCC governance costs	401				401	2,151
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**38,645**				**38,645**	**39,224**
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2025			97,171		97,171	89,408
Pre school payments to St John's church			(6,825)		(6,825)	(6,825)
			90,346		**90,346**	**82,583**
Flowers for church	895				895	810
Church insurance	2,467				2,467	2,415
Accountancy and Xero licence	490				490	446
Hall, water, gas, electricity and refuse	3,666				3,666	4,675
Church water, gas and electricity	6,265				6,265	7,581
Hall cleaning	904				904	654
Hall wages	3,176				3,176	3,043
Hall maintenance and repairs	517	552			1,069	2,057
Hall insurance	1,860				1,860	1,812
Hall cooker replacement costs		1,578			1,578	0
Telephone and Internet	808				808	822
Bank charges	172				172	81
Other regular church running costs	506				506	875
Printing and photocopying	1,150				1,150	911
Church maintenance and repairs	3,815				3,815	10,884
Roof repairs				7,404	7,404	2,796
Walsingham	1,772				1,772	60
Subscriptions	232				232	266
Sundries	69				69	0
Advertising and fund raising costs	105				105	0
Cross					0	257
Path					0	2,480
Bike rack					0	149
Statue					0	3,630
Alter fabric					0	385
Depreciation	620				620	620
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**29,489**	**2,130**		**7,404**	**39,023**	**47,709**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**68,134**	**2,130**	**90,346**	**7,404**	**168,014**	**169,516**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2025	Year to 31-Dec-24
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**(9,664)**	**(517)**	**25,791**	**(4,473)**	**11,137**	**12,466**
Revaluation of shares				(1,109)	(1,109)	621
Preschool hall hire	6,825		(6,825)			0
Roundings				(1)	(1)	0
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2025	58,660	24,977	51,568	73,060	208,265	195,178
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	**55,821**	**24,460**	**70,534**	**67,477**	**218,292**	**208,265**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Designated Pre School	Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2025	Total All funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,240		613		1,853	2,200
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	7,344				7,344	3,481
Bank current account-pre school			51,684		51,684	33,996
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,053		40,053	40,053
Cash in hand	123		61		184	72
CBF Deposit fund	35,466	25,737		46,170	107,373	119,169
Children fund					0	666
Cash at bank	42,933	25,737	91,798	46,170	206,638	197,459
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares				26,638	26,638	27,747
Investment assets at market value 31 December 2025				26,638	26,638	27,747
Total assets	44,173	25,737	92,411	72,808	235,129	227,406
DEBTORS						
HMRC	2,187				2,187	2,718
Hall rent	923				923	801
Christmas service donations	444				444	794
Interest	358	261		467	1,086	1,402
Hall prepayment	189				189	0
Flower fund					0	248
Sundry debtors	372		432		804	150
Donations	520				520	0
	4,993	261	432	467	6,153	6,113
CREDITORS						
WSCC and prepaid fees			(14,128)		(14,128)	(20,306)
Accruals	(169)		(3,697)		(3,866)	(2,008)
HMRC					0	(579)
Gas and electricity	(465)				(465)	(974)
Bank charges					0	(17)
Donation from church collection	(42)				(42)	(887)
DAF and EYPP			(4,484)		(4,484)	0
Trade suppliers					0	(483)
Petty cash expenses	(5)				(5)	0
Total liabilities	(681)	0	(22,309)	0	(22,990)	(25,254)
Funds transfers 2025	7,336	(1,538)		(5,798)		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	55,821	24,460	70,534	67,477	218,292	208,265

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	General £	Designated £	Designated Pre School £	Restricted £	Total All funds 2025 £	Total All funds 2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS					55,821	58,660
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	55,821					
DESIGNATED FUNDS						
Roof		15,909			15,909	13,416
Hall fund		3,391			3,391	4,921
Church development fund		4,967			4,967	4,251
Restoration fund		193			193	0
Interest on funds					0	2,389
		24,460			24,460	24,977
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			70,534		70,534	51,568
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				34,086	34,086	29,265
Solar panels				11,624	11,624	10,000
Pam Bailey fund				12,729	12,729	17,310
Redecoration fund				436	436	415
Children fund				723	723	688
Special purpose fund				4,244	4,244	3,645
Interest on funds					0	4,761
Dividends					0	2,231
Share revaluation				3,635	3,635	4,745
				67,477	67,477	73,060
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	55,821	24,460	70,534	67,477	218,292	208,265

ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2025	Total All funds 2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,240			1,240	1,860
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	7,344			7,344	3,461
CBF Deposit fund	35,466	25,737	46,170	107,373	119,169
Cash in hand	123			123	0
Children fund				0	688
	42,933	25,737	46,170	114,840	123,338
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares			26,638	26,638	27,747
Investment assets at market value	0	0	26,638	26,638	27,747
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2025					
TOTAL ASSETS	44,173	25,737	72,808	142,718	152,945
DEBTORS					
HMRC	2,187			2,187	2,718
Hall rent	923			923	801
Christmas service donations	444			444	794
Interest	358	261	467	1,086	1,402
Hall prepayment	189			189	0
Flower fund				0	248
Sundry debtors	372			372	150
Donations	520			520	0
	4,993	261	467	5,721	6,113
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(465)			(465)	(974)
Bank charges				0	(17)
Donation from church collection	(42)			(42)	(887)
Church maintenance	(169)			(169)	(483)
Petty cash	(5)			(5)	0
Total liabilities	(681)	0	0	(681)	(2,361
Funds transfers required	7,336	(1,538)	(5,798)		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	55,821	24,460	67,477	147,758	156,697
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds			67,477	67,477	73,060
Designated funds		24,460		24,460	24,977
Unrestricted funds	55,821			55,821	58,660
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				147,758	156,697

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2025)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Special purpose fund	3,645			599	4,244
Pam Bailey legacy	17,310		(7,404)	2,823	12,729
Solar panels	10,000			1,624	11,624
Roof	29,265	155		4,666	34,086
Children fund	688			35	723
Redecoration fund	415			21	436
Interest received	4,761	2,005		(6,766)	0
Dividend income	2,231	771		(3,002)	0
Revaluation of shares	4,745			(1,109)	3,636
Roundings				(1)	(1)
Total of all restricted funds	**73,060**	**2,931**	**(7,404)**	**(1,110)**	**67,477**
Designated funds					
Roof-designated fund	13,416			2,493	15,909
Hall fund	4,921	450	(2,130)	150	3,391
Church redevelopment-designated fund	4,251			716	4,967
Restoration fund		185		8	193
Interest	2,389	978		(3,367)	0
Total of all designated funds	**24,977**	**1,613**	**(2,130)**	**0**	**24,460**
Total unrestricted funds	**58,660**	**65,295**	**(68,134)**	**0**	**55,821**
Total funds	**156,697**	**69,839**	**(77,668)**	**(1,110)**	**147,758**

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2025	Total All funds 2024
	General	Designated			
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	36,702		155	36,857	59,617
Charitable activities	2,519			2,519	2,162
Other trading activities	21,350	635	0	21,985	30,722
Investments	1,770	978	2,775	5,523	6,205
Other receipts	2,954			2,954	4,413
Total received	**65,295**	**1,613**	**2,930**	**69,838**	**103,119**
Expenditure					
Charitable direct costs	(38,645)			(38,645)	(39,224)
Charity trading costs	(29,489)	(2,130)	(7,404)	(39,023)	(47,709)
Total paid out	**(68,134)**	**(2,130)**	**(7,404)**	**(77,668)**	**(86,933)**
NET EXPENDITURE	**(2,839)**	**(517)**	**(4,474)**	**(7,830)**	**16,186**
Net movement in funds	**(2,839)**	**(517)**	**(4,474)**	**(7,830)**	16,186
Revaluation of shares (see notes)			(1,109)	(1,109)	621
Cash & investments on 1st January 2025	58,660	24,977	73,060	156,697	139,890
Cash and investments on 31st December 2025	**55,821**	**24,460**	**67,477**	**147,758**	**156,697**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2025	Total All funds 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES					
	£	£	£	£	£
St John The Divine, income					
Planned giving	18,806			18,806	19,540
Other gift aided donations	13,959			13,959	17,361
Other donations	519		155	674	17,852
Gift aid	3,416			3,416	4,176
Children fund	0			0	688
Donations and legacies total	**36,702**		**155**	**36,857**	**59,617**
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	**2,519**			**2,519**	**2,162**
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	2,382	185		2,567	3,999
Insurance claim	0			0	8,020
Parish magazine sales	193			193	150
Hall hire	8,905			8,905	10,748
Hall hire preschool	6,825			6,825	6,825
St Andrew's/Walsingham	1,988			1,988	1,173
100 Club	297			297	321
Flower fund	669			669	769
Polling	0			0	2,150
Sundry income	898	450		1,348	582
Photocopying	120			120	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288			288	288
Catering	768			768	50
VAT recovered on repairs in 2024	971			971	0
Other activities total	**24,304**	**635**	**0**	**24,939**	**35,135**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	1,770	978	2,004	4,752	5,452
CBF investment fund dividend			771	771	753
	1,770	**978**	**2,775**	**5,523**	**6,205**
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**65,295**	**1,613**	**2,930**	**69,838**	**103,119**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2025	Total All funds 2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,711			1,711	1,809
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	36,000			36,000	33,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	44			44	1,169
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	489			489	1,095
PCC governance costs	401			401	2,151
Total direct costs	**38,645**			**38,645**	**39,224**
Flowers for church	895			895	810
Church insurance	2,467			2,467	2,415
Accountancy and Xero licence	490			490	446
Hall, water, gas, and electricity	3,666			3,666	4,675
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	6,265			6,265	7,581
Hall cleaning	904			904	3,697
Hall wages	3,176			3,176	0
Hall maintenance and repairs	517	552		1,069	2,057
Hall insurance	1,860			1,860	1,812
Hall Cooker replacement costs		1,578		1,578	0
Telephone and Internet	808			808	822
Bank charges	172			172	81
Other regular church running costs	506			506	875
Printing and photocopying	1,150			1,150	911
Church maintenance and repairs	3,815			3,815	10,884
Roof repairs			7,404	7,404	2,796
Walsingham	1,772			1,772	60
Subscriptions	232			232	266
Sundries	69			69	0
Advertising and fund raising costs	105			105	0
Cross				0	257
Path				0	2,480
Bike rack				0	149
Statue				0	3,630
Alter fabric				0	385
Depreciation	620			620	620
Total indirect costs	**29,489**	**2,130**	**7,404**	**39,023**	**47,709**
Total paid out on all funds	**68,134**	**2,130**	**7,404**	**77,668**	**86,933**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

Income and expenditure account for the year to 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover		
Disability Attendance Funding	0	135
EYPP	3,099	2,136
Funding 2 Years	40,496	19,077
Funding 3/4 Years	50,690	47,519
Inclusion Funding	12,635	4,886
Invoiced Income	6,654	10,554
Total Turnover	**113,574**	**84,307**
Less: Administrative Costs		
Salaries	76,586	72,677
Employers Pensions - Nursery Staff	680	524
Audit & Accountancy fees	180	70
Cleaning and Hygiene Expenses	333	241
Consulting	1,370	630
Costs incurred (Fundraising funds)	234	213
Curriculum Costs	165	91
Donations	0	73
Depreciation Expense	126	0
Entertainment-100% business	106	200
Equipment Replenishment	1,629	459
EY Learning Resources	3,501	2,143
General Expenses	1,737	1,011
Inclusion expenditure	(84)	0
IT Software and Consumables	603	591
Legal Expenses	130	13
Mobile Phone Insurance	48	36
Office and Administration Costs	0	121
Payroll Advisor Fees	581	555
Postage	38	6
Pensions Costs - Administration Staff	0	491
Preschool Insurance	125	726
Printing & Stationery	347	225
Rent	6,825	6,825
Repairs & Maintenance	15	34
Staff Bonus	200	200
Staff Training	1,311	693
Subscriptions	79	0
Telephone & Internet	157	146
Uniform Costs	104	417
Website Maintenance	45	0
Total Administrative Costs	**97,171**	**89,408**
Operating surplus	**16,403**	**(5,100)**
Summary		
Operating Surplus (deficit) b/d	16,403	(5,153)
Fundraising	355	367
Donations	1,121	0
Bank compensation	0	125
Bank Interest	1,087	941
Excess of income over expenditure	**18,966**	**(3,720)**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025	£	31-Dec-24
FIXED ASSETS	613	340
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	51,684	33,996
Cash in hand	61	72
Deposit Account	40,053	40,053
	91,798	**74,121**
DEBTORS		
Sundry debtors	432	0
TOTAL ASSETS	**92,843**	**74,461**
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment and prepaid fees	(14,128)	(20,306)
HMRC	0	(579)
DAF and EYPP	(4,484)	0
Accruals	(3,697)	(2,008)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**(22,309)**	**(22,893)**
NET ASSETS	**70,534**	**51,568**
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	**51,568**	**55,288**
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	**18,966**	**(3,720)**
Reserves c/f	**70,534**	**51,568**

Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it was necessary in the year to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. These accounts properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

2. The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and current church accounting regulations.

3. The consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.

4. The consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

5. St Andrew the Apostle reimbursed 50% of the clergy costs in 2024.

6. The share investment has decreased in value as at the 31st December 2025 by £1,109 to £26,638 (2024 increase by £621 to £27,747). The value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.

7. It was agreed at a PCC meeting on 26 March 2026 that the Hall Designated Funds be increased by a transfer from Unrestricted Funds by the Hall Surplus made in the year to 31 December 2025 of £5,302 made up as follows:-

Details	Total
Income-	
Hall hire	£8,905
Preschool-hall hire	6,825
Sub total	15,730
Less: Expenditure	
Wages	(3,076)
Cleaning materials	(905)
Hall insurance	(1,860)
Hall water, gas, electricity and refuse	(3,666)
Internet and telephone	(404)
Hall maintenance and repairs	(517)
Increase in hall designated funds	**£5,302**

8. Regular church running costs:-

This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles and oil for candles.

Notes to the accounts

9. Other charitable costs

This expenditure includes:

Repairs to church buildings, including the new hall roof.
Drinks licence
Website maintenance
Telephone and broadband
Payments for safeguarding

10. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley Road are excluded from the accounts by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 17 May 2026.

Signed as approved



The Reverend Canon Rachel Bennett

Trustee

Reports from groups and committees

A. Fabric

Church:

The year started badly as we found out that all the heating in church breached the legal requirements and therefore was condemned and disconnected. As the diocese has a carbon net zero policy, the PCC have been investigating alternative ways to heat the church with a number of different systems and approaches still being reviewed. This is ongoing and we hope to have something in place before next winter.

The building is mainly water tight with the exception of a leak that was spotted recently in the Lady Chapel. There were a number of tiles that have slipped which required a roofer to come in with ladders. However, we are investigating "in-roof" solar panels, which will replace a lot of the tiles if we can get planning permission and diocesan approval. The in-roof solar panels will also provide power for a new heating system and potentially provide an income for the church.

General servicing is carried out as per the individual required schedules, fire extinguishers and lightning conductor annually.

Two new welcome mats were purchased in memory of Mike Chatfield creating a more welcoming and brighter entrance in both porches, and the north porch doors have been repaired and repainted.

With the changes to lighting regulation in the UK, it is getting difficult to get replacement bulbs for the lights in the nave. Two new LED fittings have been installed in the sanctuary to overcome this issue.

Working parties throughout the year have kept some of the grounds under control, clearing rubbish, removing weeds and the north porch path was jet washed to again make the entrance to the church more welcoming.

Hall:

In the hall we have an issue with storage, some items have been moved around to see if we can improve the situation. The preschool have agreed to purchase some shelving and the PCC have agreed to purchase some folding chairs which will take up less space, be safer to store and easier for people to access.

The roof behind the stage and kitchen, over the rainbow room and preschool office has been replaced as it was leaking. The skylights were tarnished and not letting in much light, they were replaced, now both rooms and the corridor are much brighter during the day.

The hall had an electrical inspection which raised a number of faults which needed to be fixed, some urgent, the work is ongoing.

As the hall is being used everyday now, the PCC have discussed, with the preschool, other improvements that could be made, These include decorating, replacing some of the windows, repairing or replacing the curtains. The windows on the east wall are single glazing and not particularly efficient, replacing them could help keep the hall warmer during the winter months and therefore reduce running costs.

Reports from groups and committees

The work is being priced, prioritised and being carried out as funds allow. The PCC will continue to work with the Preschool to keep the hall up to date.

Martyn Shanks

B. Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group has met regularly on Monday afternoons throughout the year to discuss the scripture readings for the forthcoming Sunday. We have a short introduction to the readings and discuss the threads which weave through the readings. We consider how the scripture readings encourage and challenge us as we grow in and deepen our relationship with Christ.

During Lent we followed the Diocesan Lent Course which took us on a journey through the Nicene Creed. Although some of the concepts were challenging the course helped us develop a deeper understanding of the Creed. We were delighted to welcome members of our congregation and from other ecumenical congregations who made this part of their Lenten discipline.

Members of the group have said how much they value the freedom they have to seek answers to their questions, and are enabled to grow in their understanding of the faith.

The session concludes with a short time of silence and then (of course) a cup of tea and time to catch up on news.

Deacon Rachel Bennett

C. Social Committee Report

The Social Committee met several times during the last year to discuss and plan various activities and to review past events in order to improve future ones. Designated charities were also discussed with Turning Tides being decided upon for our Harvest Thanksgiving Supper. Given the needs of St. John's it was agreed that all proceeds from the Christmas Fair would be used for our own purposes.

Lent Lunches were held on Wednesdays from 12th March 2025 and were well attended. They began with the Stations of the Cross and the Eucharist and were followed by a lunch of soup and bread and cheese.

On Saturday 19th July 2025 there was an Organ Recital and Afternoon Tea. We were fortunate to have as guest organist David Gammie, Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. We were treated to a varied programme of music excellently played with David also giving a short introduction to the pieces chosen. The afternoon tea that followed was delicious and all those present agreed it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

The next item on the social calendar was the Harvest thanksgiving Supper on 4th October 2025 which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Good food, good company, fun quizzes, a raffle and much hilarity were in evidence.

Reports from groups and committees

Before long it was time for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December 2025 which was a resounding success. Although it was a cold and rainy day there was still a good attendance including Father Christmas! Our traditional Christmas Fair stalls were again boosted by the welcome addition of vendors from the Great Little Farmers' Market They all enjoyed the experience of joining us and have expressed a wish to continue their association with St. John's, an association which we will be happy to endorse. Everyone attending enjoyed the Fair and we raised a substantial amount for church funds.

None of these events would have occurred or been successful without the willing band of volunteers – publicists, furniture movers and decorators, cooks and bakers, stall holders, donors of gifts and raffle prizes, numerous assistants or "gofers" and last but not least all those who attend which make the events so warm and welcoming. The Social Committee thanks you all for your support.

Rosemary Stock (Secretary)

D. Sidespersons

We are grateful to the faithful team of Welcomers who week by week offer a warm welcome to all those who come to church. They keep an eye out for new visitors and offer assistance throughout the Mass. This is an important role. Genuine welcome reflects the hospitality that is experienced in our prayer and worship.

Martyn Shanks

E. Serving and Sacristy teams

During the year, sadly two of our serving team died. Mike Chatfield had been Head Server for many years and Greg Biggs also longstanding and faithful server. They were both Lay Ministers of Communion and assisted in the life of the church setting an example of faithful Christian discipleship. We owe a debt of gratitude to both the Sacristy team: Kim, Amber and Maggie and the Serving Team: Sharron, Jo, Hannah, Elliot and Eschel. Both teams reflect their dedication to serving the life and worship of St John's.

Martyn Shanks

F. St. John's 100 Club

A total of 56 tickets were sold in 2025, down 2 from 2024.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25. At the end of this year, we gave £321 to Church funds.

I have run the 100 Club since 2012 when we started with 63 participants. Unfortunately, this continues to reduce year by year.

In the last thirteen years, we have given St John's a total of £4,495.22p.

Reports from groups and committees

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough

G. Church Flowers

Donations have been generously given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £248.38 remaining in the fund from 2024. Personal donations totalled £669, plus £100 came from Church funds, and the cost of flowers was £894.86. There was a surplus of £122.52 remaining for use in 2026.

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are particularly busy, so please me know if you can help.

There is a flower request list in the Church for you to complete with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome.

I would appreciate at least two weeks' notice, with your donation.

Please see me or phone me on 07880796619

Lyn Gough

H. Parish Office

The Parish Office continues to be open on Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We print the pewsheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by printing and stapling it.

Dcn Rachel is usually busy at work when I arrive on Thursdays. The idea is that I help her where I can but as her 'techie' skills are better than mine, it is sometimes the other way round!

While the church is cold, the Parish Office also provides a warmer venue for meetings. Space is a bit confined because we are currently housing two large redundant reprographic machines as well as plenty of other items which don't really belong there.

Looking forward it would be nice to get the Parish Office back to the very pleasant working space that it used to be.

We can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating. We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

Reports from groups and committees

I. Parish Magazine

Our Parish magazine is published monthly at no cost to the church, then printed into hard copy in the Parish Office and simultaneously processed electronically into a format suitable for addition to St John's Website.

It is essential that a Parish has a means of presenting upcoming church events to the congregation. Preferably in the format of initial outline early warning, then the details of the event and finally a reflective report on how successful the event was, or in the case of a service at the church just the times and any special information.

But the Magazine adds so much more. Members of the congregation can submit articles about their family events, and all are gratefully received. Also, it provides a means for St Johns to set out its wares. What we are about as a church, our attitudes to life and the universe. A show of the main movers and shakers in the church and a chat with them about their lives and achievements. Of course, we could not miss out the Warden's article on the progress we are making to maintain the fabric and staff.

Never forgetting the article central to the whole thing. The current religious situation or event selected by Father Roger for his monthly sermon.

We welcome advertisers who help cover the cost of printing, but our principle is that charity advertisements are free. Thus, we advertise every month the excellent services of the Preschool attached to the church.

Thanks go to everyone for their help in this regular effort which in some small way helps to sell our church to everyone who sees it.

Brian Hatton

J. St John's Hall

The hall is still very busy and continues to generate a very good income. We now have regular groups every evening and two groups one evening. Weekends are busy with birthday parties, social events and of course the monthly Lego club. I often receive positive feedback from hirers saying how much they like the hall and often booking their birthday party for the following year.

The new cooker and dishwasher are proving to be very useful additions to the kitchen. I can now control the heating from my phone which is proving very useful. An electric inspection took place in October 2025 and many urgent issues were highlighted that needed attention. The work was booked and carried out in February 2026 half term.

After many months of the roof at the rear leaking every time we had rain, a new roof was fitted.

Maintenance and repairs have been regularly carried out but there is always something that needs doing, thanks to Martyn for keeping on top of everything.

If anyone is interested in hiring the hall please contact me.

Caroline Burke

Reports from groups and committees

K. St John's Website www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

The website continues to be updated weekly with the Pewsheet and Sunday liturgy and monthly with the Parish Magazine.

When possible, I have featured upcoming events both sacred and secular on the website's home page. In this regard it would be very helpful if church members could send a flyer or information in good time so that I can update the website. When people move to or visit the area, they increasingly will use the internet to find a place of worship.

The C of E sponsors a website called 'A church near you' to help with this and our website is linked to it.

The program for the website is now old, cannot be updated and is becoming increasingly unreliable. A new, modern website needs to be developed to ensure this aspect of St John's outreach and witness cannot only continue but be enhanced. I understand action will now be deferred until we have a new incumbent who can then be included in discussions about appearance and content.

Meanwhile I will try to keep the reluctant old program going a bit longer...

Will Oakeshott webmaster@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

L. St John's Preschool

I am very proud to inform you that after a difficult year for pre school we are doing exceptionally well.

Faith became our pre school manager and spearheaded an amazing team. We were awarded an Outstanding ofsted report, which in today's world is not easy to achieve.

We have an amazing assistant Manager in Sam and together she and Faith are leading a very strong and considerate team.

We also have a new Bursar, Sandra who has really got a good grip on our finances and is very proactive and organised.

We have very thorough and future facing plans to continue to offer a family centred /embracing and welcoming environment for our children and their families.

Our future is looking secure with regards to the number of existing and prospective children.

We very much look forward to welcoming our new Priest to re develop a strong link with our church and embracing Christian values and ethos.

Finally, we have a very strong team of governors who bring invaluable skills. We all feel that our new priest will unite our values with those of the church and give us welcome support.

Sally Thompson-Chair of Governors

Reports from groups and committees

M. Safeguarding

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are fully committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

St John the Divine has continued to receive support in 2025 from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. This support was particularly helpful in responding to safeguarding concerns raised in one particular case in the church this year.

The importance of safeguarding in our parish was demonstrated by having reports at every PCC meeting in 2025. The contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer are also easily accessible in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine, and for governors and staff at St John's Preschool. All members of the PCC have had a DBS disclosure check. In line with Diocesan policy since January 2023, all DBS disclosure checks will be renewed every three years.

Martin Lloyd

Parish Safeguarding Officer

N. Deanery Synod

On 4 February 2025, a special evening deanery service was held at St Mary's Church, Broadwater. This was one of many deanery services held in early 2025 across the diocese to celebrate 'The Year of Faith'. The church was packed and the highlight of the service was a combined choir from St Andrew's, Davison and Sompting Abbots schools. The Bishop of Horsham and the Dean of Chichester also spoke at the service.

On 7 May 2025, the Worthing Deanery Synod met at St James the Less Church, Lancing. There was a very interesting presentation at the meeting from Buff Stone, the Diocesan Environment Officer. The synod also said goodbye to Revd Felix Smith, and thanked him for his work as Rural Dean, as he moved to take up a new role with the national church.

In July 2025, Revd Shirley Tupper, Vicar of St Andrew's, Ferring was appointed by Bishop Martin as the new Rural Dean. Sadly, Heather Crookes, the Deanery Development Officer for the last two years, resigned as she took up a new role as the Parish Administrator at St Mary's, Goring.

On 1 October 2025, the Worthing Deanery Synod met at St Andrew's Church, Ferring. There were two interesting presentations at the meeting; from Worthing4Refugees and Mission Direct. The synod also agreed to recruit a new Deanery Development Officer in 2026, to be funded by both the deanery and the parishes in the deanery.

Reports from groups and committees

Key roles in the Deanery Synod in 2025:

Rural Dean:

Revd Felix Smith – Vicar of South Lancing and Sompting, and Lancing with Coombes (until May 2025)

Revd Shirley Tupper - Vicar of St Andrew's, Ferring (from July 2025)

Lay Chair:

Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing.

Treasurer:

Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater.

Deanery Development Officer and Secretary:

Heather Crookes – Lancing Parishes (until July 2025)

Martin Lloyd

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, WE

England & Wales - Charity number 1178660

Accounts

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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ST JOHN THE DIVINE WEST WORTHING



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 11 May 2025 at 11-30am.

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1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Charity also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road, Worthing and has paid the utility costs for the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing. The vicarage is currently tenanted whilst there is no incumbent parish priest and the rental income is payable to the Diocese and not the Charity.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are any licenced clergy, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2024 are:-

Ex Officio Members

The Rev'd Canon Timothy Peskett- appointed incumbent on 5 May 2020

(retired 2 May 2024)

The Revd Canon Rachel Bennett- Licensed as Assistant Curate on 22 February 2024

Wardens

Martyn Shanks	Appointed on 28 May 2023
Dorothy Smith	Appointed on 3 September 2023

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

Kim Upton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Martin Lloyd	Appointed on 18 June 2024 (also Safeguarding Officer)
Ros Ashton	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Dorothy Smith	Appointed on 18 June 2024

Elected Members

Gillian Almond	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Mike Chatfield	Appointed on 26 May 2024
Alan Caperon	Appointed on 11 October 2020 retired 26 May 2024
Caroline Burke	Appointed on 29 May 2022
Margaret Borbone	Appointed on 29 May 2022 (Secretary)

Co-Opted Members- There were no Co-Opted members.

2. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church.

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and cooperated with the incumbent, and the assistant clergy to continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road. The vicarage is currently tenanted during a time of interregnum of parish priest. The rental income is payable to the Diocese. The church is a Society Parish which maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

3. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work, we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.
4. In 2024 St. John's church was used as a polling station for the benefit of the local community.

4. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also through fellowship after Sunday services.

Our Parish Clergy team continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our honorary Clergy, servers, sacristans, sidespersons, lay ministers, magazine producers, pew sheets, website and flower arrangers, café team, social committee, work with children and all those who have worked so hard.

5. Review of the year

At the start of the year, still occupied with water damage repairs, we may have thought we could soon be back to order and with a new fresh look in the church to kick off the year. It was quite a shock therefore to hear the news from Fr Tim that he was taking early retirement due to considerable health issues. He would be going after Easter, and the parish would begin an interregnum forthwith. Fr Tim also had to let the people of St Andrew's hear the same news, it was a sad time all round.

During the time the insurance claim was being processed, the loss adjusters requested the current Quinquennial inspection report. After a major search, it was discovered that the inspection took place in March 2020 but the report was never produced. We eventually received one with just one year to go to the next inspection; there was much that had to be done but we managed it.

After Deacon Rachel retired from working as chaplain at Worthing Hospital, the Bishop arranged her licensing on 22 February 2024, at St John's with St Andrew's, as non-stipendiary Assistant Curate to both parishes. How bountiful a gift this would prove to be in the coming interregnum.

Lent was well covered with opportunity to increase our relationship and discipleship with God. The Mondays Bible study continued, and Wednesday mornings offered Stations of the Cross and Mass, followed by an austerity lunch of soup bread and cheese. A pleasing number of people attended and donations for the lunch was passed to Turning Tides for support of the homeless. A good quantity of food also, was collected in church during Lent and was gifted to the homeless project.

Holy Week was full of opportunity for worship and quiet contemplation. Maundy Thursday with the post Mass beautiful time to be with Jesus in the Garden as He prepared Himself for what He knew was being asked of Him for our sake.

The children gathered in the hall and in church on Good Friday which is always well attended. Our worship on Good Friday was all it could be, and with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we began our joyful celebration of greeting our Risen Lord.

Saying goodbye to Fr Tim, so much earlier in his ministry here, was sad but made memorable with a gift from the parishioners, refreshments and a glass to wish him well. The day he finished and all packed to go was on the eve of the general election. The church was hired by the local council for this purpose and Fr Tim kindly spent one more night at the vicarage, in order to open the church at 6am the next day and let the council in to set up. We were now in interregnum.

Life here at St John's in the interregnum continued as normal, made possible and with gratitude to Fr Roger and Deacon Rachel. Bible study more than survived, thanks to Deacon Rachel: work on the building continued thanks to the Wardens… in fact everything just quietly carried on with the same order and gratitude to all who serve the parish, by week, day by day, with good cheer; Clergy and Laity; all the people who are invested in keeping the parish whole and viable. We are determined to do our part during this time of considerable change following Fr Tim's retirement. With pastoral reorganisation to be agreed and accepted we are facing a future that only God knows the outcome of. Our faith and trust is paramount, as we turn to another chapter, in the life and wellbeing of our future survival, as a community of God in this place.

The Archdeacon met with the wardens from St John's and St Andrew's soon after Fr Tim had left. The main point of the meeting was to let the wardens know that in order to fund a new incumbent the parishes would have to include another vacant church, this being St Botolph's Church Heene. Since when the Archdeacon has met with each PCC to explain the situation.

At this point, the Archdeacon who was preparing to meet with all three parish wardens was appointed Bishop of Richborough, the process then was halted until an acting archdeacon was chosen to carry on the work. The rest of the progress on this matter is in 2025.

Despite the extra burdens on the clergy, Deacon Rachel still took a united St John's and St Andrew's on pilgrimage to Walsingham in the summer.

We said a sad goodbye to Ros Rowley earlier this year, Ros was long-time worshipper and contributor at St John's. May she rest in peace.

The strength in any parish lies in its people. No one greater, no one lesser; we follow our Lord and do what he bids us do to keep the parish alive, prayerful and fortified.

Dorothy Smith
Vice Chairman of PCC

6. Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £103,119 (2023 £66,456). The increase in revenue in the year arose because of legacies, donations and increased income from the church hall.

The expenditure for the year was £86,933 (2023 £53,797), including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £33,000 (2023 £30,000). The expenditure increased in the year due to the significant repairs and renewals carried out to the church in the year.

It is pleasing to report that St John's church had a surplus with income exceeding expenditure this year by £16,186 (2023 surplus £12,659).

The market value of investments at 31 December 2024 was £27,747 which was an increase of £621 compared to the value at 31 December 2023 of £27,126.

The total net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors at 31 December 2023 was £156,697 (2023 £139,890).

The St John's Preschool results are included in the Charity's consolidated accounts. The Preschool incurred a deficit in the year of £3,720 (2023 deficit £6,105), after taking into account the hire of the church hall of £6,825.

The consolidated accounts show that the total assets of the Charity at 31 December 2024 were £208,265 (2023 £195,178), which represented an increase of £13,087 (2023 increase of £8,887). This increase is made up of the net surplus made by St John's church of £16,186 (the increase in the value of investments of £621), less the St John's Preschool deficit of £3,720.

7. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's future needs.

Roof funds-restricted and designated at 31 December 2024

The restricted roof fund is currently at a level whereby it is unlikely that any significant work can be undertaken to completely renew the church roof. The PCC decided to utilise the roof designated fund for remedial works to repair leaks, damp and water ingress from the roof.

At 31 December 2024 the funds retained for the roof were £42,681 made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £29,265 (2023 £27,700)
- Roof designated £13,416 (2023 £16,212)

Restricted funds at 31 December 2024

At the 31 December 2024 the restricted funds totalled £73,060 (2023 £72,335) made up as follows:-

- Roof restricted £29,265 (2023 £27,700)
- Solar panels £10,000 (2023 £10,000)
- Pan Bailey legacy £17,310 (2023 £22,569)
- Specific purpose fund £3,645 (2023 £4,030)
- Children fund £688 (previous the Survivors fund)
- Redecoration fund £415
- Share revaluation fund £4,745 (2023 £4,124)
- Dividends on investment fund £2,231 (2023 £1,478)
- Interest on restricted funds £4,761 (2023 £2,434)

Designated funds at 31 December 2024

At the 31 December 2024 the designated funds totalled £24,977 (2023 £21,736) made up as follows:-

- Roof designated fund £13,416 (2023 £16,212)
- Church redevelopment-designated £4,251 (2023 £4,251)
- Interest on designated funds £2,389 (2023 £1,273)
- Hall designated fund £4,921

Charity's reserves at 31 December 2024

The Charity's reserves at 31 December 2024 totalled £208,265 (2023 £195,178) and are made up as follows: -

- Restricted funds of £73,060 (2023 £72,335)
- Designated funds of £24,977 (2023 £21,736)
- Preschool designated funds of £51,568 (2023 £55,288)
- Unrestricted funds of £58,660 (2023 £45,819)

The movements in reserves are shown in more detail within these accounts.

Alan Caperon

Treasurer

St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2024

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document.
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

'To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical,
intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; parents are being recruited to help as volunteers in the preschool.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2024
(SORP Ref; Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2024 remained strong, despite an operating deficit of £5,153 which after other income reduced the deficit to £3,720.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:

- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons: the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009 and amended slightly in September 2023 when co-opted governors were introduced.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.

The Governors approved a new policy for the induction of governors in 2023. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

The Preschool relates to:

- The Parochial Church Council- Regular reports are given at PCC meetings and annual accounts are provided. A report is written for the APCM.
- Other Local Early Years Settings-There has sometimes been liaison with other local early years settings.
- Early Years Alliance-An annual membership fee provides access to the EYA website, advice and information.
- West Sussex County Council-Advice and support are received from the Early Years Team.
- Ofsted-An annual registration fee is paid to Ofsted; the Preschool has an Ofsted Designated Person who is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the Ofsted registration are met.

Sally Thompson
Chair of Governors
March 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2024 comply with the requirement to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Preschool.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 accord with the accounting records. The accounts therefore comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.

Name: Garry Lock
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Year to 31-Dec-23
INCOMING RESOURCES	**General**	**Designated**	**Designated Pre school**			
St John The Divine, income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Planned giving	19,540				19,540	20,757
Other gift aided donations	15,111			2,250	17,361	13,515
Other donations	17,122			730	17,852	1,795
Gift aid	4,176				4,176	3,380
Children fund				688	688	
Donations and legacies total	**55,949**			**3,668**	**59,617**	**39,447**
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			84,255		84,255	84,167
Other income for the year			492		492	873
Other income-interest			941		941	380
			85,688		**85,688**	**85,420**
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals and other income	2,162				2,162	1,610
Charitable activities total	**2,162**				**2,162**	**1,610**
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	3,999				3,999	2,193
Insurance claim	8,020				8,020	0
Parish magazine sales	150				150	177
Hall and church hire		17,573			17,573	13,562
Hall and church hire-pre school		(6,825)			(6,825)	(6,825)
St Andrew's contributions	1,173				1,173	1,797
100 Club	321				321	345
Flower fund	769				769	0
Polling	2,150				2,150	700
Sundry income	582				582	967
Photocopying	60				60	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288				288	528
Catering	50				50	100
Other Fundraising activities total	**17,562**	**10,748**			**28,310**	**13,604**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	2,009	1,116		2,327	5,452	4,229
CBF investment fund dividend				753	753	741
Investment income	**2,009**	**1,116**		**3,080**	**6,205**	**4,970**
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**77,682**	**11,864**	**85,688**	**6,748**	**181,982**	**145,051**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Year to 31-Dec-23
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,809				1,809	174
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	33,000				33,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	1,169				1,169	4,741
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	1,095				1,095	300
PCC governance costs	2.151				2.151	271
Other charitable costs	0				0	513
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**39,224**				**39,224**	**35,999**
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2024			89,408		89,408	91,525
Pre school payments to St John's			(6,825)		(6,825)	(6,825)
			82,583		**82,583**	**84,700**
Flowers for church	810				810	113
Church insurance	2,415				2,415	2,376
Accountancy and Xero licence	446				446	413
Hall, water, gas, and electricity		4,675			4,675	3,325
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	7,581				7,581	2,285
Hall cleaning and wages		3,697			3,697	3,150
Hall maintenance and repairs		2,057			2,057	927
Hall insurance		1,812			1,812	1,788
Insurance claims and property costs						1,182
Telephone and Internet	411	411			822	820
Bank charges	81				81	84
Parish office copier rental						(1,928)
Other regular church running costs	875				875	913
Printing and photocopying	911				911	543
Church maintenance and repairs	10,884				10,884	1,082
Roof repairs		2,796			2,796	
Cross	257				257	
Path				2,480	2,480	
Bike rack				149	149	
Statue				3,630	3,630	
Alter fabric				385	385	
Walsingham	60				60	105
Subscriptions	266				266	
Depreciation	620				620	620
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**25,617**	**15,448**		**6,644**	**47,709**	**17,798**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**64,841**	**15,448**	**82,583**	**6,644**	**169,516**	**138,497**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2024	*Year to* 31-Dec-23
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**12,841**	**(3,584)**	**3,105**	**104**	**12,466**	**6,554**
Revaluation of shares				621	621	2,333
Preschool hall hire		6,825	(6,825)			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2024	45,819	21,736	55,288	72,335	195,178	186,291
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	**58,660**	**24,977**	**51,568**	**73,060**	**208,265**	**195,178**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Designated			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated	Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	**1,860**		340		**2,200**	**2,480**
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	3,481				3,481	8,929
Bank current account-pre school			33,996		33,996	29,857
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,053		40,053	40,053
Cash in hand			72		72	
CBF Deposit fund	49,380	20,513		49,276	119,169	99,866
Children fund				688	688	0
Cash at bank	**52,861**	**20,513**	**74,121**	**49,964**	**197,459**	**178,705**
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares				27,747	27,747	27,126
Investment assets at market value				**27,747**	**27,747**	**27,126**
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2024						
Total assets	**54,721**	**20,513**	**74,461**	**77,711**	**227,406**	**208,311**
DEBTORS						
HMRC-gift aid	2,718				2,718	1,606
Hall rent	801				801	504
Christmas service donations	794				794	1,050
Interest	572	244		586	1,402	1,271
St Andrews						330
Flower fund	248				248	189
Sundry debtors	150				150	252
Advertising						160
	5,283	**244**	**0**	**586**	**6,113**	**5,362**
CREDITORS						
WSCC and prepaid fees			(20,306)		(20,306)	(12,666)
Accruals			(2,008)		(2,008)	(1,956)
HMRC			(579)		(579)	
Gas and electricity	(974)				(974)	(563)
Bank charges	(17)				(17)	(18)
Donation from church collection	(887)				(887)	
Funeral fee						(217)
Diocese						(2,500)
Trade suppliers	(483)				(483)	(575)
Petty cash expenses						
Total liabilities	**(2,361)**		**(22,893)**	0	**(25,254)**	**(18,495)**
Funds transfers 2025	**1,017**	**4,220**		**(5,237)**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**58,660**	**24,977**	**51,568**	**73,060**	**208,265**	**195,178**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	General	Designated	Designated Pre School	Restricted	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	58,660				58,660	45,819
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's						
Roof		13,416				
Hall fund		4,921				
Church development fund		4,251				
Interest on funds		2,389				
		24,977			24,977	21,736
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			51,568		51,568	55,288
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				29,265		
Solar panels				10,000		
Pam Bailey fund				17,310		
Redecoration fund				415		
Children fund				688		
Special purpose fund				3,645		
Interest on funds				4,761		
Dividends				2,231		
Share revaluation				4,745		
				73,060	73,060	72,335
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	**58,660**	**24,977**	**51,568**	**73,060**	**208,265**	**195,178**

ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	**1,860**			**1,860**	**2,480**
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	3,481			3,481	8,929
CBF Deposit fund	49,380	20,513	49,276	119,169	99,866
Children fund			688	688	0
	52,861	**20,513**	**49,964**	**123,338**	**108,795**
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares			27,747	27,747	27,126
Investment assets at market value	**0**	**0**	**27,747**	**27,747**	**27,126**
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2024					
TOTAL ASSETS	**54,721**	**20,513**	**77,711**	**152,945**	**138,401**
DEBTORS					
HMRC-gift aid	2,718			2,718	1,606
Hall rent	801			801	504
Christmas service donations	794			794	1,050
Interest	572	244	586	1,402	1,271
St Andrews					330
Flower fund	248			248	189
Sundry debtors	150			150	252
Advertising					160
	5,283	**244**	**586**	**6,113**	**5,362**
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(974)			(974)	(563)
Bank charges	(17)			(17)	(18)
Donation from church collection	(887)			(887)	
Funeral fee					(217)
Trade suppliers	(483)			(483)	(575)
Diocese					(2,500)
Total liabilities	**(2,361)**	**0**	**0**	**(2,361**	**(3,873)**
Transfers	**1,017**	**4,220**	**(5,237)**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**58,660**	**24,977**	**73,060**	**156,697**	**139,890**
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds			**73,060**	**73,060**	**72,335**
Designated funds		**24,977**		**24,977**	**21,736**
Unrestricted funds	**58,660**			**58,660**	**45,819**
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				**156,697**	**139,890**

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2024)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2024
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
Special purpose fund	4,030		(385)		3,645
Pam Bailey legacy	22,569		(5,259)		17,310
Solar panels	10,000				10,000
Roof	27,700	1,565			29,265
Children fund		688			688
Redecoration fund		415			415
Interest received	2,434	2,327			4,761
Dividend income	1,478	753			2,231
Revaluation of shares	4,124			621	4,745
Total of all restricted funds	**72,335**	**5,748**	**(5,644)**	**621**	**73,060**
Designated funds					
Roof-designated fund	16,212		(2,796)		13,416
Hall fund		17,573	(12,652)		4,921
Church redevelopment-designated fund	4,251				4,251
Interest	1,273	1,116			2,389
Total of all designated funds	**21,736**	**18,689**	**(15,448)**	**0**	**24,977**
Unrestricted funds	**45,819**	**77,682**	**(64,841)**	**0**	**58,660**
Total funds	**139,890**	**102,119**	**(85,933)**	**621**	**156,697**

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	55,949		3,668	59,617	39,447
Charitable activities	2,162			2,162	1,610
Other trading activities	13,149	17,573		30,722	17,587
Investments	2,009	1,116	3,080	6,205	4,970
Other receipts	4,413			4,413	2,842
Total received	**77,682**	**18,689**	**6,748**	**103,119**	**66,456**
Expenditure					
Charitable direct costs	(62,228)	(2,796)	(6,644)	(71,668)	(42,588)
Charity trading costs	(2,613)	(12,652)		(15,265)	(11,209)
Total paid out	**(64,841)**	**(15,448)**	**(6,644)**	**(86,933)**	**(53,797)**
NET EXPENDITURE	**12,841**	**3,241**	**104**	**16,186**	**12,659**
Net movement in funds	12,841	3,241	104	16,186	12,659
Adjustment-investment to transfer					
Revaluation of shares (see notes)		-	621	621	2,333
Cash & investments on 1st January 2024	45,819	21,736	72,335	139,890	124,898
Cash and investments on 31st December 2024	**58,660**	**24,977**	**73,060**	**156,697**	**139,890**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES					
St John The Divine, income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Planned giving	19,540			19,540	20,757
Other gift aided donations	15,111		2,250	17,361	13,515
Other donations	17,122		730	17,852	1,795
Gift aid	4,176			4,176	3,380
Children fund			688	688	
Donations and legacies total	**55,949**		**3,668**	**59,617**	**39,447**
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	**2,162**			**2,162**	**1,610**
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	3,999			3,999	2,193
Insurance claim	8,020			8,020	0
Parish magazine sales	150			150	177
Hall hire		10,748		10,748	6,737
Hall hire preschool		6,825		6,825	6,825
St Andrew's contributions	1,173			1,173	1,797
100 Club	321			321	345
Flower fund	769			769	0
Polling	2,150			2,150	700
Sundry income	582			582	967
Photocopying	60			60	60
Magazine advertisement fees	288			288	528
Catering	50			50	100
Other activities total	**17,562**	**17,573**		**35,135**	**20,429**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	2,009	1,116	2,327	5,452	4,229
CBF investment fund dividend			753	753	741
Investment income	**2,009**	**1,116**	**3,080**	**6,205**	4,970
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**77,682**	**18,689**	**6,748**	**103,119**	**66,456**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2024	Total All funds 2023
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	1,809			1,809	174
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	33,000			33,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	1,169			1,169	4,741
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	1,095			1,095	300
PCC governance costs	2.151			2.151	271
Other charitable costs	0			0	513
Total direct costs	**39,224**			**39,224**	**35,999**
Church insurance	2,415			2,415	2,376
Accountancy and Xero licence	446			446	413
Hall, water, gas, and electricity		4,675		4,675	3,325
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	7,581			7,581	2,285
Hall cleaning and wages		3,697		3,697	3,150
Hall maintenance and repairs		2,057		2,057	927
Hall insurance		1,812		1,812	1,788
Insurance claims and property costs					1,182
Telephone and Internet	411	411		822	820
Bank charges	81			81	84
Parish office copier rental					(1,928)
Other regular church running costs	875			875	913
Printing and photocopying	911			911	543
Church maintenance and repairs	10,884			10,884	1,082
Roof repairs		2,796		2,796	
Flowers	810			810	113
Cross	257			257	
Path			2,480	2,480	
Bike rack			149	149	
Statue			3,630	3,630	
Alter fabric			385	385	
Walsingham	60			60	105
Subscriptions	266			266	
Depreciation	620			620	620
Total indirect costs	**25,617**	**15,448**	**6,644**	**47,709**	**17,798**
Total paid out on all funds	**64,841**	**15,448**	**6,644**	**86,933**	**53,797**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Total (3 terms) £	3 terms to 31-Dec-23 £
Income		
Fees	84,255	84,167
Fundraising	367	861
Bank interest	941	380
T Shirt income	0	12
Sundry income	125	
	85,668	**85,420**
Less Expenditure		
Curriculum costs	(3,976)	(3,551)
Salaries	(73,401)	(74,189)
Premises costs	(241)	(223)
Hall hire	(6,825)	(6,825)
Administration costs	(1,580)	(2,280)
Professional fees	(1,759)	(384)
Service costs	(1,413)	(3,341)
Fund raising costs	(213)	(732)
	(89,408)	**(91,525)**
Excess of (expenditure) over income	**(3,720)**	**(6,105)**

Summary for 2024

Operating deficit	(5,153)
Fundraising	367
Bank compensation	125
Bank interest	941
Excess of (expenditure) over income	**(3,720)**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024	£	31-Dec-23 £
FIXED ASSETS	340	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	33,996	29,857
Cash in hand	72	0
Deposit Account	40,053	40,053
	74,121	**69,910**
TOTAL ASSETS	**74,461**	**69,910**
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment and prepaid fees	(20,306)	(12,666)
HMRC	(579)	0
Accruals	(2,008)	(1,956)
Total liabilities	**(22,893)**	**(14,622)**
Net assets at 31st December 2024	**51,568**	**55,288**
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	**55,288**	**61,393**
(Deficit) for the year	**(3,720)**	**(6,105)**
Reserves c/f	**51,568**	**55,288**

Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it was necessary in the year to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. These accounts properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

2. The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and current church accounting regulations.

3. The consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.

4. The consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

5. St Andrew the Apostle church reimburses 50% of the clergy property costs (see paragraph 7).

6. The share investment has increased in value as at the 31st December 2024 by £621 to £27,747 (2023 increase by £2,333 to £27,126). The value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.

7. Clergy and other allowances and expenses:-

   This expenditure included Council tax on the vicarage to 30 April 2024, plus water, gas and electricity charges until the vicarage was relet by the Diocese but these costs were reduced by the contributions made by St Andrew the Apostle Church.

8. Regular church running costs:-

   This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles, oil for candles and also the costs of the organist.

9. Other charitable costs

   This expenditure includes:

   Repairs includes the costs associated with the water ingress including the new church carpet, these costs formed part of the insurance claim.
   Drinks licence
   Website maintenance
   CCLI licence – copyright payment for music in church.
   Forward in faith
   Office telephone and broadband
   Payment for safeguarding

Notes to the accounts

10. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

    a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

    b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley Road are excluded from the accounts by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 11 May 2025.

Signed as approved

Dorothy H Smith

Vice Chairman of the PCC

Reports from groups and committees

WARDENS REPORT

a. Fabric

At the beginning of the year, completion of the work to repair the water ingress damage of the previous year was achieved. The insurance claim covered these repairs, including the new carpet in the church. The roof continued to be maintained using a portion of the roof fund (see in the accounts under dedicated roof fund) to keep the roof watertight.

The Vicars board had Fr Tim's name added in time before he retired on 2 May 2024.

Rising damp at the back of the Lady Chapel wall by the bell rope, was thought to be caused by the outside drain in that area. The drains were tested, a missing brick was replaced on the drain wall. Since this work was done the internal wall appears to be drying out.

The doors at the south entrance were persistently sticking and very hard to open and close. Restoration work was carried out on these in May 2024. While the work was being carried out a heavy downpour revealed that the gutter adjacent to the doors was overflowing down the wall, soaking the doors and rotting them along the bottom edge. The internal wall of the entrance, by the water stoop, was damaged also.

The gutters were repaired and the damage inside the entrance can now be made good and redecorated. Ros Rowley kindly left a small legacy which should cover the cost of the redecoration of these two internal wall areas.

The lighting conductor was tested as were the electrics. The organ and piano were tuned. The clock was serviced. Work was carried out on the platform of the statue of St John, sited on the church tower. The platform is now sound and wooden figure of St John now has a good coat of waterproofing.

The south path to the church entrance was resurfaced and our thanks to a parishioner who gifted the parish a generous amount towards the cost.

The gas heaters in the church have been serviced. One heater in the café area no longer works and has been put out of use as unsafe for service. The heater by the south entrance has a few problems also. It is easily blown out when the door opens on draughty days. The PCC are aware that heating the church will need attention during 2025. The heaters cannot be repaired as they are out of production.

At the end of the year a smart meter was installed in the gas meter.

A golden cross was purchased in memory of Jo Downes. The cross is sited above the blessed sacrament and further enhances this sacred area.

Fr Ron left a legacy which enabled the purchase of new liturgical books at Advent when updated versions were introduced.

A thurible was returned from a long holiday at St Mary's Church, Goring.

An altar cloth was purchased using leftover funds from the Silver Threads group.

b. Attendance

Regular worshippers on a Sunday including 8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass and 6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction, amount on average to 45 members attending.

Reports from groups and committees

c. Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets each Monday afternoon in St John's. Fr Tim led this group up until his retirement when Dcn Rachel received the baton. Over the past year it has been a joy to welcome new folk to the group. The Bible Study is open to all and we have enjoyed having a member of the St Andrew's congregation participating. Each week we focus on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. We begin with a prayer and then listen to the four lectionary readings. Dcn Rachel opens the discussion with some background to the readings, before inviting members of the group to share their thoughts and questions. The discussion is engaging and often lively yet thought provoking. It is encouraging to share our journey of faith and have space to ask questions about the scriptures and the way it shapes our lives. We end the study time with silence and prayer and continue with fellowship over refreshments.

Deacon Rachel

d. Social Committee Report

The Social Committee met several times during the last year to discuss and plan various activities and to review past events in order to improve future ones. Designated charities were also discussed with Turning Tides and Chestnut Tree House being decided upon for Harvest Supper and Christmas Fair respectively.

The Summer Fair held on 6 July was moderately successful despite the fewer number of stalls and activities and the relatively small number of people attending, partly due to the weather and to the fact that many other events were being held on the same day throughout Worthing. Many lessons were learned about the practicality of having a summer event.

The next event on the social calendar was the Harvest Supper on 5th October which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Good food, good company, fun quizzes, a raffle and much hilarity were in evidence.

Before long, it was time for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December which was a resounding success, despite the awful weather! Wind and rain didn't keep people away, not even Father Christmas! All our traditional Christmas Fair stalls were boosted by the addition of ten vendors from the Great Little Farmers' Market and they were a very welcome addition. They enjoyed the experience of joining us and have expressed a wish to continue their association with St. John's, an association which we will be happy to endorse.

None of these events would have occurred or been successful without the willing band of volunteers – publicists, furniture movers and decorators, cooks and bakers, stall holders, donors of gifts and raffle prizes, numerous assistants or "gofers" and last but not least all those who attend which make the events so warm and welcoming. The Social Committee thanks you all for your support.

Rosemary Stock
Secretary

Reports from groups and committees

e. Sidespersons

Our gratitude goes to the faithful team of sidepersons who turn up week after week to greet and help all who come through our doors. This is an incredibly important role to give a positive and warm welcome to our worship and they do a great job.

f. Serving team

At St. John's we are so fortunate to have a small but totally dedicated team of Servers. The level of serving has remained consistently high throughout the year and our team of servers have assisted the clergy for big occasions, major feast days, Holy Week liturgies, funerals, Requiem Masses and Sunday by Sunday. We all owe our Serving and Sacristy Teams a huge debt of thanks for serving at the Altar and preparing behind the scenes for the wide range of services and liturgical events, without fuss and in such a dignified and fitting manner. Everything in the serving and sacristy is done to a very high standard.

g. St. John 100 Club

A total of 58 tickets were sold in 2024, down 2 from 2023.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25. At the end of this year, we gave £321 to Church funds.

