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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHILCOMPTON

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With grateful thanks to Rachel Grant for the photos of the Root Connections Cookery Club



1 ROOT CONNECTIONS GARDEN

Rector's Report

It is hard to believe that 2022 has been and gone already, and what a year it was with times of great sadness interspersed with moments celebration and joy. Funerals were, sadly, a significant feature of the year with the death of several of our dear friends and church family members as well as the national period of mourning for our late majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our prayers remain with all who have lost family members and friends over the last 12 months.

It is not only our dear friends who have gone home to glory this year, but also St Vigor's Church, our precious smaller church in the Benefice who has come to the end of her life. In the Autumn of 2022, the PCC took the difficult decision to close the church building and to cease to meet there as a worshipping community in the course of 2023. As we process our grief at this development, we have much to give thanks for in the centuries of faith filled worship and ministry that have passed in that place. We will gather on April 16th for a last service of celebration and thanksgiving to mark its closure. More news of this later in the year.

In happier moments we have seen monthly Baptisms at St John's continue as we welcome new members to the family of the church, and have celebrated with two couples who married at St John's. Although we do not see a huge increase in the number of weddings at St John's we do continue to host the Deanery Marriage Preparation Day in February when Area Dean, Revd. Matthew Street and I spend a day helping couples from around the whole Deanery intending to 'tie the knot' to set aside some time to think about their relationship and how God fits into the picture as they approach the big day. We have also supported the wider Deanery by providing catering for the Deanery-wide Alpha Course and I hope we will continue to give generously to those around us out of the riches that God has blessed us with.

Steve entered the second year of his curacy with us and celebrated his priesting with a magnificent and joy-filled service in June at Bath Abbey. We are very blessed to have him with us and are grateful of all his hard work. (Where would the Wednesday Working Group be without his coffee and bacon sandwiches to spur them on?) He is one of the many people who work together to help St John's thrive and grow. From Messy Church and Tea & Toast where we see God working amongst our families, to Lunch Club and Monday Café (which will take a different format in the future) where our Seniors are ministered to and the Bell Tower that draw us to worship with their magnificent ringing, we are each of us called to play our part using the gifts God has given us.

I am immensely grateful to everyone who contributes to the life of the church here in Chilcompton and Stratton on the Fosse. We owe much to our Wardens Team headed up by Linda and Tom (St John's) and Trevor and Nigel (St Vigor's), who spend many unseen hours checking that the unglamorous details are all in order so that we can enjoy Sunday Worship together as well as activities in the week. Whatever your skill set they would love to hear from you if you have a few hours to offer: many hands make light work and honour God by giving him joyfully of our best in all areas.

As we face the year ahead, we have adopted a new verse from scripture to dwell upon, to guide and inspire us: 'Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.' Hebrews 12v2

It is with this in mind I encourage you to press on into 2023 full of hope for all that the future holds for our fellowship as we commend ourselves to him. We have much to be grateful for and I hope you will see in the pages of this report, the many places where He has been at work in our lives.

Every blessing, Revd. Esther Smith

Curate's Report

2022 has been from my view something of a year of mixed emotions in the benefice. There has been a lot of sadness to reflect upon with the number of congregation members who have sadly died, whilst also thinking wider there have been a high number of deaths within the local community as well. But where there has also been a lot of sadness there have been a lot of things that I believe that as the parish we can rejoice about and see where ministry is flourishing, and God is moving.

I have been really encouraged to see that the relationship with the school is flourishing and that the children and staff love coming to the Churches for their services at Harvest, Christmas, and Easter, but they have also really enjoyed using the premises for lessons as well.

Likewise, it has been really encouraging to see how Tea and Toast has been going from strength to strength and that not only are relationships being made between volunteers and children and their parents but there are some really exciting conversations going on both during sessions and behind the scenes which show that people really are seeking relationship with something far greater than what the world can offer.

I have also been really encouraged at seeing the relationships that have been formed through the men's group that primarily meet on a Wednesday morning but has also branched out to a few evenings in 2022, where we had a Men's BBQ in the summer as well as gathered to watch some football in November. As we head into 2023 some evening gatherings have already been planned and there is greater interest from men outside of the church about coming along and getting involved.

From a personal perspective, 2022 was the year that I got ordained to the priesthood and I was so pleased to see so many people present from both congregations to witness that moment for me. Jenny and I have very much valued everyone's prayers throughout our ministry here as we have started out and we know those prayers will carry on.

