



**ST PETER &
ST PAUL CHURCH
BLOCKLEY**

**Annual Report and
Accounts 2022**

ANNUAL REPORTS 2022

Electoral Roll Report

There are currently 75 people on Blockley Church electoral roll.

This reflects 3 more people joining since the last APCM, and taking off 4 people who have moved away.

Being on the electoral roll entitles people to vote in the annual Church meetings, and to become office holders, such as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

The Church of England rules require us to renew the full roll from scratch every few years.

The next of these will be in 2025. Between times it is simply updated each year.

Anne Packer, Electoral Roll officer

Proceeding of the PCC for 2022

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) performed its duties which include consulting together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, promoting the whole mission of the church in the parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and maintaining its relationship with the diocese.

It took responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the church, churchyard and moveable objects, having overall charge of all expenditure.

The following activities were of particular note over the last year:

- Monitoring safeguarding and other health and safety issues.
- Plans for the refurbishment of the church which involved submission of documents and the statement of need to the DAC. We discussed and voted upon aspects of the reordering and the reports submitted by consultants, architect and engineers.
- Agreed to support the Alpha course which has been successful.
- Moreton Show where the church was represented in Sept 2022.
- We discussed and made decisions upon the Charities that we wished to support
- We discussed and approved the finances pertaining to the parish magazine (we were pleased to agree its continuation as a self-funding enterprise) and the table of fees for weddings etc.

Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Independent Examiner

Enclosed as a separate document

Church Wardens' Fabric Report

This first year as Churchwardens has shown us two good and important things about Blockley and its Church.

First, that every good church – and especially a sole Parish church in a village – needs to bring good things to its range of worshipping members and good things to its wider community of parishioners. This was especially demonstrated over this year, as the whole Blockley community 'came to church' to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in July – and then to mourn her death in September. This will happen again when we celebrate the new King's Coronation. This service to the whole community applies through the yearly cycle too, at Christmas and Easter, at the January party 'The Funny Thing about Laughter', and the Harvest Festival lunch, through Blockley School, through the monthly Blockley Forum discussions, through the space we provide for community events.

Dual service and responsibility is also key to the church re-ordering which we have all been thinking about and planning for – a church building which is warm, accessible to all, and fit for now and the future. Outline proposals have gone to the Diocesan Advisory Committee; and fund-raising planning is underway. We will move to the Jubilee Hall from November for winter and the work to be carried out. With particular thanks to our 'Master of Works' Robert Burch.

The second good and important thing we have come to appreciate about this church is that nothing we do as Wardens is done by us alone. Starting with the responsibility we

feel for Dana, and she for us. Continuing with the help we have had from our predecessors Marie and Rob; from the four Deputy Wardens who lighten the load so much; from the members of the PCC and the Standing Committee set up to handle re-ordering issues between PCC meetings; from Doreen and the Choir; and for everyone else who makes the church look good and work well.

So thank you all. We look forward to another year in which good changes will take place, with your support, involvement and help.

Sarah Brazier and Anne Packer

Safeguarding Report

Most training is now available online and we are up to date with all DBS checks. These are now handled by Liz Jones, the VaCE administrator in Chipping Campden church office. There was one referral to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team in 2022. We are on level 3 of the parish safeguarding dashboard, and Carol Willott continues as our designated safeguarding officer in Blockley and Bourton on the Hill.

Bell Ringers

We have seven local Blockley ringers available for Sundays and weddings. Two more are learning with a nearby expert trainer as well as joining us on our practice night.

We have had an unfortunate run of broken stays, but this has spurred us on to find a local stay maker, and our maintenance volunteer is learning from them to make stays himself. We are also working on improving our bell control technique!

Ringers come from other towers for our Thursday night practice, so we are often able to ring all 10 bells. They come, not only because we have 10 bells, but also because we are a very friendly tower!

Mimi Stephens

Cakes & Co

Sadly, we were unable to hold Cakes & Company for the first two months of 2022 due to the resurgence of Covid. We held our first meeting in March. It was lovely to be able to welcome our members back for tea and the entertainment was a Beetle Drive.