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 when we had 63 participants. This is slowing reducing year by year. In the last twelve years, we have given St John's a total of £4,198.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough Tel: 07880 796619

h. Church Flowers

Donations have been generously given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £189 remaining in the fund from 2023. Personal donations totalled £769, £100 came from Church funds, and the cost of flowers was £809.62. There was a surplus of £248.38 remaining for use in 2025.

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are particularly busy, so please me know if you can help.

There is a flower request list in the Church for you to complete with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome.

I would appreciate at least two weeks' notice, with your donation.

Please see me or phone me on 07880 796619

Lyn Gough

Reports from groups and committees

i. Parish Office

The Parish Office continues to be open on Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We print the pew sheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by printing and stapling it.

Our colour printer and upgraded laptop continue to work very well and make light work of the work we ask of them. We are now printing a weekly pew sheet for St Andrew's in much the same format as the one we do for St John's.

The Parish Office also provides a venue for meetings and we can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating.

We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

j. Parish Magazine

The Magazine is published monthly and printed in the Parish Office. The copies disappear fast and is appreciated by many. Contributions are welcomed by the editor and advertisers help cover the cost of production. Our thanks go to Brian Hatton for his hard work in producing this meaningful edition to our parish family life.

k. St John's Hall

Last year the hall was busy with birthday parties and social events.

A local nursery school hired the hall for the six-week summer holiday while they had some work done to their premises. We used some of the income to replace the kitchen floor, and we now have a new dishwasher and hopefully a new cooker soon.

Preschool continues to be popular with local families. The hall is hired out to regular groups four evenings and their feedback is excellent.

A small group have been working hard to sort out the rainbow room which involved trips to the tip and charity shop, it is now nearly finished. Maintenance/repairs have been regularly carried out but there is still a list of jobs to be done.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to help.

Caroline Burke

l. St John's Website **www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk**

The website continues to be updated weekly with the Pewsheet and Sunday liturgy and monthly with the Parish Magazine. When possible, I have featured upcoming events both sacred and secular on the website's home page. In this regard it would be very helpful if church members could send a flyer or information in good time so that I can update the website.

When people move to or visit the area, they increasingly will use the internet to find a place of worship. The C of E sponsors a website called 'A church near you' to help with this and our website is linked to it.

Reports from groups and committees

The program for the website is now old, cannot be updated and is becoming unreliable. It is time for a new, modern website to be developed to ensure this aspect of St John's outreach and witness can not only continue but be enhanced. This will, I hope, be taken forward by the PCC shortly.

Will Oakeshott

m. St John's Preschool

Our preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of our parish. The aim of our preschool is set out in its constitution approved by the PCC in 2009:'To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'. The preschool operates in the church hall on Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm in the school term time.

We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of staff and governors who are committed to ensuring the success of our preschool. Jude Waterhouse was the preschool manager for most of the year and we are very grateful for her contribution to the development of the preschool. Our new manager is Faith Miles.

The parents of the children in our preschool are also very important to the operation of our preschool. We welcome their feedback and are always encouraged by their positive comments, many of which can be viewed on our website. These comments reflect how much their children benefit from coming to our preschool and how amazing they think our staff are. We are expecting a visit from Ofsted in 2025 and look forward with confidence to reading the inspection report.

Children in the preschool attend church for assemblies to gain an insight into the Christian faith. Every child receives a children's bible when they leave to start at primary school in the Autumn term. Numbers of children attending the preschool vary over the years but staff work hard to attract new children and there was a positive trend in the preschool numbers over the year.

Our preschool has been proud to stand within the life of our parish over the last fifteen years as a very happy and caring place for children. Each child matters and is important, alongside their parents/carers and wider families.

Martin Lloyd

n. Safeguarding

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are fully committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

The parish has continued to receive support in 2024 from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. The importance of safeguarding in our parish was demonstrated by having reports at every PCC meeting in 2024. The contact

Reports from groups and committees

details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer are also easily accessible in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine, and for governors and staff at St John's Preschool. All members of the PCC have had a DBS disclosure check. In line with Diocesan policy since January 2023, all DBS disclosure checks will be renewed every three years.

Martin Lloyd

Parish Safeguarding Officer

o. Deanery

In 2024, the Worthing Deanery Synod met twice:

2 May 2024 at St George's Church, Worthing

At its meeting in May, there was a presentation from Christians Action Against Poverty. The speaker challenged churches in the deanery to consider what they can do to support people in their communities who suffer from poverty or unemployment.

19 September 2024 at St Andrew's Church, Tarring

At its meeting in September, the synod had a presentation from Revd Earl Collins -Church House, Hove about plans in the diocese for 'The Year of Faith' in 2025 that will celebrate the 950th anniversary of the Cathedral and the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. He mentioned the Diocesan Lent Course in 2025 which will help parishes to explore the meaning of the Nicene Creed.

Heather Crookes has continued her work as the paid Deanery Development Officer throughout the year and worked closely with the rural dean. She has produced regular deanery newsletters distributed to all the parishes.

Key roles in the Deanery Synod in 2024:

Rural Dean: Revd Felix Smith – Vicar of South Lancing and Sompting,

and Lancing with Coombes.

Lay Chair: Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing.

Treasurer: Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater.

Deanery Development Officer and Secretary: Heather Crookes – Lancing Parishes

Martin Lloyd

Lay Chairman of Worthing Deanery Synod

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, WE

England & Wales - Charity number 1178660

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 26th May 2024 at 11-30am.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are the incumbent, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2023 are:-

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett appointed on 5 May 2020

Wardens

Mrs Dorothy Smith	Appointed on 3 September 2023
Mr Martyn Shanks	Appointed on 28 May 2023
Mrs Vanessa Puttick	Appointed 11 October 2020 resigned on 31 July 2023
Ms Caroline Burke	Appointed 29 May 2022 resigned as a Warden on 28 May 2023

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

Mrs Kim Upton	Appointed 18 April 2018
Mr Martin Lloyd	Appointed 2 April 2017 (also Safeguarding Officer)
Miss Dawn Munn	Appointed 27 April 2019
Mr Martin Puttick	Appointed 20 May 2021 resigned on 31 July 2023

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Elected Members

Mrs Gillian Almond	Appointed 29th May 2022
Mr Mike Chatfield	Appointed 11 November 2020
Mr Alan Caperon	Appointed 11 October 2020 (Treasurer)
Mrs Ros Ashton	Appointed 30 May 2021
Ms Caroline Burke	Appointed 29 May 2022
Mrs Sheila Hillary	Appointed 28 May 2019
Mrs Margaret Borbone	Appointed 29 May 2022 (Secretary)

Co-Opted Members- There were no Co-Opted members.

2. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church.

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and cooperate with the incumbent, continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road. The church maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

3. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and also to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work, we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.
4. In 2023 St. John's church was used as a polling station for the benefit of the local community.

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4. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also through fellowship after Sunday services.

Our Parish Clergy team continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our honorary Clergy, Servers, Sacristans, lay ministers and flower people, and all those who have worked so hard.

5. Review of the year

It is with gratitude and humility that I present to you a review for the annual report for 2023. This review reflects our collective efforts, challenges, and blessings as we strive to fulfil our mission of living and spreading the Gospel message in our community of West Worthing and beyond.

During 2023 we have continued to enjoy our worshipping life with the annual round of Feast and Fast being celebrated at St. John's in a robust, dignified and fitting way. Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2023 was a very moving and spiritual time for the Parish when we drew close to our Lord in His Passion and Resurrection. In our worshipping life, numbers attending services fluctuate, but on an average Sunday attendance across the three services at St. John's numbers between 50 – 60 people. Weekday attendance at Mass remains consistently high.

In 2023 we continued with our weekly bible studies on Monday afternoons. The venue for bible study sessions changed in 2023 from the vicarage dining room to the Lady Chapel, when we have read, studied and meditated on the Sunday Readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

During Lent we had Stations of the Cross and Lent Lunches which were very well attended and raised a lot of money for the work of the Samaritans. In May 2023 we had a joyful Coronation party on the day after the Coronation of our new King. The Summer Fair and Christmas Fair brought the local community together and both were a great success and enjoyed by all. For both fairs we joined forces with our sister parish of St. Andrews. The fairs are always hard work, but they bring in much needed funds and bring us all together.

In July 2023 we said farewell to Fr. Josh who had been with us for three years as Assistant Curate. He had honed his considerable skills at St. John's and St. Andrews and has become a very fine young priest.

In early September 2023 a large group of parishioners went to Chichester to see Deacon Rachel being installed as a Canon of the Cathedral. A few days later a group went to Eastbourne for the licensing of Fr. Josh as Priest in Charge of two parishes. In September we also said farewell to Vanessa Puttick and Martin Puttick. Vanessa has been a marvellous churchwarden at St. John's and Martin served as a Lay Reader for a short while. We wish them every blessing in their new life in the North of England.

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Christmas 2023 at St. John's was very well supported, thanks in major part to the Parish Christmas Card drop informing parishioners of Christmas services and events. Thanks to all who delivered cards.

St John's acted as a polling station for the local council elections during 2023. The people who run the Elections enjoy coming to St. John's and they feel it is an ideal place for this purpose. It is also good to bring the entire local community into the church.

St. John's preschool continues to be a much-loved and valued part of our Church life, serving young families in the area and providing learning and creative play to very young children at a very formative time of their young lives. We are so fortunate to have such a good manager in Jude Waterhouse, who is supported by a very dedicated staff team and governing body. St. John's Preschool has been judged as a "Good Provider" by Ofsted.

There is rarely a day at St. John's when nothing much is happening, and St. John's is at the service of the Parish Community seven days a week. Going forward, St. John's will need each and every member to support their parish church both financially and through attendance to secure its future life and witness.

It has been an absolute joy and privilege to be Vicar of such a wonderful parish during 2023 and I am so grateful to everyone for their support and contributions during the year.

Fr. Tim Peskett

6. Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £66,456 (2022 £65,171).

The expenditure for the year was £53,797 (2022 £55,324), including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £30,000.

It is pleasing to report that St John's church had a surplus with income exceeding expenditure this year by £12,659 (2022 surplus £9,847).

It should be noted that the market value of investments increased by £2,333 compared to a reduced value in 2022 of £3,308.

The total net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors at 31 December 2023 was £139,890 (2022 £124,898).

The St John's Preschool results are included in the Charity's consolidated accounts, and you will note that the Preschool incurred a deficit in the year of £6,105 (2022 surplus £706), after taking into account the hire of the hall of £6,825. In summary, the Preschool made a small surplus of £720 before its contribution to St John's for hall hire.

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The consolidated accounts show that the total assets of the Charity at 31 December 2023 were £195,178 (2022 £186,291), which represented an increase of £8,887. This increase is made up of the net surplus made by St John's church of £14,992 (adjusted for the increase in the value of investments of £2,333), less the St John's Preschool deficit of £6,105.

7. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's future needs.

Roof funds-restricted and designated

The restricted roof fund is currently at a level whereby it is unlikely that any significant work can be undertaken to completely renew the church roof in 2024.

The PCC decided to utilise the roof designated fund for remedial works to repair leaks, damp and water ingress and therefore have started a process to carry out major reinstatement. In 2024, the hall roof will need to be replaced.

At 31 December 2023 the funds retained were as follows:-

- Roof restricted £27,700

- Roof designated £16,212
- Church redevelopment-designated £4,251
- Interest on designated funds £1,273

Other restricted funds

- Solar panels £10,000
- Pan Bailey legacy £22,569
- Specific purpose fund £4,030
- Share revaluation fund £4,124
- Dividends and interest fund £3,912

The Charity's reserves at 31 December 2023 totalled £195,178 (2021 £186,291) and are made up as follows: -

- Restricted funds of £72,374 (2022 £67,392)
- Designated funds of £21,736 (2022 £21,912)
- Unrestricted funds of £45,780 (2022 £35,594)
- Preschool designated funds of £55,288 (2022 £61,393)

The reserves are shown in more detail in these accounts.

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St John's Preschool

St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2023

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document.
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical,
intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; one governor was employed by the Preschool as the Bursar for part of the year but in 2023 a new part time bursar was employed.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy. Although not as frequent the assemblies are returning, usually once a half term.

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Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

At the end of the year in December 2023, there were 15 children on roll – 5 x 2 year olds and 10 x 3 year olds. This compares to 23 children on roll in December 2022.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2023
(SORP Ref; Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2023 has become much more vulnerable over the last year with an operating deficit of £6,105. This has been caused by a fall in the number of children on roll; this is something which affected other early years settings in the local area (2022 surplus of £706).

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:
- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons: the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.

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2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009. It was revised and updated by the Parochial Church Council on 25 September 2023.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.
- Up to 2 co-opted members appointed by the governing body

The Governors approved a new policy for the induction of governors in 2023. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

The Preschool relates to:

- The Parochial Church Council- Regular reports are given at PCC meetings and annual accounts are provided. A report is written for the APCM.
- Other Local Early Years Settings-There has sometimes been liaison with other local early years settings.
- Early Years Alliance-An annual membership fee provides access to the EYA website, advice and information.
- West Sussex County Council-Advice and support are received from the Early Years Team.
- Ofsted-An annual registration fee is paid to Ofsted; the Preschool has an Ofsted Designated Person who is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the Ofsted registration are met.

Sally Thompson
Chair of Governors

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2023 comply with the requirement to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Preschool.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 accord with the accounting records. The accounts therefore comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Year to 31-Dec-22
INCOMING RESOURCES	**General**	**Designated**	**Designated Pre school**			
St John The Divine, income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Planned giving	20,757				20,757	20,062
Other gift aided donations	13,515				13,515	13,047
Other donations	1,795				1,795	3,907
Gift aid recovered	3,380				3,380	3,590
Donations and legacies total	**39,447**				**39,447**	**40,606**
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			84,167		84,167	76,765
Other income for the year			873		873	1,129
Other income-interest			380		380	64
			85,420		**85,420**	**77,958**
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals and other income	1,610				1,610	586
Charitable activities total	**1,610**				**1,610**	**586**
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	2,193				2,193	2,063
Insurance claim	0				0	555
Parish magazine sales	177				177	91
Hall and church hire	13,562				13,562	12,279
Hall and church hire-pre school	(6,825)				(6,825)	(6,330)
St Andrew's contributions	1,797				1,797	3,644
100 Club	345				345	313
Flower fund	0				0	200
Polling	700				700	1,250
Sundry income including energy grant	967				967	1,218
Photocopying	60				60	
Magazine advertisement fees	528				528	566
Catering	100				100	
Bookstall sales	0				0	15
Other Fundraising activities total	**13,604**				**13,604**	**15,864**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	1,302	1,006		1,921	4,229	1,048
CBF investment fund dividend				741	741	
Investment income	**1,302**	**1,006**		**2,662**	**4,970**	**1,785**
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**55,963**	**1,006**	**85,420**	**2,662**	**145,051**	**134,799**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2023	Year to 31-Dec-22
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	174				174	0
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000				30,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	4,741				4,741	6,045
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	300				300	
PCC governance costs	271				271	300
Other charitable costs	513				513	393
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**35,999**				**35,999**	**36,738**
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2023			91,525		91,525	77,252
Pre school payments to St John's			(6,825)		(6,825)	(8,330)
			84,700		**84,700**	**68,922**
Flowers for church	61			52	113	339
Church insurance	2,376				2,376	2,095
Accountancy and Xero licence	413				413	435
Hall, water, gas, and electricity	3,325				3,325	2,621
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	2,285				2,285	2,605
Hall cleaning and wages	3,150				3,150	2,498
Hall maintenance and repairs	927				927	1,451
Hall insurance	1,788				1,788	1,580
Insurance claims and property costs	0	1,182			1,182	370
Telephone and Internet	820				820	821
Bank charges	84				84	90
Parish office copier rental	(1,928)				(1,928)	406
Other regular church running costs	913				913	1,158
Printing and photocopying	543				543	595
Church maintenance and repairs	1,082				1,082	1,392
Walsingham	105				105	130
Depreciation	620				*620*	
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**16,564**	**1,182**		**52**	**17,798**	**18,586**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**52,563**	**1,182**	**84,700**	**52**	**138,497**	**124,246**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2023	*Year to* 31-Dec-22
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**3,400**	**(176)**	**720**	**2,610**	**6,554**	**10,553**
Revaluation of shares				2,333	2,333	(3,308)
Preschool hall hire	6,825		(6,825)			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2023	35,594	21,912	61,393	67,392	186,291	179,046
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	**45,819**	**21,736**	**55,288**	**72,335**	**195,178**	**186,291**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Designated			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2023	Total All funds 2022
	General	Designated	Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	**2,480**				**2,480**	0
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	8,929				8,929	11,002
Bank current account-pre school			29,857		29,857	36,819
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,053		40,053	40,092
CBF Deposit fund	34,049	22,614		43,203	99,866	87,081
Cash in hand					0	12
Cash at bank	**42,978**	**22,614**	**69,910**	**43,203**	**178,705**	**175,006**
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares				27,126	27,126	24,794
Investment assets at market value				**27,126**	**27,126**	**24,794**
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2023						
Total assets	**45,458**	**22,614**	**69,910**	**70,329**	**208,311**	**199,800**
DEBTORS						
Preschool					0	156
HMRC	1,606				1,606	1,480
Hall rent	504				504	562
Christmas fair	0				0	756
Christmas service donations	1,050				1,050	365
100 Club	0				0	313
Interest	388	304		579	1,271	113
St Andrews	330				330	0
Flower fund	189				189	0
Sundry debtors	252				252	0
Advertising	160				160	82
	4,479	**304**	**0**	**579**	**5,362**	**3,905**
CREDITORS						
WSCC			(12,306)		(12,306)	(12,773)
Prepaid fees and deposits			(360)		(360)	(1,143)
Employees			(1,956)		(1,956)	(1,560)
HMRC						(69)
Gas and electricity	(563)				(563)	(1,538)
Bank charges	(18)				(18)	0
Donation from church collection						(21)
Funeral fee	(217)				(217)	
Diocese	(2,500)				(2,500)	
Trade suppliers	(575)				(575)	(100)
Petty cash expenses						(248)
Total liabilities	**(3,873)**		**(14,622)**	0	**(18,495)**	**(17,414)**
Transfers	**(245)**	**(1,182)**		**1,427**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**45,819**	**21,736**	**55,288**	**72,335**	**195,178**	**186,291**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	General	Designated	Designated Pre School	Restricted	Total All funds 2023	Total All funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	45,819				45,819	35,594
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's						
Roof		16,212				
Church development fund		4,251				
Interest		1,273				
		21,736			21,736	21,912
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			55,288		55,288	61,393
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				27,700		27,700
Special purpose fund (redesignated)				4,030		4,030
Interest				2,434		513
Dividends				1,478		737
Share revaluation				4,124		1,791
Solar panels				10,000		10,000
Pam Bailey fund				22,569		22,569
				72,335	72,335	67,392
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	**45,819**	**21,736**	**55,288**	**72,335**	**195,178**	**186,291**

ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2023	*Total All funds 2022*
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	**2,480**			**2,480**	
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	8,929			8,929	11,002
CBF Deposit fund	34,049	22,614	43,203	99,866	87,080
Cash in hand			0	0	0
	42,978	**22,614**	**43,203**	**108,795**	**98,083**
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares			27,126	27,126	24,794
Investment assets at market value Share valuation at 31 Dec 2023 of £27,126	**0**	**0**	**27,126**	**27,126**	**24,794**
TOTAL ASSETS	**45,458**	**22,614**	**70,329**	**138,401**	**122,877**
DEBTORS					
HMRC	1,606			1,606	1,480
Hall rent	504			504	562
Christmas fair	0			0	756
Christmas service donations	1,050			1,050	365
100 Club	0			0	313
Prepayments	252			252	113
St Andrews	330			330	0
Interest	388	304	579	388	0
Flower account	189			189	0
Advertising	160			160	160
	4,479	**304**	**579**	**5,362**	**3,749**
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(563)			(1,538)	(1,538)
Funeral fee	(217)			(217)	0
Donation from church collection	0				(21)
Trade suppliers	(575)			(575)	(100)
HMRC	0				(69)
Diocese	(2,500)			(2,500)	
Total liabilities	**(3,873)**	**0**	**0**	**(3,873)**	**(1,728)**
Transfers	**(245)**	**(1,182)**	**1,427**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**45,819**	**21,736**	**72,335**	**139,890**	**124,898**
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds			**72,335**	**72,335**	**67,392**
Designated funds		**21,736**		**21,736**	**21,912**
Unrestricted funds	**45,819**			**45,819**	**35,594**
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				**139,890**	**124,898**

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2023)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2023
Restricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Special purpose fund	890	0	0	3,140	4,030
Restricted purposes (see below)	35,761	0	(52)	(3,140)	32,569
Roof	27,700	0	0	0	27,700
Interest received	513	1,921			2,434
Dividend income	737	741			1,478
Revaluation of shares	1,791			2,333	4,124
Total of all restricted funds	**67,392**	**2,662**	**(52)**	**2,333**	**72,335**
Designated funds					
Roof-designated fund	17,394	0	(1,182)	0	16,212
Church redevelopment-designated fund	4,251	0	0	0	4,251
Interest	267	1,006			267
Total of all designated funds	**21,912**	**1,006**	**(1,182)**	**0**	**21,736**
Unrestricted funds	**35,594**	**62,788**	**(52,563)**	**0**	**45,819**
Total funds	**124,859**	**66,456**	**(53,797)**	**2,333**	**139,890**

Restricted funds	**B/f**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Redesignation**	**C/f**
Childrens corner	79			(79)	0
Crib service collection	183			(183)	0
Flowers	52		(52)	0	0
Jean Godden legacy	933			(933)	0
Junior church	451			(451)	0
St Luke's collection	41			(41)	0
Pam Bailey legacy	22,569				22,569
Requiem altar carpet	150			(150)	0
Solar panels	10,000				10,000
Sunday school books	76			(76)	0
War memorial	112			(112)	0
Andrew Wood	715			(715)	0
Altar cloths	400			(400)	0
	35,761		(52)	(3,140)	32,569
Restricted roof fund	27,700				27,700
Special purpose fund				4,030	4,030
Social fund	890			(890)	
	64,351		**(52)**	**0**	**64,299**
Revaluation of shares	1,791			2,333	4,124
Interest	513	1,921			2,434
Dividends	737	741			1,478
	3,041	**2,662**		**2,333**	**8,036**
	67,392	**2,662**	**(52)**	**2,333**	**72,335**

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2023	Total All funds 2022
	General	Designated			
Income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations	39,447			39,447	40,606
Charitable activities	1,610			1,610	586
Other trading activities	17,587			17,587	22,194
Investments	1,302	1,006	2,662	4,970	1,785
Other receipts	2,842			2,842	
Total received	**62,788**	**1,006**	**2,662**	66,456	**65,171**
Expenditure					
Charitable direct costs	(41,354)	(1,182)	(52)	(42,588)	(36,738)
Charity indirect costs	(11,209)			(11,209)	(18,586)
Total paid out	**(55,324)**	**(1,182)**	**(52)**	**(53,797)**	**(55,324)**
NET EXPENDITURE	**10,225**	**(176)**	**2,610**	**12,659**	**9,847**
Net movement in funds	10,225	(176)	2,610	12,659	9,847
Adjustment-investment to transfer					
Revaluation of shares (see notes)		-	2,333	2,333	(3,308)
Cash & investments on 1st January 2023	35,594	21,912	67,392	124,898	118,359
Cash and investments on 31st December 2023	**45,819**	**21,736**	**72,355**	**139,890**	**124,898**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2023	Total All funds 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES					
St John The Divine, income	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Planned giving	20,757			20,757	20,062
Other gift aided donations	13,515			13,515	13,047
Other donations	1,795			1,795	3,907
Gift aid recovered	3,380			3,380	3,590
Donations and legacies total	**39,447**		**0**	**39,447**	**40,606**
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	**1,610**			**1,610**	**586**
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	2,193			2,193	2,063
Insurance claim	0			0	555
Parish magazine sales	177			177	91
Hall and church hire	13,562			13,562	12,279
St Andrew's contributions	1,797			1,797	3,644
100 Club	345			345	313
Flower fund	0			0	200
Catering	100			100	0
Photocopying	60			60	0
Polling	700			700	1,250
Sundry income including energy grant	967			967	1,218
Magazine advertisement fees	528			528	566
Bookstall sales	0			0	15
Other activities total	**20,429**			**20,429**	**22,194**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	1,302	1,006	1,921	4,229	1,048
CBF investment fund dividend			741	741	737
Investment income	**1,302**	**1,006**	**2,662**	**4,970**	1,785
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**62,788**	**1,006**	**2,662**	**66,456**	**65,171**

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2023	Total All funds 2022
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	174			174	0
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000			30,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and expenses	4,741			4,741	6,045
Costs of weddings, funerals and baptisms	300			300	0
PCC governance costs	271			271	300
Other charitable costs	513			513	393
Total direct costs	**35,999**			**35,999**	**36,738**
Flowers costs	61		52	113	339
Accountancy and Xero licences	413			413	435
Church water, gas and electricity	2,285			2,285	2,605
Church insurance	2,376			2,376	2,095
Telephone and internet	820			820	821
Church maintenance and repairs	1,082			1,082	1,392
Other regular church running costs	913			913	1,158
Printing and photocopying	543			543	595
Hall, water, gas and electricity	3,325			3,325	2,621
Hall cleaning and wages	3,150			3,150	2,498
Hall maintenance and repairs	927			927	1,451
Insurance claims		1,182		1,182	370
Hall insurance	1,788			1,788	1,580
Parish office copier rental	(1,928)			(1,928)	406
Bank charges	84			84	90
Walsingham	105			105	130
Depreciation	620			620	0
Total indirect costs	**16,564**	**1,182**	**52**	**17,798**	**18,586**
Total paid out on all funds	**52,563**	**1,182**	**52**	**53,797**	**55,324**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Total (3 terms)	3 terms to 31-Dec-22
	£	£
Income		
Fees	84,167	76,765
Fundraising	861	286
Bank interest	380	64
T Shirt income	12	12
Grant	0	665
Sundry	0	166
	85,420	**77,958**
Less Expenditure		
Curriculum costs	(3,551)	(2,595)
Salaries	(74,189)	(63,549)
Premises costs	(223)	(2,147)
Hall hire	(6,825)	(6,330)
Administration costs	(2,280)	(427)
Professional fees	(384)	0
Service costs	(3,341)	(2,204)
Fund raising costs	(732)	*0*
	(91,525)	**(77,252)**
Excess of (expenditure) over income	**(6,105)**	**706**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023	£	31-Dec-22 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	29,857	36,819
Cash in hand	0	12
Deposit Account	40,053	40,092
	69,910	**76,923**
DEBTORS		
Outstanding fees	0	156
Total debtors	**0**	**156**
TOTAL ASSETS	**69,910**	**77,079**
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment	(12,306)	(12,773)
Prepaid fees and deposits	(360)	(1,143)
Petty cash expenses	0	(210)
Employment costs	(1,956)	(1,560)
Total liabilities	**(14,622)**	**(15,686)**
Net assets at 31st December 2023	**55,288**	**61,393**
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	**61,393**	**60,687**
(Deficit) for the year (Surplus in 2022)	**(6,105)**	**706**
Reserves c/f	**55,288**	**61,393**

Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it was necessary in the year to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. These accounts properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

2. The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and current church accounting regulations.

3. The consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.

4. The consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

5. St Andrew the Apostle church reimburses 50% of the clergy property costs.

6. The share investment has increased in value as at the 31st December 2023 by £2,333 to £27,126 (2022 decrease by £3,308 to £24,794). The value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.