My prayer for us as a Church this year, is that all of us whether we are weekly attenders, monthly attenders or people who just come to church sporadically, my prayer is that each of us would be able to daily learn and train ourselves to fix our eyes on Jesus, because there really is no better relationship to have.

Revd. Stephen D Miles

Music and Worship

Roberta Adams and Linda Van Peborgh continue to circulate music suggestions to the Leadership Team. Worship music in services then becomes the prerogative of the Service Leader. Linda tends to choose and prepare music for the monthly Celtic Service.

The Music Group meets approximately fortnightly, currently on a Friday Lunchtime 12.15/30pm-1.30pm in the Church Hall (but open to any future changes required), and sings mainly at St John's 10.30am Communion Services and the 1st Sunday of the month 6.30pm Celtic Service. Numbers are low (approx. 6) and we would love more people, with a heart to worship through word and music, instruments and voices, to join us.

Linda Van Peborgh

Thursday Mornings Communion and Coffee

A shortened form of Holy Communion taken from the Book of Common Prayer is celebrated on a Thursday morning in Church at 11am. A time to pause in our busy lives to be in God's presence and reflect on the gospel for the day. The service is followed by tea and coffee and time to socialise.

Margaret Holcombe

Discipleship

Many of our groups have returned to 'in person' meetings although there are some that still choose to meet on Zoom usually where the members are less able to get out.

Several groups have lost members over the year due to bereavement and this has hit us hard and the real value of the group as a support network can be seen. Many of us have really appreciated the sense of being held and encouraged during difficult times. The groups are clearly valued and provide a key resource not just in discipleship but also in pastoral care as relationships build between the members. I believe the home groups are the heart of the church where God can speak to us and where we can be encouraged, supported and inspired by our groups.

As I have said before discipleship is a journey not a course. We currently have six groups running involving over 50 members. Most meet in the evenings but we do have one day time group. The aim is to use the questions set by the preacher as a springboard to examine how we can apply the teachings of the Bible to our everyday lives in a way that is relevant, practical and changes us.

For the Lent Course in 2022 we followed Living in Love and Faith. It was good to see people from different standpoints being able to share their views and be heard with respect and love even when the views were very different. The ability to disagree well is important and although many of the topics were difficult, I think we benefited from being able to air them in a safe and supportive environment.

During May we studied the Letter of Paul to the Philippians, a letter of joy and gratitude emphasising the centrality of Jesus to our journey of faith. This culminated in Commitment Sunday when we were given the opportunity to pledge our support not just financially but also in the offering of our time and talents to help bring God's kingdom closer in our community. For the rest of the term we followed the Lectionary readings and our usual pattern for looking at the application of God's word to our lives helped by questions provided by the preacher.

Over the school summer holidays we looked at the parables of Jesus and then for the Autumn term our theme was 'Who is God and how can we get to know him better?' We then picked up the Lectionary reading again for Advent through to Epiphany.

In 2023 our Lent course is going to be based on the film 'The Return of Mary Poppins' using the study book by Lucy Berry 'Where the lost things go'.

I would encourage all those who do not currently belong to a home group to consider joining one. You would be very welcome and you can always come on a trial basis to see if you like it.

As ever I would like to thank the home group leaders for all their hard work and prayerful dedication as they have continued to open their homes and lead their groups supporting those who have found the past year challenging and difficult.

Kristin Marshall

Contemplative Prayer

A small number of us meet on the 2nd Tues afternoon of each month 2.30-3.30pm in the Church Hall. For those who attend, it is a much-appreciated quiet oasis hour in each month. Linda Van Peborgh also prepares a monthly resource, which is circulated by email attachment to approx. 16 church members and 17 others. If you would like to receive this monthly resource, please let Linda know.

Linda Van Peborgh

Messy Church

Messy Church has had a very encouraging year in terms of growth. We met 10 times over the year and saw 52 different children from 28 different families, 11 of the families were new to us. Each time the atmosphere has been very upbeat and the feedback has been positive.

Our theme each month of 2022 was based on The Parables.

We have a dedicated team of 20 regular volunteers who have completed the safeguarding training and are passionate about Messy Church and supporting it monthly. These consist of members of the church congregation and parents and grandparents of the children.

The loss of Chris Austin, Illness and other bereavements have really impacted us this year so, others have stepped in occasionally, bringing the total numbers on the team register to 30.

In March we attended a promotional event in the village hall.

The highlight of our year was our Nativity play. It was great to see the Messy Church congregation come alongside the regular Sunday Morning congregation.

