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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.

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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, its 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

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

<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	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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(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	<u>35,594</u>				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			<u>61,393</u>		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
				<u>67,392</u>	67,392	69,489
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>35,594</u>	<u>21,912</u>	<u>61,393</u>	<u>67,392</u>	<u>186,291</u>	<u>179,046</u>

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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	0	0	24,794	24,794	28,102
Share valuation at 31 Dec 2021 of £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

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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

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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

	31-Dec-21	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022	£	£
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/stjohnspreschoolworthin>

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.

Reports from groups and committees

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