7. Clergy and other allowances and expenses:-

   This expenditure includes Council tax on both the vicarage and the curate's house (to 31 August 2023), plus water charges and Clergy expenses but has been reduced by the contributions made by St Andrew the Apostle Church.

8. Regular church running costs:-

   This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles, oil for candles and also the costs of the organist.

9. Other charitable costs

   This expenditure includes:

   Drinks licence
   Website maintenance
   CCLI licence – copyright payment for music in church.
   Forward in faith
   Office telephone and broadband
   Payment for safeguarding

Notes to the accounts

10. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

    a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

    b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley Road are excluded from the accounts
    by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 26th May 2024.

Signed as approved

Dorothy M Smith

Vice Chairman of the PCC

Reports from groups and committees

WARDENS REPORT

a. Fabric

On 18th September 2023 the UK was hit by a storm that left many areas flooded. St John's unfortunately did not escape water damage. Tiles blown off the roof dropped into the valley between the roofs on the north side of the church. This led to a blockage where the water drain runs through the tower and out onto a flat roof above the high altar. The gutters and drainpipe on the flat roof were silted up and could not clear the water fast enough. The outcome was a buildup of water where it enters the tower which overflowed into the church.

Inside the church the water poured from the ceiling into the vestry soaking the severs robes hanging on the wall directly below and flooding the floor. (Our thanks go to Sandy for laundering them back into good working order). The water also poured through the electric main switches which caused concern for safety and ruined the ceiling light in this area. The Sacristy was soaked both from the outside where the water ran under the door and inside through the walls near the door. Inside the church the water ran down the east wall surrounding the doorway to the electric switches from the church. Water in this area damaged the carpet as far as the Requiem altar and most of the space behind it.

An insurance claim was submitted followed by a visit from a loss adjuster on 13 October 2023, who organised drying equipment and a roof inspection. The drying equipment ran 24/7 from this time right up to and beyond the end of December 2023 at a considerable cost for the electric supply. The roof inspection took place on 24th October 2023.

Roof repairs started with clearing the silted gutters and down pipes on 9 November, followed by installing a new hod as well as waterproofing the masonry where water constantly runs down the lightening conductor. This was completed on 15 December 2023.

The task of repairing the church after this storm damage will continue in 2024.

Several chairs have needed attention as they have developed loose joints. These have now been repaired. Please let someone know if you find a chair with a problem.

b. Attendance

Regular worshippers on a Sunday including 8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass and 6pm Evening Prayer and Benediction, amount on average to 50 - 60 members attending.

c. Bible Study Group

A weekly bible study started in Lent and has continued ever since. 10 people on average attend the bible study, forming a solid core for growing in faith worship and knowledge. Our thanks go to Father Tim for setting this group up and leading it so faithfully.

d. Social & Fundraising

We started the year with a Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper which was well supported.

In May 2023 we had a Tea party and games in the hall to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.

The Summer Fair was well supported and raised a good amount of cash for parish funds.

A Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive was held on Saturday 30th September 2023.

Reports from groups and committees

Father Tim was heroic in cooking 4 options for the main course, it was appreciated very much with a delicious trifle made by Lyn Gough to finish the meal. It was a great evening enjoyed by all as well as raising funds for the church.

A Christmas market was held on 2nd December 2023. St Andrews and the Preschool joined us with stalls of their own. Independent stall holders paid a hire fee of £15 per table. Also present were WADARS Animal Rescue charity. The morning went by in a relaxed and happy way, bringing in the local community and providing simple lunches of great value. The children enjoyed a visit to Santa, a games area and things of interest from the stalls. All in all, a happy event, and a profit for church funds.

Vanessa's departure could have left much to aspire to regarding social fundraising events, but we have great people here willing to use their gifts to carry on this much appreciated, well attended, social fundraising events.

There is wonderful team spirit in the congregation which is to be celebrated and added to. A small committee has been formed to organise events as well as a great gang of helpers who turn up faithfully to assist in any way they can.

Dorothy Smith

SIDESPERSONS

Our gratitude goes to the faithful team of sidepersons who turn up week after week to greet and help all who come through our doors. This is an incredibly important role to give a positive and warm welcome to our worship and they do a great job.

SERVING TEAM

At St. John's we are so fortunate to have a small but totally dedicated team of Servers. The level of serving has remained consistently high throughout the year and our team of servers have assisted the clergy for big occasions, major feast days, Holy Week liturgies, funerals, Requiem Masses and Sunday by Sunday. We all owe our Serving and Sacristy Teams a huge debt of thanks for serving at the Altar and preparing behind the scenes for the wide range of services and liturgical events, without fuss and in such a dignified and fitting manner. Everything in the serving and sacristy is done to a very high standard.

St. John's also hosted the Worthing branch of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary on two occasions in 2023.

If anyone would like to join the Serving Team, please have a word with our head server, Mike Chatfield after Mass on Sunday mornings.

Fr. Tim

ST. JOHN'S 100 CLUB

A total of 60 tickets were sold in 2023, up 3 from 2022.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25.

At the end of this year, we gave £345 to Church funds.

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 when we had 63 participants. This is slowing reducing year by year. In the last eleven years, we have given St John's a total of £3,877.

Reports from groups and committees

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough Tel: 07880 796619

CHURCH FLOWERS - 2023

Donations have been generously given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £51 left in the fund from 2022. Personal donations in the year totalled £985, £250 came from Church funds, and the cost of flowers was £848. There was a surplus of £189 remaining for use in 2024.

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are particularly busy, so please me know if you can help.

There is a list in the Church which you can complete with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome. At least two weeks' notice, with your donation, would be appreciated.

Please see me or phone me on 07880 796619

Lyn Gough

PARISH OFFICE REPORT - 2023

The Parish Office continues to be open on Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We print the pew sheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by collating and stapling it.

During the year we were pleased to have a colour printer installed and I was very grateful to the PCC for agreeing to a complete refurbishment of the office laptop which has given it (and me) a new lease of life.

The Parish Office also provides a venue for meetings, and we can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating.

We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings, and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

ST JOHN'S HALL REPORT – 2023

Last year the hall was busy with birthday parties and social events. Preschool continues to be popular with local families. We lost one of our regular groups, but their spot was quickly filled by a martial arts group who meet every Wednesday for 2 hours. A local foster agency have been hiring the hall for social events for children in foster care. I am told they have been very successful. A new cleaner joined us in November 2023, and he is proving to be very reliable and is doing an excellent job in both the hall and the church. Maintenance and repairs have been regularly carried out, but there is still a list of jobs to be done. The hall now has good Wi-Fi connection and many thanks to Martyn our Churchwarden for all his hard work installing the Wi-Fi. If anyone is interested in hiring the hall, please contact me.

Caroline Burke

Reports from groups and committees

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

I am sorry that I am really a web minder rather than a web master owing to the constraints on my time. However, I have been able to update the website weekly with the pew sheet and the liturgy of the day and monthly with the parish magazine. When possible, I have publicised upcoming events; in this connection, it would be most helpful if people organising events could send me flyers or at least details if they want them put on the website's home page.

Will Oakeshott webmaster@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is not only a financial support for our church – it's a link to our local community and beyond, providing work for the local residents and creating strong community ties when we visit care homes and local organisations.

We have a very dedicated manager in Jude. She has high values and works very hard to continue to build a secure, modern and vibrant place for our young children. Jude's enthusiasm shines through in everything she does, and our church hall is a testament to this. Our parents have just given some outstanding testimonials, acknowledging how amazing all our staff are. These can be viewed on our website.

Preschool children attend church on a regular basis to gain an understanding of our Christian ethos. Numbers of children attending can drop from time to time but all staff are working hard to improve, sustain and improve these. As a result, numbers are gradually improving.

We are very proud to stand out amongst other settings as a family, caring and very happy bubble. Each child counts alongside their parents /carers, as individuals and as part of our family.

Sally Thompson
Chair of Governors.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are fully committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

The parish has continued to receive support in 2023 from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. The importance of safeguarding in our parish was demonstrated by having reports at every PCC meeting in 2023. The contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer are also easily accessible in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine, and for governors and staff at St John's Preschool. All members of the PCC have had a DBS disclosure check. In line with Diocesan policy, all DBS disclosure checks will be renewed every three years.

Martin Lloyd- Parish Safeguarding Officer

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DEANERY REPORT 2023

In 2023, the Worthing Deanery Synod met three times:

7 March 2023 at All Saints' Church, Findon Valley

14 June 2023 at St Peter's Church, Sompting

19 October 2023 at St Stephen's Church, East Worthing

At its meeting in March 2023, the synod had two very good presentations; one from Revd Earl Collins - Church House, Hove about 'The Year of the Old Testament' and another presentation from the Turning Tides team about their work with the homeless in Worthing.

At its meeting in June 2023, Deacon Rachel spoke to the synod about the work of the hospital chaplaincy team. There were also some interesting contributions from other members of her team. Deacon Rachel explained about the work of the chaplaincy team to support both patients and staff.

At its meeting in October 2023, there was a presentation to the synod about 'Open the Book'. This is a team of trained volunteers who go into schools to tell bible stories to children in an imaginative and engaging way.

In September 2023, there were two important changes in the deanery. Revd Helena Buque stepped down as the rural dean and was replaced by Revd Felix Smith. We are grateful to Helena for all the work she has done to support the mission of the deanery.

Also in September 2023, Heather Crookes started as our paid Deanery Development Officer. Heather already works as the administrator for the Lancing parishes. She will be employed in this new role in the deanery for 3 hours a week over the next three years. She will particularly focus on improving communication between churches in the deanery and on supporting the rural dean in his work.

Key roles in the Deanery Synod in 2023:

Rural Dean:
Revd Helena Buque – Vicar of St John the Baptist, Findon, St Mary the Virgin, Clapham and St John the Divine, Patching (until September 2023).
Revd Felix Smith – Vicar of South Lancing and Sompting, and Lancing with Coombes (from September 2023).

Lay Chair:
Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing.

Treasurer:
Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater.

Secretary:
Yvonne Austin - St Symphorian's, Durrington (until October 2023).

Deanery Development Officer:
Heather Crookes – Lancing Parishes (from September 2023).
Martin Lloyd

Reports from groups and committees

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, WE

England & Wales - Charity number 1178660

Accounts

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 28th May 2023 at 11-30am.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are the incumbent, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2022 are:-

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett appointed on 5 May 2020

Wardens

Mrs Vanessa Puttick	Appointed 11 October 2020 for 3 years
(from 30 May 2021 elected as Vice Chairman)	
Ms Caroline Burke	Appointed 29 May 2022 for 3 years

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

Mr Martin Puttick	Appointed 20 May 2021
Mrs Kim Upton	Appointed 18 April 2018
Mr Martin Lloyd	Appointed 2 April 2017 (also Safeguarding Officer)
Miss Dawn Munn	Appointed 27 April 2019

Elected Members

Mrs Gillian Almond	Appointed 29th May 2022 (APCM 2022 for 3 years)
Mr Mike Chatfield	Appointed 11 November 2020 for 3 years
Mr Alan Caperon	Appointed 11 October 2020 for 3 years (Acting Treasurer)
Mrs Ros Ashton	Appointed 30 May 2021 for 3 years

2. Co-Opted Members.

There were no Co-Opted members.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

3. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church.

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and cooperate with the incumbent, continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road. The church maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

4. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and also to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.
4. On two occasions in 2022 St. John's church was used as a polling station for the benefit of the local community.

5. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also through fellowship after Sunday services.

Our Parish Clergy team continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our honorary Clergy, Servers, Sacristans, lay ministers and flower people, and all those who have worked so hard.

6. Review of the year

St. John's entered 2022 with cautious optimism following the lifting of the Covid pandemic restrictions.
Father Tim and his team have sought to navigate through the many obstacles that have presented themselves to us throughout the year because of the lockdown and we look forward to the future with hope and optimism.

Many enjoyable social events were organised in 2022 to try and bring people together again after the restriction of the lockdown. In June 2022 a parish BBQ was held in the Vicarage Garden to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This was a very happy occasion.

After such a happy occasion as the Jubilee, the nation and the world was deeply saddened, by the death of our much loved Queen on the 8th September 2022. A Requiem Mass was celebrated for the Queen in September 2022.

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In our worshipping life, the round of "feast and fast" was once more fully kept at St. John's. It is a joy to see some new members joining the regular worshipping life of the Church. Regrettably, some of our regular members have died in the past year. We note the incredibly valued contribution to the life of St. John's over many years of our dear brother, Christopher Smith who died on 28 August 2022 – May he rest in peace.

St. John's preschool has continued to hire the church hall to take care of many local children during the working day and has remained open with all Government guidelines observed, with regular cleaning of the hall in place. A number of other groups have hired the hall and parents have hired the hall for birthday parties.

The production of the parish magazine continues online and is produced in hard copy and is valued by the congregation and many who are now unable to get to church. The Parish website has also been regularly updated.

The average weekly attendance in church for 2022 was approximately 50 - 60 people attending on Sundays across the 3 services which are held at St. John's. This figure rose significantly at major festivals. The weekly number of people attending on an average week is about 30.

We have enjoyed our fellowship with our sister parish of St. Andrew the Apostle, Worthing and they have joined us for worship and social and fundraising events as well as our joint pilgrimage to Walsingham which is held annually.

We have striven to make the church available to the local community and enjoy close links with Elm Grove School who enjoyed their Carols by Candlelight in December 2022. The Church building has been used twice in 2022 as a polling station. The large space in the nave of the church creates a good space for elections and it provides a good way to welcome our local community to their church. It is hoped that an ongoing arrangement can be maintained with the County Council, and we are delighted to help in this respect.

7. Present and future

As we go into 2023, we are thankful to our Lord for all His blessings to us, and we hope to build on all that has been achieved over many years at St. John's.

We hope to extend our welcome to more of our neighbours in the parish by making the church building more accessible to them with more events which bring together the whole community. The Coronation of our new King, Charles III was an opportunity to welcome the whole community to our church.

We will continue to celebrate the round of Feasts which makes our worship so rich and encourage more and more people to attend. These are difficult times for the Church of England and national attendance is low. However, we hope to be a more effective source of leaven, light and yeast to our Parish Community and to be available as a place of Sanctuary in a busy and hectic world.

Following on from the Lent course, a regular Bible Study commenced within the Parish to study the Sunday readings.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Fr. Ron Letall. He has been an Honorary Assistant Priest at St. John's for a very long time. He looked after one interregnum and has been a devoted and much-loved priest to us all who will be greatly missed. May he rest in Peace.

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Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £65,171 (2021 £66,037).

The expenditure for the year was £55,324 (2021 £73,712), including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £30,000.

It is pleasing to report that St John's church had a surplus with income exceeding expenditure this year by £9,847 (2021 deficit £7,675).

It should be noted that the market value of investments reduced by £3,308 compared to an increase in value in 2021 of £3,517.

The total net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors at 31 December 2022 was £124,898 (2021 £118,359).

The St John's Preschool results are included in the Charity's consolidated accounts, and you will note that the Preschool made a surplus in the year of £706 (2021 6,318), after taking into account a donation made to St John's church of £2,000 and making contributions to St John's church for the hire of the hall of £6,330.

The consolidated accounts show that the total assets of the Charity at 31 December 2022 were £186,291 (2021 £179,046), which represented an increase of £7,245. This increase is made up of the net surplus made by St John's church of £6,539 (adjusted for the reduction in the value of investments), plus the St John's Preschool surplus of £706.

8. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's future needs.

Roof funds

The roof fund is currently at a level whereby it is unlikely that any significant work can be undertaken to the church roof in 2023. The PCC will be evaluating the fund in 2023 albeit that at this time there are no leaks and therefore no immediate urgency to carry out any major repairs.

Other funds

The change in Charity law under the Charities Act 2022 does mean by resolution of a PCC meeting we can resolve to change the restriction on the smaller restricted funds to a similar purpose. This means the various restricted pots of cash each less than £1,000 in value can be merged together or used for new specific purposes. The new purposes will enable the Charity to reutilise if required up to £4,030 for new funds by reallocation of the following:-

- Childrens Corner £79
- Crib service collection (prior years) £183
- Jean Godden Legacy £933
- Junior church £451
- St Luke collection £41
- Requiem Altar carpet £150
- War Memorial £112
- Andrew Wood £715
- Altar cloths £400
- Social fund £890
- Sunday school books £76

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A resolution will be proposed by the PCC for voting at the AGM on 28 May 2023 to consider the redesignate of these funds for the following specific purpose:-

- The redecoration of the inside of the church and the repair of masonry which has shattered in places. Looking ahead, it is also hoped to replace the 40-year-old heating system with a more efficient and effective system to keep our congregation warm.
- To designate funds for the Junior church.

The redesignation of the roof funds will need to be considered by the Charity Commission.

The Charity's reserves at 31 December 2022 totalled £186,291 (2021 £179,046) and are made up as follows: -

- Restricted funds of £67,392 (2021 £69,489)
- Designated funds of £21,912 (2021 £21,645)
- Unrestricted funds of £35,594 (2021 £27,225)
- Preschool designated funds of £61,393 (2021 £60,687)

The reserves are shown in more detail in these accounts.

The Trustees will consider in 2023 whether the St John's church designated roof funds are still appropriate for the previously intended purposes as well as how best to plan the use of the St John's church restricted funds as previously specified by the donors.

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St John's Preschool

St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2022

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document.
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

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The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; one governor was employed by the Preschool as the Bursar for part of the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy. Although not as frequent the assemblies are returning, usually once a half term.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

At the end of the year, there were 23 children on roll – 3 x 2-year-olds and 14 x 3-year-olds.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2022
(SORP Ref; Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2022 remained strong, with a small operating surplus of £706.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:
- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

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Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons: the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.

The Governors approved a new policy for the induction of governors in 2021. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

The Preschool relates to:

- The Parochial Church Council- Regular reports are given at PCC meetings and annual accounts are provided. A report is written for the APCM.
- Other Local Early Years Settings-There has sometimes been liaison with other local early years settings.
- Early Years Alliance-An annual membership fee provides access to the EYA website, advice and information.
- West Sussex County Council-Advice and support are received from the Early Years Team.
- Ofsted-An annual registration fee is paid to Ofsted; the Preschool has an Ofsted Designated Person who is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the Ofsted registration are met.

Martin Lloyd-Chair of Governors

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. *Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)*
2. *To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and*
3. *To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

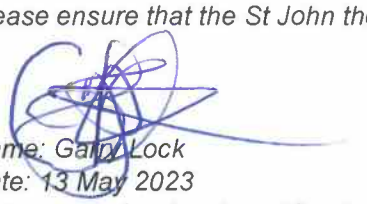
Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with the examination the following matters previously came to the attention of the Independent Examiners:

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 comply with the requirements to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Pre School.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 accord with the accounting records. The accounts therefore comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Year to 31-Dec-21
INCOMING RESOURCES	General	Designated	Designated Pre school			
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	20,062				20,062	22,786
Other gift aided donations	13,047				13,047	7,100
Other donations	1,907				1,907	3,079
Gift aid recovered	3,590				3,590	8,342
Donations and legacies total	**38,606**				**38,606**	**41,307**
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			76,765		76,765	87,773
Other income for the year			1,193		1,193	979
Other income			0		0	0
			77,958		**77,958**	**88,752**
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals and other income	586				586	3,443
Charitable activities total	**586**				**586**	**3,443**
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	2,063				2,063	1,411
Insurance claim	555				555	0
Parish magazine sales	91				91	88
Hall and church hire	12,279				12,279	8,550
Hall and church hire-pre school	(6,330)				(6,330)	(7,667)
St Andrew's contributions	3,644				3,644	2,676
100 Club	313				313	327
Flower fund	200				200	38
Sale of church chairs	0				0	1,660
Walsingham	0				0	3,336
Polling	1,250				1,250	1,000
Sundry income	1,218				1,218	1,175
Magazine advertisement fees	566				566	130
Bookstall sales	15				15	100
Other Fundraising activities total	**15,864**				**15,864**	**12,824**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	268	267		513	1,048	83
CBF investment fund dividend	737					713
Investment income	**1,005**	**267**		**513**	**1,785**	**796**
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**56,061**	**267**	**77,958**	**513**	**134,799**	**147,122**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Year to 31-Dec-21
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	0				0	197
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000				30,000	30,000
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	6,045				6,045	6,550
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	0					892
PCC governance costs	300				300	1,033
Other charitable costs	393				393	1,370
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**36,738**				**36,738**	**40,042**
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2022			77,252		77,252	82,434
Pre school payments to St John's			(8,330)		(8,330)	(7,667)
			68,922		**68,922**	**74,767**
Flowers for church	339				339	232
Church insurance	2,095				2,095	1,991
Accountancy and Xero licence	435				435	0
Hall, water, gas, and electricity	2,621				2,621	2,565
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	2,605				2,605	3,889
Hall cleaning and wages	2,498				2,498	2,568
Hall maintenance and repairs	1,451				1,451	742
Hall insurance	1,580				1,580	1,503
Hall boiler and water heater replacement	0				0	2,724
Hall door replaced					0	3,148
Hall break in costs	370				370	406
Steamer	0				0	960
Petty cash expenses	0				0	183
Telephone and Internet	821				821	589
Bank charges	90				90	103
Machine for credit card donations	0				0	300
Parish office copier rental	406				406	406
Other regular church running costs	1,158				1,158	797
Printing and photocopying	595				595	597
Church maintenance and repairs	1,392				1,392	1,628
Walsingham	130				130	2,654
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan	0				0	3,000
Hymnal music system and warranty	0				0	2,662
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**18,586**				**18,586**	**33,670**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**55,324**	**0**	**68,922**		**124,246**	**148,479**

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2022	*Year to* 31-Dec-21
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**737**	**267**	**9,036**	**513**	**10,605**	(1,357)
Adjustment-dividend	(737)			737		1,945
Adjustment for cash in hand b/f	39			(39)		
Donation pre school	2,000		(2,000)			
Revaluation of shares				(3,308)	(3,308)	3,517
Preschool hall hire	6,330		(6,330)			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2022	27,225	21,645	60,687	69,489	179,046	174,941
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	**35,594**	**21,912**	**61,393**	**67,392**	**186,291**	**179,046**

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Total All funds 2021
	General	Designated	Designated Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	11,002				11,002	7,319
Bank current account-pre school			36,819		36,819	37,069
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,092		40,092	40,092
CBF Deposit fund	23,308	21,912		41,861	87,081	80.909
Cash in hand			12		12	38
Cash at bank	**34,310**	**21,912**	**76,923**	**41,861**	**175,006**	**165,427**
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares				24,794	24,794	28,102
Investment assets at market value				**24,794**	**24,794**	**28,102**
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2022						
Total assets	**34,310**	**21,912**	**76,923**	**66,655**	**199,800**	**193,529**
DEBTORS						
Preschool			156		156	197
HMRC	1,480				1,480	2,101
Hall rent	562				562	678
Christmas fair	756				756	0
Christmas service donations	365				365	436
100 Club	313				313	327
Sundry debtors-interest	113				113	64
Advertising	160				82	130
	3,749		**156**	**0**	**3,905**	**3,933**
CREDITORS						
WSCC			(12,773)		(12,773)	(13,993)
Prepaid fees and deposits			(1,143)		(1,143)	(968)
Employees			(1,560)		(1,560)	(1,250)
HMRC	(69)				(69)	(460)
Gas and electricity	(1,538)				(1,538)	(905)
Cleaning and disposal costs					0	(214)
Donation from church collection	(21)				(21)	(21)
Trade suppliers	(100)				(100)	(605)
Petty cash expenses			(210)		(248)	0
Total liabilities	**(1,728)**		**(15,686)**	0	**(17,414)**	**(18,416)**
Transfers (Dividends)	**(737)**			**737**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**35,594**	**21,912**	**61,393**	**67,392**	**186,291**	**179,046**

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	General	Designated	Designated Pre School	Restricted	Total All funds 2022	Total All funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	35,594				35,594	27,225
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's					21,912	21,645
Roof		17,394				
Church development fund		4,251				
Interest		267				
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			61,393		61,393	60,687
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				27,700		27,700
Social				890		890
Interest/dividends/ share value				3,041		
Other restricted funds				35,761		40,899
				67,392	67,392	69,489
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	35,594	21,912	61,393	67,392	186,291	179,046

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ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2021*
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	11,002			11,002	7,319
CBF Deposit fund	23,308	21,912	41,861	87,080	80,909
Cash in hand			0	0	38
	34,310	**21,912**	**41,861**	**98,083**	**88,266**
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares			24,794	24,794	28,102
Investment assets at market value Share valuation at 31 Dec 2021 of £28,102	**0**	**0**	**24,794**	**24,794**	**28,102**
	34,310	**21,912**	**66,655**	**122,877**	**116,368**
DEBTORS					
HMRC	1,480			1,480	2,101
Hall rent	562			562	678
Christmas fair	756			756	0
Christmas service donations	365			365	436
100 Club	313			313	327
Sundry debtors-interest	113			113	64
Advertising	160			160	130
	3,749		**0**	**3,749**	**3,736**
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(1,538)			(1,538)	(905)
Cleaning and disposal costs	0			0	(214)
Donation from church collection	(21)			(21)	(210
Trade suppliers	(100)			(100)	(605)
HMRC	(69)			(69)	0
Total liabilities	**(1,728)**		**0**	**(1,728)**	**(1,745)**
Transfer of dividend income	**(737)**		**737**		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**35,594**	**21,912**	**67,392**	**124,898**	**118,359**
CHARITY FUNDS					
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Roof			27,700	27,700	27,700
Social			890	890	890
Interest/dividend/share value			3,041	3,041	
Other restricted funds			35,761	35,761	40,899
			67,392	**67,392**	**69,489**
Designated funds		**21,912**		**21,912**	**21,645**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**35,594**			**35,594**	**27,225**
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				**124,898**	**118,359**

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2022)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£		£
Social	890	0	0	0	890
Restricted purposes (see below)	35,800	1,056	(1,095)	0	35,761
Roof	27,700	0	0	0	27,700
Interest received		513			513
Dividend income		737			737
Revaluation of shares	5,099			(3,308)	1,791
Total of all restricted funds	**69,489**	**2,306**	**(1,095)**	**(3,308)**	**67,392**
Roof-designated fund	17,394	0	0	0	17,394
Church development-designated fund	4,251	0	0	0	4,251
Interest		267			267
Designated funds	**21,645**	**267**	**0**	**0**	**21,912**
Unrestricted funds	**27,225**	**63,654**	**(55,324)**	**0**	**35,555**
Total funds	**118,359**	**66,227**	**(56,419)**	**(3,308)**	**124,859**

Restricted funds	B/f	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	C/f
Childrens corner	79				79
Crib service collection	183				183
Flowers	91	1,056	(1,095)		52
Jean Godden legacy	933				933
Junior church	451				451
St Luke's collection	41				41
Pam Bailey legacy	22,569				22,569
Requiem altar carpet	150				150
Solar panels	10,000				10,000
Sunday school books	76				76
War memorial	112				112
Andrew Wood	715				715
Altar cloths	400				400
	35,800	1,056	(1,095)		35,761
Restricted roof fund	27,700				27,700
Social fund	890				890
	64,390	**1,056**	**(1,095)**		**64,351**
Revaluation of shares	5,099			(3,308)	1,791
Interest		513			513
Dividends		737			737
	5,099	**1,250**		**(3,308)**	**3,041**
	69,489	**1,250**		**(3,308)**	**67,392**