Tina Collins

Tea & Toast

Tea & Toast continues to meet on Thursday Mornings in Term Time. It is a delight to welcome the children and their carers for a home away from home-style opportunity to chat and play whilst enjoying Tea (or coffee) and Toast. We ended the year with 30 families on our books and a growing sense of community which is a delight to see. Many families return when new babies join the family and almost all new members join because of a recommendation from someone they know.

We are indebted to a dedicated small team of helpers who serve and clear up breakfast and it is lovely to see the families themselves putting toys away at tidy-up time. There is a real sense of ownership and established relationship growing amongst those who attend.

Thank you for your continued prayers for this growing part of our community. Please continue to pray for God's love and His light to touch the lives of these young families. Esther Smith

School Report

"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

St Vigor and St John Church School has continued to develop as it has moved out of COVID restrictions. Still focussing on the four key principles of

- Being adventurous
- Being unique
- Being connected
- Being ethical

The school curriculum has been redeveloped and, in combination with The Mill Nursery, provides an integrated setting providing for children from 6 months to 11 years old.

With the end of COVID restrictions, the school went through a reset process under the guidance of the Bath and Wells Diocesan MAT. The long term strategy of the school has been reviewed and changes made to the operation of the local governing body

In October, the school underwent an OFSTED inspection, the first since 2007. The school was assessed overall as good with some outstanding aspects (Early years provision and behaviour and attitudes). Of all the schools assessed by OFSTED since COVID, St Vigor and St John are the only one to achieve an assessment as outstanding in any aspects. Huge credit is due to Chris Chorley, the senior leadership team, all the staff and pupils for this achievement.

During the year, Tim Curtis handed over as chair of the local governing board after many years' service to the school. Sam Winsley took on this challenging role, first as co-chair with Tim and as sole chair from September. Sam's efforts were also instrumental in the successful OFSTED inspection. Sadly, Sam did not feel he had the time available to dedicate to the role and has now passed the role of chair on to Zac Cambourne.

Chris Chorley, the leadership team, teachers and support staff continue to show exceptional commitment to providing as rich a learning environment as possible. We give thanks for their energy and enthusiasm as they continue to work tirelessly and we pray for the continued health and development of the pupils.

Mission

St John's continues to financially support several Christian Charities (£1,000 to The Leprosy Mission, TLM, recently, which I believe was a fund-matched donation from an agreed tithe percentage of £500). However, there is little other 'World Mission' activity, other than through individuals' personal interests. There have been no 'deputation visits' from the Area TLM Rep for a couple of years and no plans for that to occur. TLM literature is available in church (Annual Prayer Diaries, Bimonthly Prayer Diary Updates and New Day Magazines).

TLM has recently informed me that, due to the recent change to UK postage stamp design, they are no longer able to receive used stamps. However, there are other charities still collecting eg. RNIB / RSPB etc., if you are someone who doesn't like to throw stamps away!

Linda Van Peborgh

Monday Café

Monday Cafe was open from January to December, with a social focus, but also welcoming a number of speakers. Without having been able to attract any new members from the Community at large,

the small numbers make it difficult to invite new speakers, and entertainment. It has been agreed to suspend the monthly meeting, but to arrange several outings during the year instead.

Regular contact with Parish Nursing Ministries UK supports the service that has offered one to one contact by phone, email or home visits. Training has included Mental Health First Aid seminars for people in Pastoral care and ministry via Zoom.

Sarah Crosse

Lunch Club

Lunch Club recommenced in March 2022. It was lovely to welcome everyone back to a meal and time to socialise. The year ended with a traditional Christmas meal, enjoyed by all. A bonus was to have some children from St Vigor and St John's School to entertain us with some Christmas songs, appreciated by everyone.

From January 2023, the meal is soup, roll, cake and a hot drink.

Margaret Holcombe



Root Connections Cookery Club

This is a new venture that started in September 2022 and happens on the 4th Monday of the month in partnership with Root Connections.

Root Connections and the Dairy House in Stratton on the Fosse are church Mission Partners aiming to end rural homelessness and rough sleeping in Somerset. The Dairy House provides accommodation and the Root Connections market garden grows community by offering horticultural learning and volunteering to local volunteers and Dairy House residents alike. Root Connections sells its vegetables through a veg box scheme. Cookery club at St Johns on 4th Monday every month is developing recipe cards to go alongside the veg boxes with a

themed vegetable of the month. In 2022 we enjoyed courgette month, squash month and brassica month. We have a food photographer as part of the group who takes amazing photos of the food ahead of a monthly feast for a small contribution.