In June we held a Platinum Jubilee tea in celebration of our late Queen's amazing 70 year reign. In September Cakes & Company celebrated their 20th birthday and John Busby entertained our members with his ballads interspersed with his jokes. We all had a wonderful afternoon and were very happy to welcome our guests, Carolyn Willott and Mary West who were the original organisers of Cakes & Company and our vicar, Dana Delap.

In December we held our Christmas Party, where we were delighted to present all our members with a "goodie" bag containing an individual Christmas cake and pudding, savoury biscuits, a box of chocolates and a chocolate Santa. We had a wonderful afternoon singing along to all the old Christmas favourites lead by John Robinson on the piano. We'd like to thank everyone who graciously gave up their time to come and entertain us in 2022.

We would also like to thank the PCC who very kindly covers the hire of the Little Village Hall for our meetings, which we very much appreciate.

Yvonne Smith

Children and Youth Leader

Church services

1st Sunday of the month - 10@10 St James Church

2nd Sunday of the month - Family service Honeybourne

3rd Sunday of the month - Family service Mickleton

School work

Bright Sparks after school club – Blockley, Honeybourne, Pebworth

Bright sparks lunch time club – Willersey, St James school

CCS Mentoring

Collective worship - St James and Ebrington school, Mickleton school, Pebworth

Reading Honeybourne school – building on relationships within school

Church Visits – Mickleton school, St James & Ebrington school
Supporting OTB team in Willersey – with the view to develop an OTB team across the VaCE.

Looking forward

May/ June - Youth Service/gathering – for the growing youth within the VaCE
Prayer Spaces in school – Soul Space CCS
Summer Family fun days

Exciting news/development

Mrs Clara Byrd has joined the team working 10hrs a week for the children and youth ministry. Clara is currently shadowing Amy in her work and building on relationships with both church, school, and the wider community. This term Clara has lead BS lunchtime club and BS after school club in both Willersey and Pebworth.

Amy Todd

Church Choir

The choir have enjoyed another year of singing together under the close direction of Doreen Robinson. This is something special that we all value and appreciate in a world where traditional music is often a scarce commodity!

At Easter, on Good Friday, we sang Stainer's Crucifixion with John, Bryan and David singing the solos. We have also enjoyed singing at two weddings and were delighted to be invited to sing choral evensong at Long Compton church. The vicar there is himself a choral scholar and added his voice to ours and we had a thoroughly enjoyable time of it!

On 31st December 2022, choir funds stood at £744.15p. with our main expenses being for music – Organist copies of the hymn book (2 books), Addington service sheets and extra copies of Stainer's Crucifixion.

Both John Connolly and Laura Shepherd continue to enjoy singing with us and as always, our grateful thanks to Doreen for her encouragement and guidance.

Margaret Oliver

Deanery Synod Report

Like every deanery in the Gloucester Diocese, the North Cotswolds has continued framing a deanery strategic plan. Working together as deanery synod, chapter, benefices and parishes, we aim to reshape the mission and ministry of this deanery to be more focussed on our shared mission priorities whilst at the same time reducing our dependence on stipendiary ordained ministry to a level that is sustainable for the long term. Parish giving across the whole North Cotswolds increased and we are now closer than ever to reaching our share target.

Flower Arrangers

Our continued aim is to ensure that the Church flowers are as sustainably sourced as possible and ALWAYS sustainably presented.

We have been able to use local garden and allotment flowers during the spring and summer months, and ALL the foliage we have used throughout the year has been locally foraged. During the winter months we had great difficulty sourcing suitable sustainable flowers at a reasonable price, particularly over the Christmas period. We decided to purchase re-usable silk flowers and to display them with natural foraged foliage. (We have been doing this for many years with the Poppies for Remembrance Sunday.) The silk flowers are being stored carefully in large, lidded boxes so that they remain in perfect condition and can be re-used for a number of years when sourcing sustainable flowers is difficult or too expensive. We have also had some large silk flowers donated by a member of the community.

We have tried not to purchase flowers from supermarkets, but when possible purchase from Blockley Shop. At big celebrations such as Easter this year, we placed an order from an online wholesale florist supplier. They source their flowers from the growers in Holland, so the supply chain has reasonably low environmental impact.

When visitors come into the Church while we are working on the flowers, we always take the opportunity to spread the word about working sustainably with flowers.