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ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Total All funds 2021
	General	Designated			
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	40,606			40,606	41,307
Charitable activities	586			586	3,443
Other trading activities	22,194			22,194	20,491
Investments	268	267	1,250	1,785	796
Total received	**63,654**	**267**	**1,250**	**65,171**	**66,037**
Expenditure					
Charitable direct costs	(36,738)			(36,738)	(40,042)
Charity indirect costs	(18,586)			(18,586)	(33,670)
Total paid out	**(55,324)**			**(55,324)**	**(73,712)**
NET EXPENDITURE	**8,330**	**267**	**1,250**	**9,847**	**(7,675)**
Net movement in funds	8,330	267	1,250	9,847	(7,675)
Adjustment-investment to transfer					1,945
Cash transactions in year	39		(39)		
Revaluation of shares (see notes)		-	(3,308)	(3,308)	3,517
Cash & investments on 1st January 2022	27,225	21,645	69,489	118,359	120,572
Cash and investments on 31st December 2022	**35,594**	**21,912**	**67,392**	**124,898**	**118,359**

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ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2022	Total All funds 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES					
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	20,062			20,062	22,786
Other gift aided donations	13,047			13,047	7,100
Other donations	3,907			3,907	3,079
Gift aid recovered	3,590			3,590	8,342
Donations and legacies total	**40,606**		**0**	**40,606**	**41,307**
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	**586**			**586**	**3,443**
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	2,063			2,063	1,411
Insurance claim	555			555	0
Parish magazine sales	91			91	88
Hall and church hire	12,279			12,279	8,550
St Andrew's contributions	3,644			3,644	2,676
100 Club	313			313	327
Flower fund	200			200	38
Sale of church chairs	0			0	1,660
Walsingham	0			0	3,336
Polling	1,250			1,250	1,000
Sundry income	1,218			1,218	1,175
Magazine advertisement fees	566			566	130
Bookstall sales	15			15	100
Other activities total	**22,194**			**22,194**	**20,491**
Bank and CBF deposit interest	268	267	513	1,048	83
CBF investment fund dividend			737	737	713
Investment income	**268**	**267**	**1,250**	**1,785**	**796**
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**63,654**	**267**	**1,250**	**65,171**	**66,037**

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ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2022	Total All funds 2021
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	0			0	197
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000			30,000	35,000
Clergy property costs and expenses	6,045			6,045	6,550
Costs of weddings, funerals and baptisms	0			0	892
PCC governance costs	300			300	1,033
Other charitable costs	393			393	1,370
Total direct costs	**36,738**			**36,738**	**40,042**
Flowers costs	339			339	232
Accountancy and Xero licences	435			435	0
Church water, gas and electricity	2,605			2,605	3,889
Church insurance	2,095			2,095	1,991
Telephone and internet	821			821	589
Church maintenance and repairs	1,392			1,392	1,628
Other regular church running costs	1,158			1,158	797
Printing and photocopying	595			595	597
Hall, water, gas and electricity	2,621			2,621	2,565
Hall cleaning and wages	2,498			2,498	2,568
Hall maintenance and repairs	1,451			1,451	742
Hall break in costs	370			370	429
Hall boiler and water heater replacements	0			0	2,724
Hall insurance	1,580			1,580	1,503
Hall door replaced	0			0	3,148
Steamer	0			0	960
Machine for donations by credit card	0			0	300
Parish office copier rental	406			406	406
Magazine costs	0			0	0
Bank charges	90			90	103
Petty cash expenses	0			0	183
Walsingham	130			130	2,654
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan	0			0	3,000
Hymnal organ music system/organ costs	0			0	2,662
Total indirect costs	**18,586**			**18,586**	**33,670**
Total paid on all funds	**55,324**	**0**	**0**	**55,324**	**73,712**

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Total (3 terms) £	3 terms to 31-Dec-21 £
Income		
Fees	76,765	87,773
Fundraising	286	54
Bank interest	64	27
T Shirt income	12	0
Grant	665	898
Refund cons	166	0
	77,958	**88,752**
Less Expenditure		
Curriculum costs	(2,595)	(2,623)
Salaries	(63,549)	(67,006)
Premises costs	(8,477)	(7,730)
Administration costs	(427)	(1,322)
Service costs	(2,204)	(3,753)
	(77,252)	**(82,434)**
Excess of income over expenditure	**706**	**6,318**

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ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022	£	31-Dec-21 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	36,819	37,069
Cash in hand	12	0
Deposit Account	40,092	40,092
	76,923	77,161
DEBTORS		
Outstanding fees	156	197
Total debtors	**156**	**197**
TOTAL ASSETS	**77,079**	**77,358**
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment	(12,773)	(13,993)
Prepaid fees and deposits	(1,143)	(968)
HMRC	0	(460)
Petty cash expenses	(210)	0
Holiday pay accrual	(1,560)	(1,250)
Total liabilities	**(15,686)**	**(16,671)**
Net Worth at 31st December 2022	**61,393**	**60,687**
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	**60,687**	**54,369**
Surplus for the period	**706**	**3,318**
Reserves c/f	**61,393**	**60,687**

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Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it was necessary in the year to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. These accounts properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

2. The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 and current church accounting regulations.

3. The consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.

4. The consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

5. St Andrew the Apostle church reimburses 50% of the clergy property costs.

6. The share investment has decreased in value as at the 31st December 2022 by £3,308 to £24,794. The value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.

7. Clergy and other allowances and expenses:-

   This expenditure includes Council tax on both the vicarage and the curate's house, plus water charges and Clergy expenses but has been reduced by the contributions made by St Andrew the Apostle Church.

8. Regular church running costs:-

   This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles, oil for candles and also the costs of the organist.

9. Other charitable costs

   This expenditure includes:

   Drinks licence
   Website maintenance
   CCLI licence – copyright payment for music in church.
   Forward in faith
   Office telephone and broadband
   Payment for safeguarding

10. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

    a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

    b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley Road are excluded from the accounts by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Notes to the accounts

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 28th May 2023.

Signed as approved



The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett
Chairman of the PCC

Signed as approved



Vanessa Puttick
Vice Chairman of the PCC

Reports from groups and committees

Church Wardens' report

As Church Wardens, together with the Priest we form a leadership team and are accountable for ensuring the parish operates with the legal requirements of the Diocese. However, none of this we do alone, rather, we are indebted to so very many parishioners who are engaged in a wide variety of different activities, together we continue to serve and grow our wonderful place of worship!

Following the previous two years of ups and downs for everyone due to the pandemic, 2022 has taught us to put our trust in God. No one can predict the future, however, in many ways 2022 brought us blessings in abundance, our parishioners have continued to support St John's prayerfully, and financially with their donations despite the uncertainty, not only of rebuilding our church life following the pandemic, but also in a time that has brought financial difficulties for many people due to the cost of living crisis and rising energy bills. We remain immensely thankful to all our parishioners for their continued trust and support in St John's.

Our social and fundraising events slowly increased in 2022, with all events being very well supported. A welcome change for many following the isolation felt during the pandemic.

We continue to welcome our local council into our church building for their elections, bringing many new people into St John's.

I am pleased to report that the church building remains in reasonable repair with no major problems.

It is with great sadness that we report the death in 2022 of our treasurer Mr Chris Smith, our prayers are with his wife Dorothy and their family.

Our grateful thanks must go to Mr Alan Caperon who has given his professional time to the position of acting treasurer.

As ever we remain particularly thankful for Fr Tim and his team who have guided us tirelessly and confidently through another year at St John's. Please continue to pray for our clergy team.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our very valuable volunteers here at St John's for their hard work and continued dedication in keeping our church a lively welcoming community, and for the support given to us as Churchwardens, it is very much appreciated.

Present & Future

St John's continues to be blessed with so many dedicated people, and with their continued support and generosity 2023 will continue to thrive and grow.

We have a full program of social and fundraising events planned for 2023, including a celebration for the King's coronation in May 2023 to include as many of our local community as possible which will give us all the opportunity to welcome new people to our church community and to spread the love of God.

Ms Vanessa Puttick and Ms Caroline Burke

Fabric report

The church wardens are pleased to report that the fabric of the church continues to remain in a reasonable state of repair. All annual service contracts were carried out in 2022 including boiler and heating systems, the church clock, the lightning conductor, and fire extinguishers. Various minor repairs have been carried out during the year including the repair of the church bell, and the tiles replaced on the church roof due to storm damage. A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to help in any way with the upkeep of the church during 2022.

Ms Vanessa Puttick and Ms Caroline Burke

Reports from groups and committees

Fabric & Ornaments

All silverware is cleaned regularly and remains in good condition.

Various vestments have been repaired as necessary.

Ms Vanessa Puttick

Social and Fundraising

Our social and fundraising events have been encouraging in 2022. We began the year cautiously as many were still feeling the effects of the covid pandemic.

We began with Messy church on Good Friday, in which families were introduced to a simple Stations of the Cross, they also enjoyed various crafts and Easter refreshments.

On Saturday 30th April 2022 we held an organ recital in church in aid of Motor Neurone Disease which was well attended.

On 4th June 2022 we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a tea party, this was in the form of a bring and share tea, this event was very well attended, the event raised £310 in donations.

On 23rd July 2022 we held our Summer Fair in church.

On 27th July 2022 we held a BBQ and Pimms afternoon at the vicarage, 30 people attended and this event was well received.

On 1st October 2022 we held our Harvest weekend with Harvest Supper, everyone enjoyed a sausage casserole and apple crumble and the weekend was well attended.

On 12th November 2022 we held a murder mystery evening with fish and chip supper, 34 people attended and £300 was raised for church funds.

On 3rd December 2022 we held our Christmas Fair, and by far the most encouraging event of the year with well over 100 people attending, everyone seemed more confident and were happy to enjoy a lovely morning, this event raised £1,038 for church funds.

The year ended with a Parish Christmas lunch enjoyed by everyone.

Our events for 2022 slowly increased as the year progressed and people began to feel more confident, a full program of events is planned for 2023.

Ms Vanessa Puttick

Preschool Report

"I Highly recommend St Johns Pre School. Two of my children have attended here, and it will be a sad day when my youngest boy leaves. He loves all the staff, they are always happy and very friendly, and the children get to participate in lots of different fun activities. Suzanne"

"Highly recommend! The teachers are absolutely amazing! They create such an amazing bond with your children! my son absolutely loves going & I really don't want him to leave to go school this year!! best nursery in Worthing area!! They do all different activities with the kids from teaching them to cook, doing fun songs with them and so much more!!! Such a friendly, caring & amazing environment!! Abbi"

Reports from groups and committees

The above comments were made by two of the preschool parents this year and these feelings are echoed by so many more. On the last day of the summer term when the parents picked up their children for the last time, it was easy to see the bond that had been made between the parents, children and staff: St John's preschool continues to be a very special place.

The preschool gives our children a safe, fun environment to develop and grow. The staff work incredibly hard to ensure every child reaches their potential and are given a variety of experiences. With COVID restrictions being relaxed more in 2022, it has meant we have been able to welcome some visitors. Some very well received visitors included Rep Tylers, a group who brought in various exotic creatures, critters and creepy crawlies for the children to experience. Another highlight was a Community Links Group, consisting of a couple of people in wheelchairs and one with a canine partner, they performed 'Jack and the flum flum tree' and sang a song, teaching some Makaton signs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have an active Facebook showing many of the activities that are happening, please do have a look at it https://www.facebook.com/stjohnspreschoolworthing

This year the preschool has worked hard to maintain the number of children attending but they have been a little lower than previous years. It is an issue we are aware of and are addressing. For the spring term there is an increase which is encouraging.

Fr Josh has been visiting the preschool more regularly and talking to the children in the hall and they have been visiting church for stories. The end of year graduation for the school leavers returned to church this year and the parents enjoyed the event. One of the highlights in church with the children, though, was the Nativity, which included the story and songs and it was enjoyed by children, parents and governors.

Ros Ashton

Church Flowers

Donations have been generously given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £38 left in the fund from 2021. Personal donations in the year totalled £1,108, including £300 from the flower fund, and the cost of flowers was £1,095. There was £52 remaining in the fund at the end of the year for use in 2023.

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are particularly busy, so please let me know if you can help.

There is a list in the Church which you complete with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome. At least two weeks' notice, with your donation, would be appreciated.

Please see me or phone me on 07880 796619

Lyn Gough

St John's 100 Club

A total of 57 tickets were sold in 2022, up 3 from 2021.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25.
At the end of this year, we gave £273 to Church funds.

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 when we had 63 participants. This is unfortunately reducing year by year. In the last ten years, we have given St John's a total of £3,532.22p.

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough Tel: 07880 796619

Reports from groups and committees

Electoral role

There are currently 89 names on the Electoral Roll. There are 2 new members who have joined during the year. Sadly 4 very good friends of St Johns have passed away and their names no longer appear on the Electoral Roll.

Of the 89 people on the Electoral roll 42 live within the Parish.

Margaret Borbone - Electoral Roll Officer

Servers

The standard of serving at St. John's remains of a high standard and we are very grateful to our head server, Mike Chatfield, and our small but enthusiastic band of servers who help to ensure that the many services at St. John's run like clockwork. Mike Chatfield would love to hear from anyone who would like to become a server at St. John's and training will be given for this very important ministry within our Church.

We also welcomed the Worthing Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary in April 2022 for their act of worship followed by their AGM.

Father Timothy Peskett

Sunday Eagles

Due to unpredictable numbers of children, plus difficulties in getting sufficient volunteers, the decision was made to suspend Sunday Eagles for the time being. This is of course very sad to report, but I would like to personally thank all who gave up their time and energy to help run Eagles. It provided a useful ministry of welcome and made it clear that St John's is a church for everyone, no matter how big or small, young or old.

Now that we are beginning to see more families with children begin to come to the Parish Mass on Sunday, it is time to put in place some kind of age-appropriate provision to help families take as full a part in the worship of the Church as possible. I am hoping that the existing Eagles team, as well as a few new helpers, will be able to start meeting in order to work towards restarting Sunday Eagles as soon as possible in a way that is fruitful and sustainable.

Nevertheless, one off children's Messy Church events have been running over the past year, with the Scratch Crib Service and Good Friday Messy Church event getting an encouraging response both within and beyond St John's.

Please do keep the youth and children of this parish in your prayers, as well as all those who feel called to teach and guide them as the younger members of our church learn what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus.

Father Josh Delia

Deanery Synod report

In 2022, the Worthing Deanery Synod met three times:

- 1 February 2022 at St Stephen's Church, East Worthing
- 8 June 2022 at St Mary's Church, Goring
- 11 October 2022 at St Symphorian's Church, Durrington

At its meeting in February 2022, the Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes was invited to address the synod about 'Living in Love and Faith'. He outlined the background and main contents of the report; he explained how the diocese has responded to the report and showed a short video about those from across the Church of England who have taken part in the study course on 'Living in Love and Faith'. He encouraged parishes to engage in conversations about the issues raised in the report.

At its meeting in June 2022, the synod had a presentation from the Acorn Pregnancy Counselling Centre which is based in Worthing. This is a service started by Christians to provide advice, counselling, support to women when they face, or have faced, complicated problems associated with pregnancy. They are also involved in work with several local high schools and contribute to their PHSE programmes for Year 10 students.

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At its meeting in October 2022, the Bishop of Horsham was invited to address the synod about some of the priorities in her current diocesan-wide responsibilities; these include safeguarding, overseas links and bids for funding from the National Church to promote mission. She also led an interesting, open question and answer session; she answered a broad range of questions on the spot from members of the synod with honesty and humility.

During the year, a new Deanery MAP (Mission Action Plan) was produced. This was agreed at the October 2022 meeting of the synod and approved by the Bishop of Horsham.

Key roles in the Deanery Synod in 2022:

Rural Dean: Revd Helena Buque – St John the Baptist, Findon, St Mary the Virgin, Clapham and St John the Divine, Patching

Lay Chair: Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing

Treasurer: Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater

Secretary: Yvonne Austin - St Symphorian's, Durrington

Martin Lloyd

Safeguarding Report

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, is at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are fully committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

The parish has continued to receive support from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. The importance of safeguarding in our parish was demonstrated by having reports at every PCC meeting throughout the year. The contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer are also easily accessible in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine, and for governors and staff at St John's Preschool. From January 2022, DBS disclosure checks will be renewed every three years.

Martin Lloyd

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish office

The Parish Office continues to be open on Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We print the pew sheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by collating and stapling it.

The Parish Office also provides a venue for meetings and we can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating.

We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

Reports from groups and committees

Website

St John's Website www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

I have assumed the role of Webmaster as Wendy is not able to continue. The website is being updated with the weekly pew sheet and readings, and the monthly magazine, for the benefit of those unable to come to church. I will also publicise planned events where possible, especially if people email flyers or similar to the address below. If anyone has ambitions to become Webmaster and take the website in new directions, please let me know as my time is limited in more senses than one. Email addresses @stjohnwestworthing.org.uk; These were set up to help people working for St John's and the Preschool to keep this work separate from their personal affairs. Fr John asked Fr Mark Lyon to set up the system and he continued to administer it. He left the area without passing this work on to anyone so now I have taken over from him. If anyone feels the need for such an email address or has one they no longer need, please let me know.

Webmaster@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

Will Oakeshott

Hall committee report

The hall is slowly recovering after lockdown. Four regular groups hire the hall, Lego Club, Perform Drama, Spectrum Movement and Karate who now hire two evenings. Preschool continue to be very popular with local families.

Badminton have unfortunately stopped meeting due to lack of members.

The children's birthday party bookings are coming in along with St John's social events.

A few maintenance/repair jobs have been carried out over the past few months including new flooring to the stairs and rear corridor. The kitchen floor will in time need replacing. The kitchen again received a five star rating from the local council. A new cleaner started in May 2022 and she is very reliable and doing a good job.

If anyone is interested in hiring the hall please speak to me.

Caroline Burke

St John Ignite report 2022

Unfortunately, this group has not restarted yet due to the repercussions of COVID. The majority of the group have now grown up and are in various parts of the country and we have not found young people to replace them. It has been heartening to see some 'old' SJ Ignite members reappearing in church though, every so often, when they return to Worthing.

I believe we need to start encouraging younger children to become involved in Church activities through events like Messy Church, and then hopefully there will be a place for SJ Ignite again.

Ros Ashton

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, WE

England & Wales - Charity number 1178660

Accounts

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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ST JOHN THE DIVINE WEST WORTHING



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Registered Charity No: 1178660

Presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

at St John the Divine, West Worthing on Sunday 29th May 2022 at 11-30am.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a Charity ("the Charity") registered with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as Trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are the incumbent, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also Trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who are Trustees and have served at any time during the year 2021 are:-

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett from June 2020	
Wardens	Ms Zoe Haworth	From APCM 2020 for 3 years
	Ms Vanessa Harley	From 11 October 2020 for 3 years
	(from 30 May 2021 elected as Vice Chairman)	

Diocesan and Deanery Synod

	Mr Martin Puttick	From APCM 2021 for 3 years
	Mrs Kim Upton	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
	Mr Martin Lloyd	From APCM 2020 for 3 years (also Safeguarding Officer)
	Miss Dawn Munn	From APCM 2020 for 3 years (Secretary to May 2021)

Elected Members

	Mrs Ros Rowley	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
	Mrs Sheila Hilary	From APCM 2020 for 3 years
	Mrs Gillian Almond	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
	Mr Mike Chatfield	From APCM 2020 for 3 years
	Mr Alan Caperon	From APCM 2020 for 3 years (Acting Treasurer)
	Mrs Dorothy Smith	From APCM 2020 for 3 years (PCC secretary to 7 February 2022)
	Mr Chris Smith	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
	Mrs Ros Ashton	From APCM 2021 for 3 years

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2. Co-Opted Members.

There were no Co-Opted members.

3. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church;

- Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and cooperate with the incumbent, continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road. The church maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

4. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and also to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered ideas from our mission action group, especially: -

1. Provision of pastoral care for those living in our community, such as the many care homes in our parish.
2. Our community has many single people we need to consider in our outreach.
3. To facilitate this work we need to be seen to be going out into our community to cover those areas that are being missed.
4. On two occasions in May 2021 and December 2021 St. John's church was used as a polling station for the benefit of the local community.

St John's church has been booked for future elections in 2022 and it is good to welcome the local community into the parish church. It looks as though this will be an ongoing arrangement with the county council and we are delighted to help in this respect.

5. Achievements and performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship and also outgoing fellowship. For example, we have introduced a weekly Rosary following mass on Wednesdays, providing a quiet intimate and reflective form of worship.

In 2021 we have reformed Eagles, our children's church, by bringing the families of young children into church during the Sunday services and providing a volunteer to guide the children in relevant activities to the readings or theme.

Some of our church members are unable to attend church due to illness or disability, we are looking at the possibility of a permanent streaming system to enable these parishioners to experience services from their homes. Our priests continue to visit on a regular basis and offer communion to those people who for whatever reason cannot attend church.

We plan to offer more pastoral visiting to people through our mission action team. We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our retired priests, Servers, Sacristans, lay ministers and flower people, and all those who have worked so hard.

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6. Review of the year.

St. John's entered into 2021 with cautious optimism due to the uncertainty of the Covid pandemic. However, in many ways 2021 has been a very positive year for St. John's.

We remain thankful to Father Tim and his team for their tireless work and leadership confidently guiding us through the many obstacles that presented themselves to us throughout the year, supporting those known to us who have suffered bereavement or illness in our community. Some of our dedicated volunteers in our church for many years have also suffered illness that brought change and uncertainty to their lives and in the life of our church.

During Lent 2021 we were able to observe weekly stations of the cross and a lent course, followed by Holy Week and Easter celebrated with all necessary restrictions observed.

On 22nd April 2021 Mr Martin Puttick, a licensed lay reader with 21 years' experience made his declaration and was licensed to St. John's by Bishop Ruth. Martin has been very well received by our congregation here at St. John's.

On 2nd May 2021 finally saw the long-awaited induction of Father Tim as our parish priest, in a service officiated by Archdeacon Luke, a joyous occasion for us all.

This was followed on 27th June 2021 by the Ordination to Priest of our Deacon Father Josh Delia, in a service officiated by The Bishop of Lewes.

In both services government guidelines were observed, we must remain thankful to our Lord for the gift of Father Tim, Father Josh and our new lay reader Martin and continue to pray for them.

In September of 2021 we were able to begin our social and fund-raising events again with caution, the events included an organ recital, Harvest supper and scarecrow competition, Harvest themed messy church, and a Christmas market, all of which were well received.

The PCC and sub committees have been able to meet for most of 2021 either with social distancing measures, or via Zoom.

Reports have been submitted by the sub committees of the PCC for inclusion at the APCM.

St. John's preschool has continued to hire the church hall to take care of many local children during the working day and has remained open with all government guidelines observed, and extra cleaning of the hall in place.

The production of the parish magazine continues online and is now produced in hard copy again. Our website has been regularly updated to reflect relevant information.

The average weekly attendance for 2021 is difficult to calculate due to changes in Covid restrictions, however approximately 50 people attended on a weekly basis when possible, plus the church services were also watched by people through the live online streaming facility.

The Easter services in 2021 saw 215 people attending in Holy Week and over the Christmas period 212 attended.

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7. Present and future

As we go into 2022 we must thank our Lord for the many blessings he has given us. Our congregation and our confidence is beginning to build as we see government restrictions lifted. We are planning a full Social and Fundraising calendar for 2022 and many new ideas for mission and outreach in our church are being discussed.

Our children's work has begun again with Eagles meeting in church on Sunday mornings under the guidance of Father Josh and his team. Working with families in the community, we hope to relaunch our group for teenagers later in the year and also a new Kids Cafe.

2022 will see new families baptised and confirmed into the church in a very special service on Holy Saturday which gives us the hope that our church will continue to grow in faith in worship and in love.

9. Financial Review

St John's Church achieved a total income of £66,037 (2020 £70,506) which included £8,342 of gift aid claimed on donations made in 2021.

The expenditure for the year was £68,135, including a contribution towards our parish share for our clergy of £30,000.

Once again St John's church expenditure exceeded income, this year by £2,098 (2020 deficit £4,814) which reduced our overall reserves. However, there was unreported income in 2020 of £1,945 which has now been included in these accounts as a prior year adjustment. This means the shortfall in the year was £153 (£2,098 less the adjustment of £1,945).

In real terms there was a deficiency in the year to 31 December 2021 of £2,098 (2020 £2,869). However, it should be noted (see note 6 to the accounts) that in both this year and last year there were loan repayments made to the Diocese of Chichester of £3,000 (the loan has now been repaid in full). This means that in effect St John's church had an unrestricted fund surplus of £902 in 2021 (2020 £131) as shown below:-

Details	**Year to 31 December 2021 Unrestricted funds £**	**Year to 31 December 2020 Unrestricted funds £**	**Total £**
Net movement in year (see page 19)	(2,098)	(4,814)	(6,912)
Prior year adjustment (unreported income)		1,945	1,945
Net movement after adjustment	**(2,098)**	**(2,869)**	**(4,967)**
Loan repayment	3,000	3,000	6,000
Movement in year before loans	£902	£131	£1,033

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The total net assets of St John's church after taking into account debtors and creditors stands at £118,359 (2020 £120,572). This reduction is due to two further matters, firstly our investment in shares increased in value by £3,517 but in the year we spent certain of the restricted funds of £5,577 in replacing the hall door and acquiring the hymnal music system.

The Preschool results are again included in the Charity's accounts and you will note that the Preschool made a surplus in the year of £6,318, after taking into account a donation to St John's church of £1,000 and contributions for the hire of the hall of £6,667. The Preschool Governors also made a pledge to St John's to make a further donation of £2,000 that would be paid in the next financial year.

The consolidated accounts show that the total funds of the Charity at 31 December 2021 were £179,046, which represented an increase of £4,105 compared to the previous year (2020 £174,941).

It is hoped that 2022 will be a year where the Charity can return to normality and our income can be boosted by more fundraising efforts without Government restrictions.

Alan Caperon
Acting Treasurer

8. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the size of the church and the level of repairs needed, particularly the roof. We will aim to ensure that the church will continue to fulfil its objectives.

From time to time the church receives restricted legacies for expenditure on particular purposes, defined by the donor. The PCC aims to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor. Where we have identified that the specific purpose can only be achieved by delaying the expenditure, we invest the legacy temporarily until such time as the need for expenditure can be identified.

In the year the Charity has utilised £5,577 of the restricted monies for the purchase of the hymnal system, to renew the hall door and to buy flowers for the church. These funds were used in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

Our St John's church reserves at 31 December 2021 totalled £118,359 (2020 £117,266) and are made up as follows:-

- Restricted funds of £69,489
- Designated funds of £21,645
- Unrestricted funds of £27,225

A review will be undertaken in 2022 of the restricted funds in order that these funds can be considered for designation by the Trustees in accordance with the wishes of the donors. The Trustees will also consider whether the designated funds are still appropriate for the previously intended use.

Alan Caperon
Acting Treasurer

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9. St John's Preschool

St John's Preschool, West Worthing

Ofsted registration number: URN EY402776

Key Extracts from the Governors' Report for the period 1 January – 31 December 2021

Summary of the purposes of the Preschool as set out in its governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

1 'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

2 'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

3 'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

4 'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

5 'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts
(SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

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The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited. It was good that these were able to start again in 2021 after a pause caused by the Covid restrictions. There was, for example, a successful Nativity Service held in the church in December 2021.

Statement confirming whether the Governors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
(SORP Ref: Para 1.18)

The Preschool's constitution reflects the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, notwithstanding that it is not a separately registered Charity.