Rachel Grant

Safeguarding

There have been no safeguarding incidences of note or that have required escalating and any queries or concerns that have arisen, have been appropriately discussed and/or managed in-house.

DBS Checks

These now last for 3 years instead of 5 years. I have a spreadsheet for all volunteers who warrant a DBS check and when a renewal is on the horizon, the relevant people will be contacted to get the renewal started.

Training

This continues for those whose job roles require further in-depth training. As Messy Church continues to grow and more parents are offering to help on a regular basis, the online Basic Awareness course has been completed by all new volunteers.

The online Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard, which suggests actions requiring completion to maintain good practice standards of Safeguarding, is regularly monitored and any actions that need taking are dealt with i.e., updating policies, maintenance of up-to-date information, training schedules etc. some of which are required by the Church of England National Safeguarding Regulations.

Connie Moore
Safeguarding Officer



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St John's Church

Fabric Report

Downside Christchurch Churchyard Stockhill Road Chilcompton

Work has started which will lead to the official closing of the churchyard, as there is not any space for new graves. One tree has been made safe and the churchyard inspected, which lead to “safety” notices on 20 memorials. Ongoing enquires are being made to try to identify anyone connected with these 20 memorials needing attention.

St John's

North boundary wall repair/rebuilding, porch glass doors, paths made accessibility friendly and a new audio/visual system. Costings have been obtained for these and an appeal launched, resulting in an encouraging response.

The Sperring Charity gave us a grant to replace the thermostats in the hall and office.

Ancient Yew Tree. Crown reduced and deadwood selectively remove from this tree which is about 1500 years old

Regular maintenance has taken place and thanks to The Wednesday Morning Group for the many jobs they have carried out.

Churchwardens' Report

I will leave Tom Mayes to make his own Report re our shared role as the two named Church Wardens, some of which is bound to overlap with mine.

I agreed to fill this role temporarily and late in the day and I check in with Rev Esther Smith on a regular basis.

It has been a busy and steep learning curve, especially with activities ‘opening up’ after the Covid restrictions.

We have a historic building that requires / demands a lot of upkeep; both financially and in ‘personhours’. My thanks go to the Warden’s Team, which is committed to endeavouring to keep on top of as much as possible.

Other than Tom Mayes these are Fred Corp, David Jones, Margaret Holcombe, Rachel Grant and Tony Pook.

We meet for an overview update via Zoom every 2-3mths for about 1hr. Also, my thanks to all the others who quietly work in the background; cleaning, catering, administrating, obtaining supplies etc.

If you believe you could make a contribution in any way whatsoever...however small and for however short a time...please don’t be shy in offering, just contact one of the ‘Warden’s Team’.

Most of the matters being attended to this year have been noted and circulated to all St John’s members via the PCC Jottings (thank you Lesley Close). As always, the role of Church Warden covers a wide range of concerns, besides weekly service duties; from updating the Health and Safety Docs and notices and making a list of who covers what church activity, to ensuring the re-instatement of the Music Licence (thank you Steve, Tom and Chris) and completing the Mission Statistics for the Diocese (thank you Rachel Grant); from clearing moss on the path to the vestry (thank you Adrian

Beck) and the gutters (thank you Mike Bushill) and re-locating the cesspit pump (thank you Paul Mattick), to planning for better access from the car-park, repair to the North Wall and trying to find out why the January rain flooded the boiler room, back of the church and bell-tower!

Never a dull moment for sure and I certainly couldn't do it alone. Additional help will never cease to be welcomed by those already involved.

Linda Van Peborgh Church
Warden

Electoral Roll

We currently have 77 members on roll, 53 female and 24 males. During the past twelve months we have bid farewell to Vera Beck, Chris Austin and Vic Churley who have passed from this world to the next, but we continue to sign up new members which has kept our overall numbers in good stead.