There is a large group of people in the Worcester area who are advocating sustainable Church flowers and Claire follows their ideas on Instagram. She has also become involved with the running of Blockley Horticultural Society and has introduced the concept of sustainable arrangements for the Spring and Summer Shows, giving our Church policy as an example.

We continue to have a very small team of people working with the flowers but would welcome any new members who are interested in helping.

Rhea Bazeley

Blockley Forum

The Forum is now the well-established lunchtime place for the village to discuss topical issues and problems – with a cup of tea or coffee along the way. It's also where we thank the people in power for the good work they do for us, alongside holding them to account.

So we invite the Parish Council Chair at the end of each year to talk about what has been happening, and what is coming down the track. Likewise Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP had what he told his secretary was '*a fiery time*' when he spoke at the Forum on the trickiest day of the year, after Liz Truss's Budget had given big tax cuts for millionaires – on which Sir Geoffrey's comment was '*I wouldn't have done it.*' He obviously relayed what he heard at the Forum to his colleagues back at Westminster, and both the Budget and Prime Minister Liz Truss were both gone within days.

Other more local issues discussed included Ann Barry talking about the pleasures and challenges of leading Blockley School; Sam Stanley talking about the pains and pleasures of running a village shop; what the County Council was doing about ash tree dieback; Barbara Piranty of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council talking the problems of hidden rural poverty; and Keith Sissons and Nik Sandars on the challenges of keeping footpaths in good order. Plus a Hustings with Cotswold election candidates Sue Jepson and Clare Turner making their pitches.

So – many thanks to all the busy Forum speakers for making the time. And to the 'volunteers' who chair the sessions. Most of all, thank you to everyone who came and contributed to the discussions. Finally, if there is a person you would like to hear from, or a subject you would like addressed, just let me know.

Leslie Packer

Giving and Mission

Every year, Blockley PCC has a policy of agreeing a list of charities to give contributions to. Some are local and some are national; some the church contributes to fairly regularly and others less so. All have relevance to the community. In the past year - and on into this year – we have sent contributions to 10 charities, each for £250.

Since the 2022 APCM, the charities have been: North Cotswold Foodbank; Cotswold Friends; Campden Home Nursing; Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust; Blockley Educational Trust; Water Aid; the Children's Society; Macmillan Nursing; Royal British Legion; Practical Action; and UNICEF.

This spring, the PCC agreed for contributions later in the year to go to the Children's Society; Christian Aid; our linked diocese in Ghana; FareShare; the Samaritans; and the Air Ambulance.

Anne Packer

Handbell Ringers

We have had the same team of six ringers for over a year now and have generally met twice a month (2nd and 4th Monday mornings) to practise with the 12 bells owned by the church, with the aim of playing to audiences of one kind or another. We have made reasonable progress but have some way to go before we can really be satisfied with our performance standard. We played at the Blockley Church Carol Service last Christmas, and think that, come some summer weather, we might try entertaining the public by the shop. Meanwhile, we are grateful to the church for allowing us to use the bells and the Church

Room in which to practise. We would welcome one or two more people (must be able to read music) to join our team to ensure that we always have a full complement of ringers.

Roger Thornburgh

Home Groups

Our home group met fortnightly for Bible study and discussion throughout last year, with up to 12 members. Following a study of Colossians, we moved on to look at the first and second letters of Peter and finished the year with a Christmas party.

Last summer, we discussed the possibility of hosting an Alpha course for other people and, with Dana's agreement, over the autumn a few of us began to plan for this. As virtually all members of the home group wanted to be involved, either as host, helper or guest, we agreed to suspend home group meetings from the new year until Alpha was over.

Alpha ran weekly from 9th January to 3rd April this year with 23 people attending as 'guests', aged 35-96, from all backgrounds. More than half were not church goers, but at the end of the course the majority expressed an interest in joining a home group. As a result, we are about to split into 3 groups, with 8 or 9 people in each, and will restart meeting on alternate Monday evenings on 15th May.

Ginny Williams-Ellis

Open the Book

After a Covid-enforced absence, the Open the Book team returned to its Tuesday morning slot at Blockley School last year. The core team comprises Sandra Gee, Kate Hope, Maggie Youell and myself, with support from others including Graham New, Sara Horner and Roger Morris. I am very grateful to them all for their commitment, enthusiasm and talent.