Contribution made by volunteers
(SORP Ref: Para 1.38)

All the Governors are volunteers; one governor was employed by the Preschool as the Bursar for part of the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the Preschool, identifying the difference the Preschool's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole
(SORP Ref: Para 1.20)

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

A new Preschool Manager, Leah Browning, was appointed and joined the Preschool staff in July 2021. A new Bursar, Gemma Carruthers, was appointed and joined the staff in October 2021.

At the end of the year, there were 23 children on roll – 5 x 2-year-olds and 18 x 3-year-olds.

Review of the Preschool's financial position at the end of 2021
(SORP Ref; Para 1.21)

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2021 remained strong, with a small operating surplus in line with similar surpluses in some of the years before the Covid pandemic.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held
(SORP Ref: Para 1.22)

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:
- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,

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- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the Preschool continuing as a going concern
(SORP Ref: Para 1.23)

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons: the variation in the birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

The Preschool's principal sources of funds
(SORP Ref: Para 1.47)

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

A description of the principal risks facing the Preschool
(SORP Ref: Para 1.46)

The Preschool's funding is based on the numbers of children on its roll. It is always very difficult to predict the numbers on roll on a year-to-year basis and they fluctuate considerably over the short, medium and long term.

Type of governing document
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 2009.

Governor selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions
(SORP Ref: Para 1.25)

- The Incumbent of the Parish is an ex-officio foundation governor.
- Four foundation governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council for a term of office of three years, which is renewable*.
- One parent governor is elected by parents.
- One staff governor is nominated by staff or the governors.

Martin Lloyd-Chair of Governors

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with the examination the following matters previously came to the attention of the Independent Examiners:

Since the Charity was formed, there had been no actual separation of funds between restricted funds, designated funds and unrestricted funds where all monies had been pooled together into two bank accounts, a current account and a deposit account. Notwithstanding that all funds were retained in these two bank accounts, the St John's accounts have always disclosed separately the source of the funds and the accounts have always shown the funds separately as either restricted, unrestricted or designated.

The aim of the Treasurer was to open two new bank deposit accounts, one for restricted funds and one for designated funds with the existing deposit account being used as an unrestricted deposit account. However, the Treasurer suffered ill health in the second half of 2021 and this delayed the setting up of the new bank accounts. An acting Treasurer was appointed to continue the role of the Treasurer but it took many months for the Charity's banks to recognise the new Acting Treasurer. This process of recognition took more than 3 months. Once the Acting Treasurer had authorisation from the PCC and from the banks, he was able to deal with new signing arrangements for transactions and the 2 new bank deposit accounts were opened.

The Acting Treasurer prepared the Charity's accounts and then had to identify the specific purpose of the funds held in the deposit account.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing

The Charity's funds were then transferred into three separate deposit accounts as follows:-

- Restricted funds deposit account £41,349
- Designated funds in a deposit account £21,645
- Unrestricted funds in a deposit account £17,915

In future donations can be paid into the appropriate bank deposit accounts, payments will be made in accordance with the wishes of donors and funds can be easily identified until utilised.

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 reflect the use of Restricted Funds for the purchase of a new church hall door, the new hymnal music system which will be used when an organist is unavailable and flowers were purchased for church services. The designated fund remained unchanged in the year.

I have now satisfied myself with the explanations provided by the Trustees that the Restricted Funds retained as at 31 December 2021 were £69,489 and this correctly consists of donations made as specific requested by individual donors. There was no change in the designated funds in 2021.

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 (with comparatives for 2020) comply with the requirements to produce consolidated accounts and include the Designated Funds of the Pre School.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that these accounts as at 31 December 2021 now accord with the accounting records as a consequence of the transfers of funds into the separate Restricted Fund bank deposit account and the Designated fund bank deposit account. The accounts therefore now comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Year to 31-Dec-20*
INCOMING RESOURCES	**General**	**Designated**	**Designated Pre school**			
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	22,786				22,786	*24,971*
Other gift aided donations	7,100				7,100	*5,937*
Other donations	3,079				3,079	*6,228*
Gift aid recovered	8,342				8,342	*12,681*
Donations and legacies total	**41,307**				**41,307**	*49,817*
Pre school income						
Fees for the year			87,773		87,773	*0*
Other income for the year			979		979	*0*
Fees year to 31 August 2020			0		0	*94,833*
Other income			0		0	*601*
Fees Autumn term 2020			0		0	*31,706*
Other income			0		0	*401*
			88,752		**88,752**	*127,541*
St John The Divine, income						
Weddings, funerals and other income	3,443				3,443	*437*
Charitable activities total	**3,443**				**3,443**	*437*
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	1,411				1,411	*1,194*
Catering income	0				0	*38*
Parish magazine sales	88				88	*99*
Hall and church hire	8,550				8,550	*12,019*
Hall and church hire-pre school	(7,667)				(7,667)	*(8,499)*
St Andrew's contributions	2,676				2,676	*0*
100 Club	327				327	*0*
Flower fund surplus	38				38	*0*
Sale of church chairs	1,660				1,660	*0*
Walsingham	3,336				3,336	*0*
Polling	1,000				1,000	*0*
Sundry income	1,175				1,175	*4,685*
Magazine advertisement fees	130				130	*998*
Bookstall sales	100				100	*6*
Other Fundraising activities total	**12,824**				**12,824**	*10,540*
Bank and CBF deposit interest	83				83	*524*
CBF investment fund dividend	713				713	*689*
Investment income	**796**	**0**			**796**	*1,213*
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**58,370**	**0**	**88,752**	**0**	**147,122**	*189,548*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Year to 31-Dec-20*
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	197				197	*0*
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000				30,000	*35,000*
Clergy property costs and clergy expenses	6,550				6,550	*5,373*
Weddings, funerals and baptisms etc	892				892	*40*
PCC governance costs	1,033				1,033	*735*
Other charitable costs	1,370				1,370	*3,174*
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**40,042**				**40,042**	*44,322*
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 December 2021			82,434		82,434	*0*
Year to 31 August 2020			0		0	*68,450*
Autumn term 2020			0		0	*27,957*
Pre school payments to St John's			(7,667)		(7,667)	*(8,499)*
			74,767		**74,767**	*87,908*
Flowers for church				232	232	*0*
Church insurance	1,991				1,991	*1,879*
Fundraising and social events cost	0				0	*129*
Hall, water, gas, and electricity	2,565				2,565	*2,157*
Church water, gas, electricity and refuse	3,889				3,889	*4,976*
Hall cleaning	2,568				2,568	*4,470*
Hall maintenance and repairs	742				742	*1,645*
Hall insurance	1,503				1,503	*1,417*
Hall boiler and water heater replacement	2,724				2,724	*0*
Hall door replaced				3,148	3,148	*0*
Hall break in costs (insurance claim pending)	429				406	*0*
New Steamer	960				960	*0*
Magazine costs	0				0	*35*
Petty cash expenses	183				183	*0*
Catering expenditure	0				0	*61*
Bank charges	103				103	*0*
New machine for credit card donations	300				300	*0*
Parish office copier rental	406				406	*0*
Other regular church running costs	1,386				1,386	*2,349*
Printing and photocopying	597				597	*822*
Church maintenance	1,628				1,628	*7,300*
Walsingham	2,654				2,654	*0*
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan	3,000				3,000	*3,000*
Hymnal organ/organ warranty	465			2,197	2,662	*0*
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**28,093**			**5,577**	**33,670**	*30,240*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**68,135**	**0**	**74,767**	**5,577**	**148,479**	*162,470*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Year to 31-Dec-20*
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**(9,765)**	**0**	**13,985**	**(5,577)**	(1,357)	*27,078*
Prior year adjustment-unrestricted funds	1,945				1,945	
Revaluation of shares				3,517	3,517	*1,582*
Preschool donation to St John's	1,000		(1,000)			
Preschool hall hire	6,667		(6,667			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2021	27,378	21,645	54,369	71,549	174,941	*146,281*
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	**27,225**	**21,645**	**60,687**	**69,489**	**179,046**	*174,941*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
	General	Designated	Designated Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	7,319			-	7,319	*10,337*
Bank current account-pre school			37,069		37,069	*50,499*
Bank deposit account-pre school			40,092		40,092	*20,092*
CBF Deposit fund	17,915	21,645		41,349	80.909	*85,196*
Cash in hand	0		0	38	38	*479*
Cash at bank	**25,234**	**21,645**	**77,161**	**41,387**	**165,427**	*166,603*
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares	0	0	-	28,102	28,102	*24,585*
Investment assets at market value	0	0	0	**28,102**	**28,102**	*24,585*
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2021 of £24,585						
Total assets	**25,234**	**21,645**	**77,161**	**69,489**	**193,529**	*191,188*
DEBTORS						
Preschool			197		197	*0*
HMRC	2,101		-	-	2,101	*675*
Hall rent	678		-	-	678	*45*
St Andrews	0		-	-	0	*118*
Christmas service donations	436				436	*0*
100 Club	327				327	*0*
Sundry debtors	64				64	*0*
Advertising	130				130	*0*
	3,736		**197**	**0**	**3,933**	*838*
CREDITORS						
WSCC			(13,993)		(13,993)	*(15,025)*
Prepaid fees and deposits			(968)		(968)	*(60)*
Employees			(1,250)		(1,250)	*(1,162)*
HMRC			(460)		(460)	*(0)*
Gas and electricity	(905)				(905)	*(621)*
Cleaning and disposal costs	(214)				(214)	*0*
Donation from church collection	(21)				(21)	*0*
Trade suppliers	(605)				(605)	*0*
Water	0				0	*(34)*
Curates house expenses	0				0	*(236)*
Unpresented cheques	0		-	-	0	*(253)*
Archdeacon's loan	0		-	-	0	*(3,000)*
Total liabilities	**(1,745)**		**(16,671)**	-	**(18,416)**	*(20,391)*
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**27,225**	**21,645**	**60,687**	**69,489**	**179,046**	*171,635*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	General	Designated	Designated Pre School	Restricted	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	27,225				27,225	*27,378*
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's		21,645			21,645	*21,645*
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			60,687		60.687	*54,369*
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				27,700		*27,700*
Social				890		*890*
Other restricted funds				40,899		*42,959*
				69,489	69,489	
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	27,225	21,645	60,687	69,389	179,046	*174,941*

ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Bank current account	7,319		-	7,319	*10,337*
CBF Deposit fund	17,915	21,645	41,349	80,909	*85,196*
Cash in hand	0		38	38	*454*
	25,234	**21,645**	**41,387**	**88,266**	*95,987*
Investments					
1200CBF Investment fund shares	0	-	28,102	28,102	*24,585*
Investment assets at market value Share valuation at 31 Dec 2021 of £28,102	0	0	**28,102**	**28,102**	*24,585*
	25,234	**21,645**	**69,489**	**116,368**	*120,572*
DEBTORS					
HMRC	2,101		-	2,101	*675*
Hall rent	678		-	678	*45*
St Andrews	0		-	0	*118*
Christmas service donations	436			436	*0*
100 Club	327			327	*0*
Sundry debtors	64			64	*0*
Advertising	130			130	*0*
	3,736		**0**	**3,736**	***838***
CREDITORS					
Gas and electricity	(905)			(905)	*(621)*
Cleaning and disposal costs	(214)			(214)	*0*
Donation from church collection	(21)			(210	*0*
Trade suppliers	(605)			(605)	*0*
Water	0			0	*(34)*
Curates house expenses	0			0	*(236)*
Unpresented cheques	0		-	0	*(253)*
Archdeacon's loan	0		-	0	*(3,000)*
Total liabilities	**(1,745)**		-	**(1,745)**	*(4,144)*
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**27,225**	**21,645**	**69,489**	**118,359**	*117,266*
CHARITY FUNDS					
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Roof			27,700	27,700	*27,700*
Social			890	890	*890*
Other restricted funds			40,899	40,899	*42,959*
			69,489	**69,489**	*71,549*
Designated funds		**21,645**		**21,645**	*21,645*
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**27,225**			**27,225**	*24,072*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				**118,359**	*117,266*

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2021)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£		£
Social	890	0	0	0	890
Restricted purposes (see below)	41,377	0	(5,577)	0	35,800
Roof	27,700	0	0	0	27,700
Revaluation of shares	1,582			3,517	5,099
Total of all restricted funds	**71,549**	**0**	**(5,577)**	**1,582**	**69,489**
Roof-designated fund	17,394	0	0	0	17,394
Church development-designated fund	4,251	0	0	0	4,251
Designated funds	**21,645**				**21,645**
Unrestricted funds	**27,378**	**66,037**	**(68,135)**	**1,945**	**27,225**
Total funds	**120,572**	**66,037**	**(68,135)**	**1,945**	**118,359**

Restricted funds	B/f	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	C/f
Childrens corner	79				79
Crib service collection	183				183
Flowers	323		(232)		91
Jean Godden legacy	933				933
Junior church	451				451
St Luke's collection	41				41
Pam Bailey legacy	27,914		(5,345)		22,569
Requiem altar carpet	150				150
Solar panels	10,000				10,000
Sunday school books	76				76
War memorial	112				112
Andrew Wood	715				715
Altar cloths	400				400
	41,377		(5,577)		35,800
Revaluation of shares	1,582			3,517	5,099
	42,959				40,899
Restricted roof fund	27,700				27,700
Social fund	890				890
	71,549	0	(5,577)	3,517	69,489

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
	General	Designated			
Income from	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	41,307			41,307	*49,817*
Charitable activities	3,443			3,443	*437*
Other trading activities	13,113			13,113	*19,039*
Investments	797			792	*1,213*
Other receipts	7,377			7,377	*0*
Total received	**66,037**	**0**	**0**	**66,037**	*70,506*
Expenditure on					
Charitable costs	(51,303)	0	(5,345)	(56,648)	*(61,648)*
Trading costs	(16,832)	0	(232)	(17,064)	*(12,914)*
Total paid out	**(68,135)**	**0**	**(5,577)**	**(73,712)**	*(74,562)*
NET EXPENDITURE	**(2,098)**	**0**	**(5,577)**	**(7,676)**	*(4,056)*
Net movement in funds	(2,098)		(5,577)	(7,676)	*(4,056)*
Prior year adjustment	1,945			1,945	*0*
Revaluation of shares (note 8)		-	3,517	3,517	*1,582*
Cash & investments on 1st January 2021	27,378	21,645	71,549	120,572	*123,046*
Cash and investments on 31st December 2021	**27,225**	**21,645**	**69,489**	**118,359**	*120,572*

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
INCOMING RESOURCES					
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	*£*
Planned giving	22,786			22,786	*24,971*
Other gift aided donations	7,100			7,100	*5,937*
Other donations	3,079			3,079	*6,228*
Gift aid recovered	8,342			8,342	*12,681*
Donations and legacies total	**41,307**		**0**	**41,307**	*49,817*
St John The Divine, income					
Weddings, funerals and other income	3,443			3,443	*437*
Charitable activities total	**3,443**			**3,443**	*437*
St John The Divine, income					
Fundraising and social events	1,411			1,411	*1,194*
Catering income	0			0	*38*
Parish magazine sales	88			88	*99*
Hall and church hire	8,550			8,550	*12,019*
St Andrew's contributions	2,676			2,676	*0*
100 Club	327			327	*0*
Flower fund surplus	38			38	*0*
Sale of church chairs	1,660			1,660	*0*
Walsingham	3,336			3,336	*0*
Polling	1,000			1,000	*0*
Sundry income	1,175			1,175	*4,685*
Magazine advertisement fees	130			130	*998*
Bookstall sales	100			100	*6*
Other Fundraising activities total	**20,491**			**20,491**	*19,039*
Bank and CBF deposit interest	83			83	*524*
CBF investment fund dividend	713			713	*689*
Investment income	**796**			**796**	*1,213*
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**66,037**	**0**	**0**	**66,037**	*70,506*

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2021	*Total All funds 2020*
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	197			197	*0*
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	30,000			35,000	*35,000*
Clergy property costs and expenses	6,550			6,550	*5,373*
Costs of weddings, funerals and baptisms	892			892	*40*
PCC governance costs	1,033			1,033	*735*
Other charitable costs	1,370			1,370	*3,174*
Total direct costs	**40,042**			**40,042**	*44,322*
Flowers costs			232	232	0
Fundraising and social events cost	0			0	*129*
Church water, gas and electricity	3,258			3,258	*4,976*
Church insurance	1,991			1,991	*1,879*
Refuse	631			631	*0*
Church maintenance and repairs	1,628			1,628	*7,300*
Other regular church running costs	1,386			1,386	*2,349*
Printing and photocopying	597			597	*822*
Hall, water, gas and electricity	2,565			2,565	*2,157*
Hall cleaning	2,568			2,568	*4,470*
Hall maintenance and repairs	742			742	*1,645*
Hall break in costs (insurance claim pending)	429			429	*0*
Hall boiler and water heater replacements	2,724			2,724	*0*
Hall insurance	1,503			1,503	*1,417*
Hall door replaced			3,148	3,148	*0*
New steamer	960			960	*0*
New machine for donations by credit card	300			300	*0*
Parish office copier rental	406			406	*0*
Magazine costs	0			0	*35*
Bank charges	103			103	*0*
Catering expenditure	0			0	*61*
Petty cash expenses	183			183	*0*
Walsingham	2,654			2,654	*0*
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan (note 7)	3,000			3,000	*3,000*
Hymnal organ music system/organ costs	465		2,197	2,662	*0*
Total indirect costs	**28,093**		**5,577**	**33,670**	*30,240*
Total paid on all funds	**68,135**	**0**	**5,577**	**73,712**	*74,562*

NOTE: The analysis of expenses has been shown more comprehensively in 2021 compared to 2020

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Total (3 terms) £	4 terms to 31-Dec-20 £
Income		
Fees	87,773	*126,539*
Fundraising	54	*307*
Bank interest	27	*13*
T Shirt income	0	*6*
Nest credit	0	*25*
Grant	898	*75*
Refund cons	0	*270*
Refund-Preschool Alliance	0	*7*
Refund deep clean & cleaning mats	0	*299*
	88,752	*127,541*
Less Expenditure		
Curriculum costs	(2,623)	*(5,206)*
Salaries	(67,006)	*(73,815)*
Premises costs	(7,730)	*(9,827)*
Administration costs	(1,322)	*(1,592)*
Service costs	(3,753)	*(5,824)*
Fundraising expenses	(0)	*(143)*
	(82,434)	*(96,407)*
Excess of income over expenditure	**6,318**	*31,134*

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021	£	31-Dec-20 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	37,069	*50,499*
Cash in hand	0	*25*
Deposit Account	40,092	*20,092*
	77,161	*70,616*
DEBTORS		
Outstanding fees	197	*0*
Total debtors	**197**	*0*
TOTAL ASSETS	**77,358**	*70,616*
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment	(13,993)	*(15,025)*
Prepaid fees and deposits	(968)	*(60)*
HMRC	(460)	*(0)*
Holiday pay accrual	(1,250)	*(1,162)*
Total liabilities	**(16,671)**	*(16,247)*
Net Worth at 31st December 2021	**60,687**	*54,369*
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	54,369	*23,235*
Surplus for the period	6,318	*31,134*
Reserves c/f	**60,687**	*54,369*

Notes to the accounts

1. St John The Divine has been registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission since 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it has been necessary to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. The accounts now properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current church accounting regulations.

3. The Consolidated accounts separately identify the hall hire which is a cost to the Preschool and its corresponding income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts. There was also a donation made to the Charity by the Preschool in the year of £1,000.

4. The Consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

5. St Andrew the Apostle church reimburses 50% of the clergy property costs.

6. An interest free loan of £15,000 repayable over 5 years was received in 2016 from the Diocese of Chichester for the refurbishment of the hall. The 5th repayment instalment was made in the year and the loan has now been repaid in full.

7. The share investment has increased in value as at the 31st December 2021 by £3,517. The increase in value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold

8. There has been a change in the accounting policy in the year in relation to debtors and creditors. The 2020 accounts balance sheet reported the debtors and creditors but the St John's income and expenditure account was not adjusted for these transactions in that year. The 2021 accounts are now adjusted for debtors and creditors This is explained as follows:-

St John's church	**31 December 2020**		**31 December 2020**
Charity funds	£174,941	Unrestricted funds	£27,378
Add: Debtors	838	Add: Debtors	838
Less Creditors	(4,144)	Less Creditors	(4,144)
Charity funds after debtors and creditors	£171,635	Unrestricted funds after debtors and creditors	£24,072

9. There was a requirement for the inclusion of a prior year adjustment. The bank balance shown in the St John's balance sheet was £10,337 whereas the actual bank balance in the CAF bank account was £12,282. The bank balance was understated by £1,945. There appears to have been unidentified income in 2020 which was not included in the St John's income and expenditure account. This has been included in these accounts as a prior year adjustment to correct the balance sheet.

10. Clergy and other allowances and expenses:-

    This expenditure includes Council tax on both the vicarage and the curate's house, plus water charges and Clergy expenses.

Notes to the accounts

11. Regular church running costs:-

This expenditure includes sacristy costs including candles, oil for candles and also the costs of the organist.

12. Other charitable costs

This expenditure includes:

Drinks licence
Website maintenance
CCLI licence – copyright payment for music in church.
Forward in faith
Office telephone and broadband
Payment for safeguarding

13. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley road are excluded from the accounts by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Trustees' annual report and financial statements presented at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 29th May 2022.

Signed as approved

The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett
Chairman of the PCC

Reports from groups and committees

Church wardens' reports

Overall, most of us would agree that 2021 has been a positive year for St. Johns but also a very challenging one.

Positive, in the sense that we were blessed to be able to observe Lent and Holy Week and celebrate Easter with less restrictions. April brought us a new lay reader, Martin, who I am sure will be a welcome addition to the team here at St. Johns. In May we celebrated the long awaited Induction of Father Tim as our parish priest, and the Ordination of Father Josh to priest in July. Eagles have been reborn under the guidance of Father Josh and his team.

Towards the end of 2021 we were able to meet again following mass on Sundays for coffee and chat and we were able to introduce our social events, which have been most welcome for many of our congregation following the isolation many felt during the pandemic.

So many positive things happened in 2021, but also it has been a challenging year for many, in one way or another we have all been touched by the pandemic, through loss of jobs, illness, and sadly many have lost loved ones, but through all this we have pulled together and supported each other in so many ways.

On behalf of St. John's PCC, I would like to report our thanks to Mr Alan Caperon who has kindly given his professional time to our accounts following our Treasurer's illness.

We have so many very valuable volunteers here at St. John's and we must remember, everyone has been valuable to someone in their need, your continued dedication is very much appreciated.

As we go into 2022, we must thank Our Lord for so many blessings, our congregation and our confidence is beginning to build as we see government restrictions lifted and some kind of normality returning, please continue to pray for each other and all those who have had change and uncertainty brought to their lives through the pandemic.

Report on Goods and Chattels of St John the Divine

The duties of a Churchwarden are;

- To deliver to this annual meeting a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.
- Maintaining the terrier, inventory and logbook.
- Provide details of matters relating to fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.

The items to report are as follows, however, arrangements can be made for anyone wishing to view any of these records.

Fabric report

St. John the Divine church is in a reasonable overall state of repair, with the exception of the roof, no major work has been done on the church building in 2021, and no meaningful maintenance work has been carried out during the pandemic. All yearly servicing contracts have been carried out.

Social and Fundraising

In September of 2021, our Social and Fundraising calendar became active once again following many months of restrictions.

We cautiously began by meeting for refreshments on Sunday's following mass, this was most welcome for many people who have felt so isolated during the restrictions, care was taken using disposable cups and social distancing where possible.

Reports from groups and committees

Our Fundraising events began on 5th September 2021 with an organ recital and Cream tea, which was exceptionally well attended, and raised approximately £750 for church funds.

On 2nd October 2021 it was our Harvest weekend at St. John's, with a scarecrow competition and harvest supper, seven scarecrows were made all of which were highly commended by the judges. 30 people attended in the evening for the Harvest supper, although this was mainly a social event, we raised £200 for church funds.

December 2021 began with a Christmas market, this event had to be slightly more restricted than first planned as many of our members either had Covid or were isolating, however everyone pulled together in a tremendous effort and the event went ahead raising £525. Together with this event an amount of £192 was raised for a Christmas coffee morning held at the home of Kim Upton.

The total raised from fundraising events in 2021 was £1,700.

We have a full social and fundraising calendar planned for 2022, which I am sure will be welcomed by our church and our community.

Vanessa Puttick

Preschool Report

The Preschool accounts are consolidated with the church accounts and form part of the financial report that gives information about the preschool and its finances.

In this report I will write about the more day to day happenings of the preschool. I am very pleased this year that throughout the challenges of Covid we have remained open and been able to offer our children excellent opportunities to enjoy learning and developing. Covid certainly has presented some difficult times, with numerous documents to read and act on and important decisions to make but I feel both the staff and governors have worked very hard to ensure the preschool has thrived. Cleaning has been an important part in this and we are very grateful to the staff, cleaner and church in helping to maintain such a safe environment.

Just after Easter the Manager decided the role was not right for her and made a sudden departure. The Governors are very grateful to the other staff for stepping up and ensuring a smooth running of Preschool before we appointed Leah, our new manager, in June. Leah has made a fantastic start and with her bubbly personality has settled in well. The government brought in a new Statutory Framework in September 2021 for preschools and Leah has integrated this into the Preschool very well.

At the end of the summer term 16 of our children left to start school. However, we started the Autumn term with 22 children, and this is slowly rising. We are very lucky to have a wonderful staff who give special care to each of the children and provide them with such a vast array of activities to allow them to develop in their individual ways. We have a face book page https://www.facebook.com/stjohnspreschoolworthing , please do look at it and get a real flavour of the happenings.

Unfortunately, there was a break-in to the hall in September 2021 with damage to parts of the hall and some Preschool equipment. We had to close the Preschool for the day whilst the police investigated but working closely with people from the church we were able to reopen the next day with the premises being made secure.

We are really pleased that Father Josh has been able to come into the Preschool the latter part of this year and the children have been into church. We were very lucky to be able to have parents at our Nativity service in church this year, which is a special event for all.

Ros Ashton

Reports from groups and committees

Church Flowers

The display of flowers was prevented for many weeks due to Covid-19.

Donations have been given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event.

At the start of the year, we had £270 left in the fund from 2020. Personal donations in the year totalled £686 and the cost of flowers was £918. At the end of the year, there was £38 remaining in the fund for use in 2022.

We are always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are very busy times, so please contact Lyn if you can help.

There is a list in the Church which you can fill in with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome. At least two weeks' notice, with your donation, would be appreciated.

Lyn Gough

St John's 100 Club

A total of 54 tickets were sold in 2021, down 2 from 2020.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25. At the end of this year, we raised £273 for Church funds.

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 when we had 63 participants. This is unfortunately reducing year by year.

We have been prevented from having monthly draws due to the Covid19 pandemic, but they were individually drawn in two sessions, one in June and the other just in time for Christmas by Father Tim.

In the last eight years, we have raised for St John's a total of £3,219.

It was decided to close the bank account when the bank started to levy bank charges. From now on, only cash can be accepted.

Lyn Gough

Electoral role

The electoral roll has not changed much since last year. There are now 91 names on the Electoral Roll with 2 new names being added in the last year. Of these 91 people, 42 live within the parish and 49 live outside the parish.

Margaret Borbone-Electoral Roll Officer

Servers

2021 continued to be a challenge for us all. Our dedicated team of servers have continued to assist at our Sunday Parish Mass and the serving is of an incredibly high standard at St. John's

Despite Covid, there were big some big events at St. John's during 2021 such as the ordination to the priesthood of Father Josh, Fr. Tim's induction and the Requiem Mass for Fr. Beau Brandie in October 2021 when the Bishop of Chichester was celebrant. The serving on all these big occasions was superb and much appreciated by everyone. In 2021 it was a joy to welcome Andrew Downes our pastoral assistant onto the serving team at St. John's.