It is never too late to add your name to the Electoral Roll and Forms are readily available from the Church Wardens or myself should you wish to take this next step. Once registered you are eligible to vote at the Annual Church Meeting and/or stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Richard Moon
Electoral Roll Officer 07831 522100

PCC Report

The PCC met five times during the year and the decisions were conveyed to the Congregation via PCC Jottings, available on the website.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, Tina Collins and David Aldridge were re-elected as Laity Reps and Tom Mayes were re-elected as Churchwarden. An Extraordinary Meeting in June saw Linda Van Peborgh elected as Churchwarden. The PCC is made up as follows:

St John's PCC	Term of Office
Ex officio	
Rector - Esther Smith	
Curate - Steve Miles	
Churchwardens - 2 wardens, elected annually, 6 years max.	
Tom Mayes	2018-2024
Linda Van Peborgh	2022-2028
Laity Reps - 6 reps, 3 year term, a third retire each year	

Tony Pook	2021-2024
Chris Collins	2021-2024
Leisa Thorne	2020-2023
Fred Corp	2020-2023
Tina Collins	2022-2025
David Aldridge	2022-2025
Deanery Synod Reps - 2 reps elected for 3 year term	
Leisa Thorne	2020-2023
Tony Chivers	2022-2026

Lesley Close
PCC Secretary

Sidespersons

We are grateful to a small group of people willing to welcome people to church on a Sunday morning. If anyone would like to join this rota please speak to me. The current Sidespeople are:

- Elaine and Fred Corp
- Judy and David Jones
- Judy Churley
- Robin Singh
- Margaret and Geoff Holcombe

Geoff Holcombe

Bellringers

Ringling at Chilcompton has returned to a regular pattern over the past year with ringling for Sunday services and practices on a Monday night as well as regular quarter peal and peal attempts.

Members of the band have also been assisting with service ringling at St John the Baptist Midsomer Norton and with training learners there

Chilcompton again entered a team in the 2022 National 12-Bell Striking Competition, travelling Chester to take part in an eliminator. Although not progressing to the final, the team produced a very creditable performance. The final of this event will be held at Chilcompton in June 2024

Bellringling is a very social affair, once learned it is an opening to bell towers wherever you go. Bellringers are always happy to welcome visitors to their church and often enjoy a social time

afterwards. Here at Chilcompton we regularly welcome visiting groups and run training sessions for ringers at all stages in the learning process.

There is no age limit to learning and we would welcome anyone interested in taking up this hobby. We do lose a lot of local ringers to universities etc. so we are always looking to augment our numbers. Just come along on any Monday at 7pm and have a go – there is obviously no obligation but you might find you enjoy it.

Just ring Adrian Beck on 01761 41590 if you would like more information.

We give thanks for the regular prayers in support of the band, their continued commitment, and particularly to Adrian Beck, for ensuring that the bells of Chilcompton continue to sound.

Treasurer's Report year ended 31st December 2022

During the year the balance on the unrestricted (day to day running) account has dropped from £5,535 to £2,496 due to a deficit of £3,039. This was principally due to increases in expenditure:

1. The Parish Share increasing by £5,380 to £45,769.
2. Churchyard running costs increased by £3,228 to £4,322 due to work on the Yew tree £1,320 and urgent work on removing a diseased tree in Downside churchyard costing £2,136.
3. Utility costs increased by £1,844 to £4,893.
4. Planned giving has fallen by £1,235 to £42,743.

Although the impact of the overall increased utility costs has been relatively modest this year, these increases only started in October. To give an example of the effect of the increases the gas and electricity costs for Nov2021 to Jan2022 were £2,170 and this has increased to £5,564 for the same period this year. A rise of £3,394 (256%).

These levels of increases over the full year are likely to push us further into deficit, requiring us to call upon the reserves to balance the books, which is unsustainable for any length of time.

In addition, further work on the trees at Downside churchyard will put severe pressure on our reserves. During the year a successful appeal was started to raise funds for significant works which include an upgrade to the sound and visual system and improved disability access to the church. By the end of the year £10,965 was raised, and a significant amount of Gift Aid will also be claimed. Sufficient funds have been raised to make a start to the projects in 2023.

The PCC made charitable donation during the year to support our various charitable partners of £4,970 reducing the designated account to £1,513. Unfortunately, we are unable to top this up from our general fund this year.

Reserves

The balance carried forward at the 31st December on unrestricted funds totaled £17,719 of which £1,513 has been designated for Mission & Charitable purposes. The Fabric account currently stands at £18,037.