If anyone feels they would like to serve God at the Altar, please speak to Mike Chatfield who would love to hear from you.

Fr. Tim

Reports from groups and committees

Sunday Eagles

As of 20 March, we will have had three whole school terms of Sunday Eagles in its new format – a whole academic years' worth of sessions.

Eagles usually happens every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month. The sessions begin after the Collect and finish just before the Offertory. This means that children are able to take part in as much of the Mass as possible, as well as getting age-appropriate teaching.

Eagles provides an important opportunity to offer hospitality and welcome for any families present, especially those who are visiting for the first time. The sound of children during Mass is a very encouraging sign of life in a congregation!

Please pray for Sunday Eagles and the wider children and family work at St John's. Do spread the word with any families you know.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank those involved with running Eagles – your courageous perseverance, infectious joy, and ever-present enthusiasm have been nothing less than Apostolic - you are a credit to the parish.

Father Josh Delia

Deanery Synod report

In 2021, the newly elected Worthing Deanery Synod met three times:

- 18 January 2021 on Zoom
- 9 June 2021 on Zoom
- 18 October 2021 at St Matthew's Church, Worthing

Sadly, the difficulties of meeting face to face and the restrictions caused by Covid 19 meant that two of these meetings were held virtually online at Zoom. It was, therefore, a great relief that the members of the new deanery synod were able to meet each other for the first time in October 2021 at St Matthew's Church.

At its meeting in January 2021, members were welcomed to the new synod and elections for officers and members of the Standing Committee were held. Plans were also outlined for future meetings and there was a short discussion about the role of the deanery synod.

At its meeting in June 2021, the synod had a short presentation from Revd Jack Dunn, who is based at Church House, Hove and who works for the diocese as a Parish Development Officer. He talked about the Mission Action Plans which every parish had been asked to review and to update by the first Sunday in Advent. He explained it was important that when parishes review these plans, they follow a process which has two approaches:

- Money- side approach
- Mission and Evangelism approach

There was also a discussion about 'Growing Partnerships' – a document produced by the Diocesan Board of Education, to help parishes and schools to develop stronger relationships to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

At its meeting in October 2021, there was a presentation by Alastair Pitcher, a member of the congregation at St Matthew's, on Eco Church. Alastair works for the Environment Agency, and he talked about many of the opportunities for churches to develop more environmentally friendly and sustainable practices. The presentation was followed by small group discussions during which members of the deanery synod shared some of the benefits and barriers of their work in this area.

Reports from groups and committees

Key roles in the Deanery Synod:

- Rural Dean: Revd Helena Buque – St John the Baptist, Findon, St Mary the Virgin, Clapham and St John the Divine, Patching
- Lay Chair: Martin Lloyd – St John the Divine, West Worthing
- Treasurer: Liz Farrow - St Mary's, Broadwater
- Secretary: Yvonne Austin - St Symphorian's, Durrington

Martin Lloyd

Lay Chair

Safeguarding

In our parish, the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, must be at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship together. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and we are committed to following up any safeguarding concerns appropriately, in line with parish, diocesan and national church policies.

The parish has continued to receive strong support from those with a range of expertise in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team based at Church House in Hove. The importance of safeguarding in our parish is demonstrated by regular reports at every PCC meeting and by easily accessible contact details for the Parish Safeguarding Officer, which are in a prominent position on the front page of the parish website.

Throughout the year, a number of DBS disclosure checks were carried out for people in leadership roles at St John the Divine and for staff at St John's Preschool. New procedures for checking the personal documents required for DBS disclosure checks were introduced to overcome the restrictions caused by Covid 19.

At its meeting on 19 July 2021, the PCC approved three new safeguarding policies alongside our Child Protection Statement:

- Parish E-Safety Policy
- Parish Expressing Concerns and Whistleblowing Policy
- Parish Responding to Safeguarding Allegations Policy

Further policies will be approved by the PCC to strengthen safeguarding practices and procedures in our parish.

Martin Lloyd

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish office

The Parish Office reopened around July 2021, just Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon.

We now print the pew sheet weekly with the Sunday readings on the reverse. Brian Hatton produces the parish magazine monthly and Sheila Hillary and I help by collating and stapling it.

The Parish Office also provides a venue for meetings and we can offer small quantities of personal photocopying and laminating.

We welcome enquiries for baptism, weddings and any other general church enquiries.

Lois Watson

Website

St John's Website www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

I have continued to look after the website on Wendy's behalf, updating it with the weekly and monthly information sent in. With the limited time at my disposal, I am not able to undertake a more thorough revision of the site and, should anyone with the necessary skills want to take over as webmaster, no doubt that would be welcomed by the PCC.

Reports from groups and committees

I will do my best to publicise church events on the website if organisers would send me flyers or similar to webmaster@stjohnwestworthing.ork.uk

Will Oakeshott

Hall committee

In 2021 Covid again had a big effect on the use of the hall. Being in lockdown at the start of 2021, the only groups to use the hall were Preschool and Karate. The hall committee had regular meetings to discuss opening up the hall to more bookings but they felt the need to be cautious and were aware of the cleaning implications.

The bookings have been limited to use of the hall and the disabled toilet to reduce the amount of cleaning that needs to be done. In September 2021, 3 more groups were hiring the hall with increased terms and conditions and each hirer had to produce a risk assessment. By the end of the year another group was accommodated to use the hall late afternoon. It is splendid we are receiving more revenue for the hall and we all hope Covid numbers will decrease and we can allow more bookings in 2022.

Caroline Burke has worked very hard to keep in contact with groups that have used the hall and kept them up to date with developments. We are also very appreciative of our cleaner's flexibility that has allowed us to start to reopen the hall more widely and the Preschool staff for cleaning after their sessions. The hall committee agreed to increase the hall rent for 2022 to help with bills.

Even though the hall has not been used as much, maintenance has still needed to be done. The gas boiler was replaced early in 2021 and the roof was patched to stop water leaking into the hall. The sinks in the girls and boys toilets have been secured properly. A new front door and door frame has replaced the old rotten one. The water heater in the girl's toilets had to be replaced. Unfortunately, someone broke into the hall in September 2021 and caused a lot of damage. They broke into anything that was locked.

They did not steal very much but it resulted in a window and lots of door frames and locks having to be replaced. Through an insurance claim we hope to recoup some of the money we have needed to spend. The hall committee have looked at additional security for the hall and are in the process of implementing some.

The gas account is being investigated as an ongoing matter at the moment as we feel we might have been overcharged.

We are hoping that in 2022 we will be able to hire out the hall a lot more and help our community and church funds.

Ros Ashton

St John Ignite report 2021

Unfortunately, we have little to report this year, again the group have not met due to Covid. Also during the pandemic a lot of our young people have grown up and grown out of the age group which is very sad to report. I feel we need to develop Messy church activities for younger children for them to then grow into SJ Ignite.

Ros Ashton

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Registered Charity No: 1178660

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 30th May 2021 at 11-00 am in the Church.

Please bring this report with you to the Meeting

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing ("the PCC") is a charity registered ("the Charity") with the Charity Commission under No: 1178660. The members of the PCC, as trustees, have the responsibility for co-operating with the Incumbent, or, during an interregnum, Deanery and Diocesan Officers to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has a responsibility for the maintenance of the church hall and grounds in Ripley Road and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate Road, Worthing.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is determined under the church Representation Rules. In addition to those members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) it also includes Ex Officio members who are the incumbent, Churchwardens and members of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

PCC members are also trustees and must accept the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity for the benefit of the public for whom it has been set up, including deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

PCC members who have served at any time during the year 2020 are:-

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent.	The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett from June 2020	
Wardens.	Ms Zoe Haworth.	From 2 April 2017
	Dr Brian Hatton.	From 28 April 2019 until 11 October 2020
	Miss Vanessa Harley.	From 11 October 2020
Diocesan Synod.	Mrs Ros Rowley	
	Mrs Kim Upton	
	Mr Martin Lloyd.	From 2 April 2017 elected Safeguarding Officer
		From 19 November 2019 elected Vice Chairman
	Miss Dawn Munn.	From 2 April 2017 elected Secretary

Elected Members

Mrs Sheila Hilary.	From APCM 2017 for 3 years
Mr David Burke.	From APCM 2018 for 3 years
Mrs Margaret Downes	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
Mrs Gillian Almond.	From APCM 2019 for 3 years
Miss Alice Haworth.	From APCM 2019 for 2 years
Mr Mike Chatfield.	From APCM 2020 for 3 years
Mr Alan Caperon.	From APCM 2020 for 3 years
Mrs Dorothy Smith.	From APCM 2020 for 3 years

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2. Co-Opted Members.

There were no Co-Opted members.

3. Aim and Purpose.

The primary objective of the Charity is to promote the whole mission of the church;
Pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical

The Charity together with the Churchwardens support and co operate with the incumbent. Continue to maintain the condition of St John's church, the church hall and grounds, and the interior of the vicarage in Reigate road. The church maintains the Anglo Catholic tradition for which it was founded in 1901 while still recognising that the world around us is always changing.

4. Objectives and activities.

The Charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to both worship at our church and also to become part of our parish community at St John's.

The PCC makes suggestions of how our services can involve the many differing groups within the parish.

We put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

In 2018, under the Diocesan strategy, we embarked on a community project involving the church, local community and local primary school in marking the centenary of the First World War with a proposed War memorial in the church grounds, this project is still ongoing.

5. Achievements and performance.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services through the week and during the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, in quiet reflective worship, and also outgoing fellowship.

Our main achievement for 2020/21 must be that St John's has remained open wherever possible during the pandemic, especially following Christmas 2020 when other churches in the area sadly had to close, and this is due to Fr Tim and his team who must be commended for their dedication, hard work, and care they have shown to our community in a very difficult time.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in making our church a lively and welcoming community, including the PCC, it's sub committees, our retired priests, Servers, sacristans, lay ministers and flower people, and many others who have worked so hard.

6. Review of the year.

Reflection on the previous year.

Our last report was presented only six months ago as, following the complete closure of all churches in March 2020, we were unable to hold our APCM until October 2020.

The past few months have been a very difficult time for everyone as we moved in and out of lockdown due to the pandemic.

The effects on our personal lives have been enormous,

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Particularly not being able to meet up with family and friends for extended periods, the loss of many jobs, and of course the huge loss of life connected with the virus.

Our church life has been very different, not being able to gather together in the normal way for worship, no singing of hymns and after the services no coffee and chatting which will no doubt take its toll on the wellbeing of many.

However, we remain particularly thankful to Fr Tim and his clergy team for their tireless work leading us confidently and calmly into lockdown and out again, and for working to maintain St John's as a secure space while the county continues to battle the pandemic.

St John's has remained open wherever possible following all government guidelines on the wearing of face coverings, social distancing, providing hand sanitisers, and a one way system of entering through the south door, and exiting through the north door.

The seating at St John's has been transformed by social distancing measures which has improved the overall look of the church, the idea is to keep the new seating in place on a permanent basis.

We have been able to serve the wider community by welcoming people from other churches when their own churches had to close, also we have been able to bring our Sunday services to those who could not be with us in church via live Streaming for which we remain thankful to Zoe for her dedication and knowledge.

It is with great joy to be able to report the Ordination of Fr Josh Delia as Deacon, which was celebrated here at St John's on 24th September 2020, all government guidelines were observed for the service and numbers were restricted.

The full PCC and various sub-committees have not been able to meet for the most part of 2020 due to government restrictions, however, any vital decisions were made by the Standing and finance committee who met via Zoom.

Reports have been submitted by each committee for inclusion at the APCM.

Our Preschool is a separate financial entity, hiring the hall to take care of many local children during the working day, this has remained open where possible with the addition of the hiring of a cleaning team in line with guidelines.

In June 2019 the Preschool was assessed as "good in all areas" by OFSTED.

The production of our parish magazine has continued during the lockdown, this has been produced online due to government restrictions and we hope has continued to keep our readers interested and informed, our website has been regularly updated with all relevant information.

We have not been able to hold our social and fundraising events in 2020, but the church over the years has been through many previous upheavals, pandemics, world wars, and has always stood as a rock for the faith that gives us all hope, hopefully we will once again be able to meet as usual for our services, social events, coffee and chats in the near future.

At the 2020 APCM there were 96 names on the electoral roll, many of these live outside the parish boundary, reflecting the love which those members have for our church and its traditions.

The average weekly attendance is not accurately measurable in 2020 considering we have spent most of the year in lockdown, due to the virus.

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There were no Easter services in 2020, however we were able to attend services at Christmas with caution and saw 227 attending for the Christmas period.

7. Present and future

We have much to thank our Lord for in these uncertain times.

We have our new priest Fr Tim, and a new Deacon Fr Josh who have been very well received, and we look forward to continuing our work with them.

We have observed Holy Week and Easter in 2021 with a few restrictions.

The long overdue induction of Fr Tim on 2nd May at 10am, was a great joy to us all, and we look forward to the Ordination of Fr Josh as priest later this year.

We are already thinking about our social and fundraising events for the future, which we are sure will be well received following a year with very little social interaction.

8. Financial Review

This year you will notice a few changes to the 2020 accounts:

The Pre School accounts have been consolidated into the Charity accounts of St John's church in accordance with Charity Commission requirements.

The PCC have agreed that all other Unrestricted Funds, except the Church Development Fund and Roof Designated Fund, should become one Unrestricted Fund. The Church Development Fund and Roof Fund are still unrestricted but are designated.

The Roof Fund, in the past, was shown in the accounts as one Restricted Fund but this contained money that was both restricted and unrestricted designated. These two parcels of money have now been separated in the accounts to indicate both the restricted and designated monies.

Although at the start of the year things were normal it wasn't long before the pandemic struck with its full force. Income was expected to be severely hit but due to some generous giving following an appeal and the Pre-School donating £4,000 we achieved a total income of £70,506 which included £4,237 gift aid claimed on donations made in 2019. If this figure is removed from the equation our income was very comparable with the previous year.

The expenditure for the year was £74,562 which is slightly less than the previous year and was as a result of the closure of the church and church hall for a proportion of the year. This had the effect of reducing our utility bills for those periods.

Once again expenditure exceeds our income, this year by £4,056 which reduces our overall reserves. This is not a situation that can continue and it is hoped that with lockdown coming to an end we can apply ourselves to some serious fundraising.

In 2020 our parish share was set at £74,035. This was to be shared equally between St John's and St Andrew's making our contribution £37,018 – we actually paid £35,000.

The total assets of the Charity after taking into account our debtors and liabilities stand at £117,266 whereas the combined assets of the church and pre-school stand at £171,635

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9. Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to retain a level of reserves appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the size of the church and the level of repairs need, particularly the roof. It will aim to ensure that the church will continue to fulfil its objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income, or unexpected expenditure. Funds are not set aside unnecessarily and surplus funds will be invested.

From time to time the church receives restricted legacies for expenditure on particular purposes, defined by the donor. The PCC aims to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor. Where we have identified that the specific purpose can only be achieved by delaying the expenditure, we invest the legacy temporarily until such time as the need for expenditure can be identified.

10. St John's Preschool

St John's Preschool is a not-for-profit early years setting registered with Ofsted that is part of the work and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing. The purpose of the Preschool is outlined in its constitution document:

Aim

To provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian Preschool'.

Objectives

'To provide a first-class programme of preschool education, including spiritual development.'

'To provide a Christian environment in which children are encouraged to develop physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social skills, in work, play and social situations.'

'To develop links between the children, parents, carers and staff associated with the Preschool and St John's Church.'

'To operate in a Christian environment without discrimination concerning the child's religion, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background or special needs.'

'To function in accordance with standards approved by appropriate governmental bodies eg. Ofsted.' The Preschool operates in St John's Church Hall on Monday – Friday (Term time only) 8.30 am – 2.30 pm as a pack-away early years setting. It provides early years education through learning activities and play for children 2-4 years old.

The Preschool follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework from the Department for Education. This specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and for promoting their welfare.

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The Preschool supports children in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The curriculum delivered is designed to meet the individual needs of all children, with specific additional support given to SEND or disadvantaged children. Every child in the Preschool has key worker on the staff.

Regular assemblies and special events are held in church for the children, to which families and members of the congregation are often invited. Sadly, it was not possible to hold any of these in 2020 because of the Covid pandemic.

The Governors have not previously had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit because the Preschool is not a registered charity. However, they are aware of the aim and objectives in the Preschool's constitution which reflect the 'benefit' and 'public' aspects of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All the Governors are volunteers; one governor is employed by the Preschool as the Bursar.

The Preschool has an admissions policy which gives priority to applications from church attending families in the event of places being oversubscribed.

The Preschool is a happy, friendly, family environment where children, parents and staff all work together. The children learn through fun and play; these experiences give them a secure foundation for their future education and development, by building up their confidence and instilling in them an excitement for learning.

It also introduces the children to bible stories and to church; before the Covid pandemic, there were monthly assemblies in church led by one of the parish clergy.

Many parents return with siblings, demonstrating how happy they are with what the Preschool provides for their children.

The Preschool's financial position at 31 December 2020 was very strong, mainly because of the funding received to offset the impact of the Covid pandemic. West Sussex County Council continued to fund places throughout 2020 and provided extra grants to early years' settings to cover additional costs caused by the Covid pandemic.

The Governors are aware that the majority of the Preschool's income is public funding which has been provided for the purpose of educational provision.

The Governors have designated specific funds as reserves to ensure they manage the financial risks effectively and the Preschool remains financially viable in the medium and long term.

The Governors also want to ensure there are always sufficient funds available to enable them:

- to meet their statutory responsibilities as employers,
- to provide a high quality of educational provision for the children,
- to create a safe environment for adults and children in the Preschool,
- to ensure the Preschool benefits the life of the parish and the local community.

The Governors recognise that the numbers of children on the roll fluctuate for several reasons; the variation in the *birth rate and the impact of other early year's provision being the main ones.*

As the Preschool's income is linked directly to the numbers on roll, the Governors have agreed to hold designated funds as reserves, to manage the financial uncertainties caused by the fluctuation of numbers on roll in the short, medium and long term.

There are two principal sources of funding:

1. West Sussex County Council – government funding for all children eligible for free childcare.
2. Fees – paid by parents for children who are not eligible for government funded free childcare, or who wish to pay for more hours at the Preschool if their children are only entitled to 15 hours a week of government funding.

The constitution document for St John's Preschool was approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing at its meeting on 14 July 200

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Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down under the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
3. To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination the following matters have come to my attention:

I was informed that the treatment of Retained Funds/Reserves has been addressed by the Trustees. I note that whilst in previous years the accounts did report on Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds, these funds had not been retained in separate bank accounts in accordance with the Act. The Trustees are taking action to separate Restricted Funds from other Unrestricted Funds and will in future retain the monies in separate bank accounts.

The previous application of donations between the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (including Designated Funds) has also been explained to me and I am informed that there may have been a misunderstanding by the Trustees regarding these Funds.

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 reflect a transfer of monies from Restricted Funds to Designated Funds of £17,394 as clearly explained in note 5 to the accounts. The Trustees have also removed the designation of certain Unrestricted Funds since these funds will be needed to cover the normal outgoings of St John The Divine during 2021. This relates specifically to the release of the Hall Designated Fund and the Craib Designated Fund. I have now satisfied myself with the explanations provided by the Trustees that the Restricted Funds retained at 31 December 2020 of £71,549 correctly consists of donations made as specific bequests by individual donors.

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I have also been advised that some of the donations included within Restricted Funds have been carried forward for a number of years and that the Trustees' will consider at the next Annual General Meeting whether the purposes of the bequests held within Restricted Funds can be met by the Charity in the future.

The Trustees' will also report on whether the Designated Funds previously set aside for specific purposes can also be utilised by the Charity within a reasonable time frame. This would be welcome as funds donated for charitable purposes should be regularly reviewed to ensure that the wishes of donors are complied with wherever possible and that their bequests do not fall into a dormant pool of unused monies.

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 (with comparatives for 2019) now comply with the requirements to produce consolidated accounts and to include the Designated Fund of the Pre School.

I conclude as the Independent Examiner that the accounts accord with the accounting records and apart from the need to separate the Restricted Funds into separate bank accounts comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and provide a proper understanding of the accounts of the Charity.

Please ensure that the St John the Divine Financial Statements are filed with the Charity Commission.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Year to 31-Dec-19*
INCOMING RESOURCES	**General**	**Designated**	**Designated Pre school**			
St John The Divine, income	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl tax returns)	24,011				24,011	*24,289*
Planned giving (no tax returns)	960				960	*1,020*
Other gift aided donations	5,937				5,937	*3,462*
Loose cash collections	4,279				4,279	*4,396*
Other donations	1,639			310	1,949	*2,931*
Gift aid recovered	12,681				12,681	*3,776*
Legacies					0	*2,000*
Donations and legacies total	**49,507**			**310**	**49,817**	*41,874*
Pre school income						
Fees year to 31 August 2020			94,833		94,833	*70,425*
Other income			601		601	*1,587*
Fees Autumn term 2020			31,706		31,706	
Other income			401		401	
			127,541		**127,541**	*72,012*
St John The Divine, income						
Fees for weddings and funerals	437				**437**	*688*
Charitable activities total	**437**				**437**	*688*
St John The Divine, income						
Fundraising and social events	1,194				1,194	*3,819*
Catering income	38				38	*171*
Parish magazine sales	99				99	*250*
Payments for copying	-				0	*45*
Hall and church hire	12,019				12,019	*14,100*
Hall and church hire-pre school	(8,499)				(8,499)	
Insurance claim	-				0	*1,794*
Sundry income	4,237			448	4,685	*1,601*
Magazine advertisement fees	998				998	-
Bookstall sales	6				6	*19*
Other Fundraising activities total	**10,092**			**448**	**10,540**	*21,799*
St John The Divine, income						
Bank and CBF deposit interest	524				**524**	*751*
CBF investment fund dividend	689				**689**	*669*
Investment income	**1,213**	**0**			**1,213**	*1,420*
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	**61,249**	**0**	**127,541**	**758**	**189,548**	*137,793*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Year to 31-Dec-19*
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations						*1,120*
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	35,000				35,000	*35,000*
Clergy and others allowances/expenses	5,373				5,373	*5,074*
Mission and evangelism costs	40				40	
PCC governance costs	735				735	
Other charitable costs	3,174				3,174	*2,019*
Total direct costs of charitable activities	**44,322**				**44,322**	*43,213*
Preschool expenditure						
Year to 31 August 2020			68,450		68,450	*57,095*
Autumn term 2020			27,957		27,957	
Hall and church hire-pre school			(8,499)		(8,499)	*Not consolidated*
			87,908		**87,908**	*57,095*
Church insurance	1,879				1,879	*1,819*
Fundraising and social events cost	129				129	*593*
Hall, water, gas, and electricity	2,157				2,157	*2,697*
Church water, gas, and electricity	4,976				4,976	*4,772*
Hall cleaning	4,470				4,470	*4,056*
Hall maintenance and redecoration	1,281				1,281	*978*
Hall minor repairs and improvements	364				364	*288*
Hall insurance	1,417				1,417	*1,373*
Hall major works	0				0	*790*
Magazine costs	35				35	*42*
Catering expenditure	61				61	*293*
Other regular church running costs	2,349				2,349	*7,037*
Printing and photocopying	822				822	*1,181*
Church maintenance and redecoration	7,300				7,300	*3,506*
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan	3,000				3,000	*3,000*
Other costs					0	*595*
Total indirect costs of charitable activities	**30,240**				**30,240**	*33,020*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**74,562**	**0**	**87,908**	**0**	**162,470**	*133,328*

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(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Year to 31-Dec-19*
	General	Designated	Designated Preschool			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR						
Net income/expenditure for the year	**(13,313)**	**0**	**39,633**	**758**	**27,078**	*4,465*
Prior year adjustment-roof designated funds		17,394		(17,394)		
Prior year adjustment-unrestricted funds	31,645	(31,645)				
Revaluation of shares				1,582	1,582	*3,625*
Hall and church hire-pre school	8,499		-8,499			
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2020	547	35,896	23,235	86,603	146,281	*138,191*
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	**27,378**	**21,645**	**54,369**	**71,549**	**174,941**	*146,281*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted			Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Total All funds 2019*
	General	Designated	Designated Pre School			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	10,337			-	10,337	*4,322*
Bank current account-pre school			50,499		50,499	*33,652*
Bank deposit account-pre school			20,092		20,092	*4,992*
CBF Deposit fund	16,857	21,645		46,694	85,196	*94,508*
Cash in hand	184		25	270	479	*1,239*
Cash at bank	**27,378**	**21,645**	**70,616**	**46,964**	**166,603**	*138,713*
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares	0	0	-	24,585	24,585	*23,003*
Investment assets at market value	0	0	0	**24,585**	**24,585**	*23,003*
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2020 of £24,585						
Total assets	**27,378**	**21,645**	**70,616**	**71,549**	**191,188**	*161,716*
CHARITY FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**27,378**				27,378	*36,444*
DESIGNATED FUNDS-St John's		**21,645**			21,645	
DESIGNATED FUNDS-Preschool			**70,616**		70,616	*38,669*
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof				27,700		*45,014*
Social				890		*890*
Other restricted funds				42,959		*40,699*
				71,549	71,549	*86,603*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	**27,378**	**21,645**	**70,616**	**71,549**	**191,188**	*161,716*
DEBTORS						
Preschool					-	*577*
HMRC	675		-	-	675	*4,364*
Hall rent - karate	45		-	-	45	*401*
St Andrew's 50% of curate's water bill	118		-	-	118	
Crown Gas				-	0	*1,042*
	838		0	**0**	**838**	*6,384*
CREDITORS						
WSCC			(15,025)		(15,025)	*(15,963)*
Deposits etc			(60)		(60)	*(48)*
Employees			(1,162)		(1,162)	
Gas and electricity	(621)				(621)	*(1,235)*
Water	(34)				(34)	*(38)*
Curates house expenses	(236)				(236)	*(103)*
Unpresented cheques	(253)		-	-	(253)	
Archdeacon's loan	(3,000)		-	-	(3,000)	*(6,000)*
Total liabilities	**(4,144)**		**(16,247)**	-	**(20,391)**	*(23,387)*
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**24,072**	**21,645**	**54,369**	**71,549**	**171,635**	*144,713*

ST JOHN THE DIVINE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Total All funds 2019*	*Prior year adjustment*
	General	Designated				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
CAF Bank current account	10,337		-	10,337	*4,322*	
CBF Deposit fund	16,857	21,645	46,694	85,196	*94,508*	
Cash in hand	184		270	454	*1,214*	
	27,378	**21,645**	**46,964**	**95,987**	*100,044*	
Investments						
1200CBF Investment fund shares	0	-	24,585	24,585	*23,003*	
Investment assets at market value	0	0	**24,585**	**24,585**	*23,003*	
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2020 of £24,585						
Total assets	**27,378**	**21,645**	**71,549**	**120,572**	*123,047*	
CHARITY FUNDS						
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Roof			27,700	27,700	*45,014*	*(17,394)*
Social			890	890	*890*	
Other restricted funds			42,959	42,959	*40,699*	
			71,549	**71,549**	*86,603*	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**27,378**	**21,645**		**49,023**	*36,444*	*17,394*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				**120,572**	*123,047*	
DEBTORS						
HMRC	675	-	-	675	*4,364*	
Hall rent - karate	45	-	-	45	*401*	
St Andrew's 50% of curate's costs	118	-	-	118		
Crown Gas			-	0	*1,042*	
	838	0	**0**	**838**	*5,807*	
CREDITORS						
Gas and electricity	(621)			(621)	*(1,235)*	
Water	(34)			(34)	*(38)*	
Curate's house expenses	(236)	-	-	(236)	*(103)*	
Unpresented cheques	(253)	-	-	(253)		
Archdeacon's loan	(3,000)	-	-	(3,000)	*(6,000)*	
Total liabilities	**(4,144)**	**0**	**0**	**(4,144)**	*(7,376)*	
				0		
NET ASSETS after debtors/(creditors)	**24,072**	**21,645**	**71,549**	**117,266**	*121,478*	

Charity reserves fund (adjusted for transactions received and paid in year to 31 December 2020)
Fund income & expenditure

Fund name	Balances b/f 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Balances c/f 31 Dec 2020	*Prior year* Adjustment
	£	£	£		£	£
Social	890	0	0		890	
Restricted purposes	40,699	678	0		41,377	
Roof	27,620	80	0		27,700	*(17,394)*
Revaluation of shares				1,582	1,582	
Total of all restricted funds	**69,209**	**758**	**0**	**1,582**	**71,549**	*(17,394)*
General unrestricted fund	32,192	69,748	(74,562)		27,378	*31,644*
Roof-designated fund	17,394				17,394	*17,394*
Church development-designated fund	4,251	0	0		4,251	
Hall	0	0	0		0	*(9,851)*
Craib unrestricted fund	0	0	0		0	*(21,761)*
Vicars and Churchwardens	0	0	0		0	*(32)*
Total of all unrestricted funds	**53,837**	**69,748**	**(74,562)**		**49,023**	*17,394*
Rounding error in 2019	1					
Total funds	**123,047**	**70,506**	**(74,562)**	**1,582**	**120,572**	

Restricted purposes fund comprises the following:

Children's corner	£79
Crib service collection	183
Flowers	323
Jean Godden legacy	933
Junior church	451
St Luke's collection	41
Pam Bailey legacy	27,914
Requiem altar carpet	150
Solar panels	10,000
Sunday school books	76
War memorial	112
Andrew Wood	715
Altar cloths	400
Total	**£41,377**

Restricted Roof fund	27,700
Social fund	890
Revaluation of shares	1,582

Total Restricted funds £71,549

ST JOHN' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Total All funds 2019*
	General	Designated			
Income from	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	49,507		310	49,817	*41,874*
Charitable activities	437		0	437	*688*
Other trading activities	18,591		448	19,039	*21,799*
Investments	1,213		0	1,213	*1,420*
Other receipts	0		0	0	
Total received	**69,748**	**0**	**758**	**70,506**	*65,781*
Expenditure on					
Charitable costs	(61,648)	0	0	(61,648)	*(61,528)*
Trading costs	(12,914)	0	0	(12,914)	*(14,705)*
Other payments		0	0	0	
Total paid out	**(74,562)**	**0**	**0**	**(74,562)**	*(76,233)*
NET EXPENDITURE	**(4,814)**	**0**	**758**	**(4,056)**	*(10,452)*
Prior year adjustment-roof designated funds		17,394	(17,394)	0	*0*
Prior year adjustment-unrestricted funds	31,645	(31,645)			
Revaluation of shares (note 8)	1,582	-	-	1,582	*3,625*
Net movement in funds	(4,814)		758	(4,056)	*(10,452)*
Cash & investments on 1st January 2020	547	35,896	86,603	123,046	*129,874*
Cash and investments on 31st December 2020	**28,960**	**21,645**	**69,967**	**120,572**	*123,047*

ST JOHN'S CHARITY INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Total All funds 2019*
	General fund	Designated fund			
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl tax returns)	24,011			24,011	*24,289*
Planned giving (no tax returns)	960			960	*1,020*
Other gift aided donations (note 9)	5,937			5,937	*3,462*
Loose cash collections	4,279			4,279	*4,396*
Other donations	1,639		310	1,949	*2,931*
Gift aid recovered (note 10)	12,681			12,681	*3,776*
Legacies				0	*2,000*
Donations and legacies total	**49,507**		**310**	**49,817**	*41,874*
				0	
Fees for weddings and funerals	437			437	*688*
Charitable activities total	**437**			**437**	*688*
Fundraising and social events (note 11)	1,194			1,194	*3,819*
Catering income	38			38	*171*
Parish magazine sales	99			99	*250*
Payments for copying	-			0	*45*
Hall and church hire(note 12)	12,019			12,019	*14,100*
Insurance claim	-			0	*1,794*
Sundry income (note 13)	4,237		448	4,685	*1,601*
Magazine advertisement fees	998			998	-
Bookstall sales	6			6	*19*
Other trading activities total	**18,591**		**448**	**19,039**	*21,799*
Bank and CBF deposit interest	524			524	*751*
CBF investment fund dividend	689			689	*669*
Investments	**1,213**			**1,213**	*1,420*
Total received on all funds	**69,748**		**758**	**70,506**	*65,781*

ST JOHN'S CHARITY EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total All funds 2020	*Total All funds 2019*
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations				0	*1,120*
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	35,000			35,000	*35,000*
Clergy and others allowances/expenses (note 14)	5,373			5,373	*5,074*
Mission and evangelism costs	40			40	
Church water, gas and electricity	4,976			4,976	*4,772*
Church insurance	1,879			1,879	*1,819*
Printing and photocopying	822			822	*1,181*
Other regular church running costs (note 15)	2,349			2,349	*7,037*
PCC governance costs (note 16)	735			735	
Church maintenance and redecoration (note 17)	7,300			7,300	*3,506*
Other charitable costs (note 18)	3,174			3,174	*2,019*
Total charitable costs	**61,648**			**61,648**	*61,528*
Fundraising and social events cost	129			129	*593*
Hall,water,gas and electricity	2,157			2,157	*2,697*
Hall cleaning (note 19)	4,470			4,470	*4,056*
Hall maintenance and redecoration (note 20)	1,281			1,281	*978*
Hall minor repairs and improvements (note 21)	364			364	*288*
Hall insurance	1,417			1,417	*1,373*
Hall major works	0			0	*790*
Magazine costs	35			35	*42*
Catering expenditure	61			61	*293*
Repayment of Archdeacon's loan (note 7)	3,000			3,000	*3,000*
Other trading costs				0	*595*
Total trading costs	**12,914**			**12,914**	*14,705*
Total paid on all funds	**74,562**	**0**	**0**	**74,562**	*76,233*

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	01-Sep-19 31-Aug-20 £	Autumn term 2020 £	Total £	Year to 31-Aug-19 £
Income				
Fees	94,833	31,706	126,539	*70,425*
Fundraising	237	70	307	*0*
Bank interest	13		13	*0*
T Shirt income	6		6	*42*
Donation	0		0	*74*
Deposits	0		0	*180*
Insurance claim	0		0	*142*
Nest credit		25	25	
Grant	75		75	*1,149*
Refund cons	270		270	
Refund Preschool alliance		7	7	
Refund deep clean & cleaning mats		299	299	
	95,434	**32,107**	**127,541**	*72,012*
Less Expenditure				
Curriculum costs	(3,822)	(1,384)	(5,206)	*(3,670)*
Salaries	(54,703)	(17,950)	(72,653)	*(45,501)*
Holiday pay accrual		(1,162)	(1,162)	
Premises costs	(5,133)	(4,694)	(9,827)	*(3,718)*
Administration costs	(1,393)	(199)	(1,592)	*(1,120)*
Service costs	(3,256)	(2,568)	(5,824)	*(3,035)*
T shirts	0	0	0	*(51)*
Fundraising expenses	(143)	0	(143)	*0*
	(68,450)	**(27,957)**	**(96,407)**	*(57,095)*
Excess of income over expenditure	**26,984**	**4,150**	**31,134**	*14,917*

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020	£	Year to 31-Aug-19 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank accounts		
Bank account	50,499	*33,652*
Cash in hand	25	*25*
Deposit Account	20,092	*4,992*
	70,616	*38,669*
DEBTORS		
Polling day due		*395*
Outstanding fees		*182*
Total debtors	0	*577*
TOTAL ASSETS	**70,616**	*39,246*
LESS LIABILITIES		
WSCC prepayment	15,025	*15,963*
Prepaid deposits	60	*40*
RA underpayment of refund		*8*
Holiday pay accrual	1,162	
Total liabilities	**(16,247)**	*(16,011)*
Net Worth at 31st December 2020	**54,369**	*23,235*
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves b/f	23,235	*8,318*
Surplus for the period	31,134	*14,917*
Reserves c/f	**54,369**	*23,235*

Notes to the accounts

1. In 2019, the Independent Examiner remarked as follows:-

   "to please ensure that the Pre School accounts year end date is co terminus with the St John the Divine financial statements being the year ended 31 December to ensure the appropriate consolidation."

   In order to comply with the recommendations made in the Independent Examiner's report, the Charity's accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 now include consolidated accounts meaning that the Charity is now compliant with section 142 of the Charities Act 2011. The Pre School accounts included in the consolidated accounts are for the period from 1 August 2019 to 31 December 2020 in order that the financial period now coincides with that of the Charity.

2. The Consolidated accounts exclude the hall hire which is a cost to the Pre School and an income to St John The Divine but these transactions are still included in their respective accounts.

3. The Consolidated accounts show the Preschool results as Designated Funds in accordance with the aim of the Preschool to provide the community with a valuable, high profile service by means of a Christian preschool.

4. St John The Divine was registered with the Charity Commission on 6 June 2018 and since that date has submitted its own accounts. Prior to that date, St John's Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") was a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. In order to provide a better understanding of the Charity's funds within the accounts, it has been necessary to review certain historical transactions. The outcome of the review has identified the source of certain of the Charity's funds and the specific bequests from the donors. The accounts now properly reflect the Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds (which includes Unrestricted Designated Funds).

5. In 2014 the PCC moved £17,394 from the Designated Church Development Fund into a Designated Roof Fund. However, this money had previously been shown as part of the Restricted Roof Fund. Under Charity Commission rules this is not permitted. The only monies that can be deemed restricted are those that have been donated with specific purposes, fundraised for a specific purpose or contained within a legacy where that purpose is defined. The PCC may set money aside for a purpose, in this case the Roof Fund. In this case it becomes a Designated Fund – the PCC cannot make money restricted. Therefore, this year's accounts show the Roof Fund separated into two sections, the Restricted Roof Fund and the Unrestricted Designated Roof Fund.

6. The PCC pays the water charges for the curate's house and St Andrew the Apostle reimburses 50% of the charge.

7. An interest free loan of £15,000 repayable over 5 years was received in 2016 from the Diocese of Chichester for the refurbishment of the hall. This is the 4th repayment instalment and there now remains £3,000 to be paid in 2021.

8. The share investment has increased its value as at the 31st December 2020 by £1,582. The increase in value of the shares is not realised until the shares are sold.

9. Other gift aided donations- These were boosted by the appeal early in the first lockdown due to the pandemic and by the generous gift of £2,800 donated for the improvement of the fabric and furnishings of the church. This donation is subject to gift aid increasing its value to £3,500.

10. Gift aid- recovery includes £4,237 from 2019.

11. This money was raised from the parish lunch at the start of the year and payments from the 100 Club for 2019 and 2020.

12. The donations include £4,000 from the Preschool to offset lower rent paid during previous years when times were difficult for them.

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13. Sundry income comprises money from the following:

Money collected in the glass jar for the roof fund
Donations towards the war memorial
Donations for flowers
St Andrew's reimbursement of vicarage and curate's house costs. St Andrew's contribute 50% of the total expenditure on these items.
Claims for furloughed workers, *i.e. the hall cleaner*
Chantry book fees
Money passed to the church after the closure of Silver Threads. This is a restricted item put aside for altar cloths.

14. Clergy and other allowances and expenses

This expenditure totalling £5,373 includes:

£90 Vicarage burglar alarm
£2,765 Council tax on both vicarage and curate's house
£2,400 Redecoration of vicarage
£103 Water charges
£15 Clergy expenses

15. Regular church running costs

This expenditure totalling £2,349 includes:

£1,979 Upkeep of services, i.e. candles, oil for candles, new candle cupboard, wine, hosts etc.
£370 Organist

16. PCC governance costs

This expenditure totalling £735 includes:

£660 Auditor fees for 2019 accounts
£65 Bank charges
£10 HMRC – PAYE

17. Church maintenance and redecoration

This expenditure totalling £7,300 includes:

£324 Grounds upkeep
£60 Repairs
£6,916 Servicing and maintenance. This includes £3,652 paid to BJN Roofing for replacement of the gutter along the north elevation of the church in 2019 and £1,916 paid to ESP Ltd for the 5 yearly test on the electrical system.

18. Other charitable costs

This expenditure totalling £3,174 includes:

£20 Drinks licence
£106 Website maintenance
£677 Gas and electricity payment for the vicarage during the interregnum. Diocese repaid 80% of this figure.
£196 CCLI licence – copyright payment for music we use in church.
£60 Forward in faith
£655 Office telephone and broadband

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£538 Stationery costs and postage – this figure is probably higher than normal because of the information being provided during the pandemic.
£922 Payment for safeguarding, payment to HMRC for money overclaimed on gift aid and two payments to Liberty Accounts for a church accounting system – this was not followed up.

19. Hall cleaning

This expense includes the total cost of keeping the hall clean, i.e. cleaner's wages, cleaning materials, the cost of waste disposal charges.

20. Hall maintenance and redecoration

This expense includes repairs to the boiler, 5 yearly electrical test, servicing of the fire extinguishers and the water heater.

21. Hall minor repairs and improvements

This expenditure totalling £364 includes

£165 Repairs to hall lighting switch system
£99 New lock to front door
£100 Locks to male and female toilets for greater control during the Covid period.

22. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current church accounting regulations.

23. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Balance sheet:

a. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
b. The church building on the corner of Elm Grove and Ripley Road, Worthing and the separate church hall building, situated within the church grounds in Ripley road are excluded from the accounts by c. 10(2) of the Charities act 2011.

Approved at the PCC meeting held on 10 May 2021

Signed.....
The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett chairman of the PCC

Approved at the APCM held on 30 May 2021

Signed.....
The Reverend Canon Timothy Peskett chairman of the APC

Reports from groups *and committees*

Churchwarden's report

Our last Churchwardens report to the PCC was presented only seven months ago, following the complete closure of all churches in March 2020 we were unable to hold our APCM until October 2020.

However, we have much to thank our Lord for in these uncertain times,

We have been blessed with our new priest Fr Tim, and a new curate Fr Josh Delia, who have both been very well received, and we look forward to continuing our work with them.

Our church life at St Johns has been very different over the last few months as we have moved in and out of lockdown, and the effects on our personal lives has been enormous, however, wherever possible St Johns has remained open, following all government guidelines, for this we remain particularly thankful to Fr Tim and his team for their tireless work in leading us confidently and calmly in and out of lockdown, and for working to maintain St Johns as a secure space while the country continued to battle the pandemic.

We have been able to serve the wider community by welcoming people from other churches when their own churches had to close,

Also we have been able to bring our services to those who could not be with us in the church via live streaming.

We have not been able to hold our social and fundraising events in 2020 but remain confident that we will be able to continue with those much needed events in the near future.

It is with great joy that we are able to report the ordination of Fr Josh Delia as Deacon, which was celebrated here at St Johns on 24th September 2020,

All government guidelines were observed for the service and numbers restricted.

The full PCC and various sub committees we're unable to meet for the most part of 2020 due to restrictions, however vital decisions were made by the standing and finance committee who met via Zoom.

Reports have been submitted for inclusion at the APCM by each sub committee.

Present and future.

On 2nd May 2021, a service was held at St Johns for the induction of Fr Tim Peskett, a wonderful and long awaited event, at which the Archdeacon presided, all government guidelines were observed, and the service was very well attended by the congregation of St Johns together with St Andrews and friends of Fr Tim, We wish Fr Tim every blessing in his ministry, and ask for your continued prayers for Fr Tim.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our very valuable volunteers here at St Johns for their hard work and continued dedication in keeping our church a lively and welcoming community even in the face of a very difficult year, including, the PCC, it's sub committees, our retired clergy, servers, sacristans, lay ministers, and flower people, our office staff, and many others who work so hard behind the scenes.

Churchwardens.

Report on the Goods and Chattels of St John the Divine.

The duties of a Churchwarden for this meeting are;

1. To deliver to this annual meeting a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.
2. Maintaining the terrier, inventory and logbook;

   These provide details of matters relating to fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.

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The items to report are as follows, however arrangements can be made for anyone wishing to view any of these records.

JANUARY.....Rose pink chasuble donated by Colin and Pat Spong for their 60th Wedding anniversary.

Green chasuble donated by Pam Neville.

Purple chasuble donated by Sheila Allen.

FEBRUARY.....Gospel book and cover, donated by Kim and Peter Upton.

Missal donated by Brian and Amber Hatton

Missal cover donated by Fr Beau Brandie.

Fr Beau also donated the following vestments, in addition to the sum of £431.50 from his estate.

4 Red concelebration chasubles and 1 principal Celebrant's chasuble

4 White concelebration chasubles and 1 principal Celebrant's Chasuble

4 Purple concelebration chasubles

2 Green concelebration chasubles

1 Pink Gothic chasuble donated by Fr Tim Peskett.

Electoral roll report

At the last APCM I reported that there were 95 names on the Electoral Roll. During the last year 5 people have sadly died and we therefore have 90 names on the Electoral Roll. Approximately half of these live outside the parish.

There were no new numbers added but this was to be expected due to the Covid restrictions.

Margaret Borbone

Server's report

The last year has been a challenge for us all. I am extremely grateful to those servers who have shown immense commitment and dedication enabling us to continue serving during the various lockdowns, albeit as a reduced team.

At present we have eleven altar servers but not all are serving regularly.

If you feel you have the calling to serve God at the altar please do not hesitate to speak to me, I would love to hear from you.

Mike Chatfield

Head Server

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Kid's Café and Sunday Eagles

This has been quite a year for those involved in children's ministry in any shape or form. While necessary, restrictions on things like distributing food have made it either difficult or impossible to run groups in the usual way. This has, however, been a perfect time for prayer and preparation for future work with families and children at St John's.

Kid's Café

Sadly, social distancing and the ban on food has made it impossible to safely run Kids Café. My hope is to work towards restarting Kids Café in the new School Year. This will be an important opportunity to offer 'no-strings-attached' hospitality to the families in the area, as well as hopefully providing a way into St John's for those who would otherwise be nervous about coming through the doors.

Sunday Eagles

I am happy to say that as of April 25th, we have been able to restart Sunday Eagles in a slightly new format. This will usually take place on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday every month in term time, supported by our new team of six leaders.

The sessions now begin after the Collect and finishes before the Offertory. This means that the children can both take part in as much of the Mass as possible and get age-appropriate teaching.

It has been encouraging to hear children during Mass, and to have already had a new family join in during a session.

Please pray for Sunday Eagles and the wider children and family work at St John's as we attempt to re-establish our connections with families in the parish.

Fr Josh Delia

Deanery Synod Report 2020

Key roles in the synod

Rural Dean: Revd Helena Buque – St John the Baptist, Findon, St Mary the Virgin, Clapham and St John the Divine, Patching

Lay Chair: Janine Hobbs – Christ Church, Worthing

Treasurer: Liz Farrow – St Mary's, Broadwater

Secretary: Yvonne Austin – St Symphorian, Durrington

Meetings

There was only one meeting of the deanery synod in 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic; this was held at St Stephen's, East Worthing on 4 February 2020.

At the meeting, the focus of discussion was on the role and effectiveness of the deanery synod:

What is the purpose of the deanery synod?

How as a synod can we be more important than just to the church community?

How do we benefit the wider Worthing population as a deanery?

At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that all synod members should discuss with their parishes what concerns they have that could be tackled by a wider set of town Christians, working together? We can then consider how parishes across the deanery and the synod might find a way to pull together to meet a common purpose.

Sadly, the disruption to the life of the parishes in the deanery caused by Covid 19 has prevented any significant follow-up to the discussion at this meeting.

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Elections

In October 2020, parishes elected their representatives to the new deanery synod which had its first meeting virtually on Zoom in January 2021. Janine Hobbs stood down as Lay Chair before the elections to the new Deanery Synod Standing Committee.

In 2020, there was also a change to the Church Representation Rules:

> *Elected members of the Deanery Synod may now only serve for two consecutive terms of office unless the APCM passes a resolution disapplying this limit. The limit does not apply to any term of office which began before 2020, so will not have any impact until the elections in 2026.*

Martin Lloyd

Safeguarding Report 2020

Safeguarding remains a crucial area within the life of our parish, even during a period of a health pandemic which disrupted our activities and worship at St John the Divine in 2020.
In our parish the safeguarding of everyone, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, must be at the heart of everything we do in our life and worship. Abuse and mistreatment can take many forms and any safeguarding concerns should be addressed to me initially, and I will then follow them up as appropriate.

One of my main responsibilities as Parish Safeguarding Officer is concerned with DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks in the parish and a significant number of these were completed in 2020. I am registered as the lead recruiter for the parish with ThirtyOne Eight – the agency used by the diocese for DBS checks - and Ros Ashton is also registered as a recruiter. This registration is necessary for the completion of DBS checks of any laity in the parish; clergy DBS checks are conducted by the diocese. The diocesan policy is that key members of the congregation, and those working with children or vulnerable adults, should have a DBS check every five years. DBS checks for volunteers currently cost £5 + VAT and for anyone who is paid £45 + VAT.

Looking forward, there are several new policies which the PCC will need to discuss and agree when it meets again; this will ensure our approach to safeguarding is strengthened and developed so that everyone in the parish has confidence in the effectiveness of our procedures.

Martin Lloyd
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Office report

It will be reported elsewhere about the sad loss of Fr Beau but he did a lot to influence the "Parish office" in the absence of an incumbent.

It was his idea to send out copies of what he called the weekly "Newsletter" to everybody on the Parish electoral roll when we suddenly found ourselves locked down and unable to man the office or go to church. Since then my home has become a virtual office with the parish office answer phone and emails being accessed remotely and printing being done on our printer at home, sometimes to the consternation of my husband, Dave

During the year everybody who wants one has received the weekly mailing either by post or email.

Hopefully 2021 will, in time, allow the church and the office to reopen.

Lois Watson

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St John's Website www.stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

Wendy has been unable to maintain the parish website lately, much to her regret. Accordingly, I have been updating the site with the weekly and monthly information sent in so that this aspect of the church's outreach is not neglected.

With my responsibilities as full-time carer and having become chief cook and bottlewasher at home, I have to see myself as a caretaker of the site for the moment. We appreciate that the PCC may wish to take the site in new directions, in which case it would be necessary for someone else to take over as webmaster. In the meantime, I would be happy to consider any suggestions for minor alterations or improvements if you would like to email me at the webmaster's address.

Will Oakeshott

St John's 100 Club

A total of 56 tickets were sold in 2020.

Each month there are 5 prizes of £5, and at Christmas two additional prizes of £50 and £25.
At the end of this year, we gave £297 to Church funds .

The 100 Club has been running since 2012 and we have averaged 60 participants each year. This is unfortunately reducing.

We have been prevented from having monthly draws due to the Covid19 pandemic, but they were individually drawn in one session just in time for Christmas by Father Tim.

In the last eight years, we have given St John's a total of £2,946.22.

If you would like to purchase a number, please contact me.

Lyn Gough

Tel: 07880796619

Church Flowers' Report 2020

During the past year, I have been prevented from doing any flowers for most of the year due to Covid19. I would like to thank the willing helpers who have assisted me.

Donations have been given to commemorate an annual occasion, such as wedding anniversaries or remembering a loved one, or marking a special event

I am always looking for volunteers, either to arrange flowers or to help in the preparation and clearing up. Easter and Christmas are very busy times, so please me know if you can help

There is a list in the Church which you can fill in with the details that you want placed by your flowers. A pedestal will cost from £25, but any donation is welcome. At least two weeks' notice, with your donation, would be appreciated

Please see me or phone me on 07880796619

Lyn Gough

Hall committee report

Everybody will realise that 2020 was a very difficult year for the hall committee. The only meeting that was anywhere near normal was that held in February when we discussed a variety of items, e.g. the cleaning of the kitchen,

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changing the lock on the front door to the hall because the old one was causing problems, obtaining a new soap dispenser for the ladies toilet. The first lockdown followed and the hall was completely closed.

The pre-school was able to return in the middle of the year and they agreed to clean the hall to their satisfaction until the end of term. In July we held a socially distanced meeting out of doors to discuss the reopening of the hall to outside hirers. To help achieve this we decided to fit locks on the male and female toilet doors so that any outside hirer would only be able to use the disabled toilet, thereby making the task of cleaning much reduced. One needs to bear in mind that with the coming of the pandemic cleaning had to be much more thorough. To facilitate this further we installed a paper towel holder and soap dispenser in the disabled toilet. Cleaning was always a big problem when discussing opening up the hall to keep it covid free. We decided at this stage to commence opening the hall to outside groups very slowly, as it turned out the only group we allowed back was karate who were willing to change their evening to a Friday so that the hall could be cleaned over the weekend in readiness for the pre-school on the Monday. We must thank the pre-school for continuing to do their own cleaning during the week.

Karate started again in August and continued until the November lockdown arrived – they returned for December. Whilst all this was going on our regular cleaner decided she was unable to return due to health problems so we have employed another cleaner to take on the much heavier task required by the covid regulations. In the December meeting it was decided that only karate and the preschool could continue to use the hall until Easter because of the difficulty of keeping the hall covid free. At this meeting we also discussed the condition of the hall boiler and the state of the roof over the pre-school office of the hall. The boiler keeps breaking down and roof is leaking during heavy rain – many of you will know that a new boiler was installed in the new year (2021) and the roof similarly repaired.

Chris Smith (Hall committee chairman)

Pre-school Report for the PCC 2020

This year the Preschool accounts have been incorporated into the church accounts and part of the financial report gives information about the preschool and its finances.

In this report I will give some information about some of the 'everyday' events of the preschool. At the beginning of 2020 the preschool was running smoothly with the staff and children having fun together. There was a variety of activities offered that interested the children and ensured they were progressing in their development and learning.

Just before Easter the pandemic started and the preschool physically closed until early June. During this time the staff were in contact (remotely) with the parents and children, regularly offering support, and they produced home packs for them which they delivered to each child. During this time and since, the staff have constantly needed to keep up to date with the current regulations and guidelines which has been a huge job. They have worked very hard making sure the preschool has been a safe, secure environment where the children can have some 'normality' and continue to thrive. Cleaning and hygiene has been a huge part of this and they have undertaken this new role. We are very grateful to the hall committee and the church community for being understanding about the need to keep the hall clean and free from cross contamination.

This year we have replaced the shed and fence (between the church and car park) that were long overdue and are a big improvement.

We are very lucky that the number of children on roll at the preschool is rising and this is reflective of the hard work being put into making it such a happy and successful place. In October we had a change of Managers, as Jude decided she wanted to work more hours and no longer needed the school holidays free. Rose settled in well with the help of the staff.

At Christmas the children enjoyed taking part in a Zoom with Fr Josh and listening to the Christmas story.

We have a website for the preschool, https://www.stjohnspreschoolworthing.co.uk and a face book page **https://www**.facebook.com/stjohnspreschoolworthing please do take a look as it shows so much about the preschool and the lively place it is.

Ros Ashton

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S J Ignite report 2020

Unfortunately the pandemic has greatly affected SJ Ignite. We have not been able to follow our planned programme of events since the beginning of the year. With the rules constantly changing we did not want to start and stop the group. We did gather for the Christingle service and had our Christmas party on Zoom. It was wonderful seeing everyone again. Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to restart the group and enjoy the fellowship it brings.

Ros Ashton