Chris Collins

Treasurer, PCC of Chilcompton with Downside

PCC Chilcompton with Downside

Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st January to 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Charity/Mission Fund ^(a)	Restricted Fund ^(b)	Total 1/1 - 31/12 2022	Total 1/1 - 31/12 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned Giving		42,743	-	1,675	44,418	44,618
Collection at Services		2,873	-	157	3,030	2,160
All other giving		1,119	-	10,973	12,092	16,965
Gift Aid Recovered		11,391	-	2,983	14,374	13,239
Legacies Received		-	-	-	-	-
Grants		1,000	-	1,609	2,609	19,726
		59,126	-	17,397	76,523	96,708
Activities for generating funds						
Investment Income		95	-	-	95	9
Church Activities	1	5,257	-	-	5,257	2,674
Other Income		1,127	-	-	1,127	1,032
Total Receipts		65,605	-	17,397	83,002	100,423
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
Church Activities						
Parish Share		45,769	-	-	45,769	40,389
Clergy and staff expenses		4,017	-	-	4,017	3,619
Salaries and wages		-	-	-	-	-
Mission and charitable giving	2	-	4,970	230	5,200	6,864
Church Expenses						
Church utility bills	3	4,893	-	-	4,893	3,049
Church running expenses	4	10,727	-	1,698	12,425	6,430
Mission and evangelism costs	5	1,614	-	-	1,614	807
		67,020	4,970	1,928	73,918	61,158
Major Repairs to the church		1,624	-	778	2,402	1,281
Major Repairs to the hall		-	-	1,610	1,610	17,010
Total payments		68,644	4,970	4,316	77,930	79,449
Excess of receipts over payments		-3,039	-4,970	13,081	5,072	20,974
Transfer between funds						
Cash at bank at 1st January		5,535	6,483	4,969	16,987	-3,987
Cash at bank at 31st December		2,496	1,513	18,050	22,059	16,987

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Charity/Mission Fund ^(a)	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
1 Church Activities					
Church Hall	1,175	-	-	1,175	454
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,082	-	-	4,082	2,220
	<u>5,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,257</u>	<u>2,674</u>
Payments					
2 Mission and charitable giving					
Christian Aid	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
CMS	-	-	-	-	1,000
Tearfund	-	1,000	73	1,073	1,000
Root Connections/Dairy House	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,127
MSN Food Bank	-	-	-	-	128
The Leprosy Mission	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Bibles for school	-	395	-	395	190
Alzheimers Research/Singing for the brain	-	-	-	-	384
Barnabos Fund	-	-	-	-	950
DEC Ukraine	-	500	157	657	-
Other	-	75	-	75	85
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,970</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>6,864</u>
3 Church utility bills					
Electricity	3,632	-	-	3,632	2,241
Gas	1,051	-	-	1,051	668
Water	210	-	-	210	140
	<u>4,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,893</u>	<u>3,049</u>
4 Church running expenses					
Insurance	2,038	-	-	2,038	1,926
Maintenance	1,894	-	-	1,894	998
Photocopier & Printing Costs	797	-	-	797	680
Software, website & Copyright licence	652	-	-	652	528
Youth church	236	-	-	236	262
Churchyard	4,322	-	1,698	6,020	1,360
Other expenses	788	-	-	788	676
	<u>10,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,698</u>	<u>12,425</u>	<u>6,430</u>
5 Mission and evangelism costs					
Messy Church	494	-	-	494	212
Parish Nurse	595	-	-	595	595
Other	525	-	-	525	-
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,614</u>	<u>807</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Charity/Mission Fund ^(a)	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Bank Current Account		2,496	1,513	18,050	22,059	16,987
Reserves Deposit Fund		13,710			13,710	13,710
Other Monetary Assets						
PCC Fees to be received						
Other Monetary Liabilities						
B&WDBoff - Statutory Fee to pay		-1,300			-1,300	0
Non PCC fees to pay		-60			-60	
		14,846	1,513	18,050	34,409	30,697

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- The movements in designated and restricted fund during the year were:

	Bal. B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	C/fwd
Restricted				
Fabric (Friends)	4,704	16,669	3,336	18,037
Barnabas Fund	105	463	-	568
Root House	-	-	-	-
Tearfund	-	73	73	-
CMS	-	35	-	35
DEC Ukraine	-	157	157	-
Downside churchyard	160	-	750	-590
	4,969	17,397	4,316	18,050
Designated				
^(a) Charitable Giving	6,483	0	4,970	1,513

- ^(a) Designated fund represents sums set aside from Voluntary Receipts for charitable purposes.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

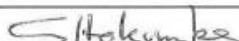
Report to the trustees of: **Chilcompton with Downside Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2022

Charity Number (if applicable): SI 1996 No. 180

Set out on pages	1 to 4
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: • examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, • to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with 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, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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