We aim to bring alive Bible stories and to involve as many children as possible, from Reception upwards. Sometimes the story involves a small number of children; on other occasions all classes take part. We are building up a growing resource of costumes and props for the children and the team.

The team is very grateful to the school staff for their support, and to the children. For us, being part of Open the Book is both a privilege and a pleasure.

Christine Moor

The Voice

Earlier this year in order to ensure that *The Voice* could continue as a viable community magazine for Blockley and the surrounding villages, a number of us crowd funded the relaunch in February. The magazine has continued to be published on a regular monthly basis, and we plan a souvenir Coronation edition for June. In July we will also publish a digital edition which can be accessed via the Blockley Parish Council web site.

The editorial team has been strengthened with Carol Mann continuing as editor and Carol Willott as deputy editor. Although the magazine costs at least £2 an edition to print we decided at this difficult time not to increase the cover price.

Large efforts have been made to attract donations and to increase the advertising revenue. We are grateful for a grant from the Blockley Parish Council This is having positive results and it has been helped by our being able to inherit *The Voice* bank account without any negative accrual from last year.

New features have been added and the change of printer to Vale has gained us a more competitive print price, more colour and a digital edition. Advertising in the digital edition will enable readers to click on an email or web address and be directly linked to the advertiser.

Financially we can see a positive cash position through to 2024 but much of the existing advertising will be up for renewal this July, and hopefully the new advertising rates which include the digital edition will be acceptable.

We meet regularly as a team to discuss content, advertising and distribution. It does require a lot of effort but we are enjoying the ride and have received many compliments on the relaunch.

Nigel Moor, Chair Editorial Team

Vicar's Report 2022



I started 2022 with a three-month sabbatical, a perk of having been ordained for over 7 years. As well as rest and a huge amount of reading, I spent time learning more about working with clay, and had a wonderful holiday touring Costa Rica. I enjoyed sitting the congregation with Adrian, and spending time with family and friends. I came back in time for Holy Week, refreshed and excited for all that the rest of the year would bring.

Easter brought its usual bounty of flowers, gardens and chocolate, with numbers in both churches at pre-pandemic levels. The Blockley churchyard trail was popular with children and families. No sooner was Easter over than we started to plan for the Platinum Jubilee. The communities of Bourton on the Hill, Blockley and all the villages of the ward rejoiced with Her Majesty's long reign. Mimi Stephens took over as Blockley tower captain from Ann Bourne, whose extraordinary service to the tower included working with me and others to introduce the new bell frame, head stocks and two new bells.



The BBC's Father Brown returned to Blockley, although the fees received were quite low in 2022. This highlights our dependence on the 5-8k we receive from filming, an issue that we must return to once the reordering is completed. The theme of reordering Blockley Church ran through the year, with Robert Burch guiding our conversations with various amenity societies and the DAC. Nigel Moor began work on a thoughtful and robust Statement of Significance of Blockley Church.

Over the late May bank holiday, Blockley Church, the Parish Council, Cakes and Co and the Heritage Society came together for the unveiling of the Blockley Bus Accident memorial plaque, with Margaret Baldwyn doing the honours.





Meanwhile, in Vale and Cotswold Edge News, the team rector became Canon Craig Bishop, and Revd Scott Watts announced he was leaving. This led to some robust conversations within the team, as we struggled to work out how to make the team work in a new and more sustainable configuration.



There were some lovely occasional offices – baptisms and blessings, marriages and thanksgivings for marriage. Then in early September the North Cotswolds Deanery, the Diocese, Blockley and Bourton on the Hill supported a deanery tent at the Moreton Show. It was important to be present, but we made lots of mistakes, and this year we will put into practice some of our learning.

I went on holiday after the show, only to hear, 3 days later that HRH Queen Elizabeth has suddenly died. The church wardens, Philip and Naomi, Anne and Sarah, sprang into action, and arranged for candles, prayers and the memorial books to be out. Revd David Quin led services of reflection, which were much appreciated. The memorial books are in our church archives for future generations to see.

Our combined Harvest Lunch after a joint Open Door music group, organ and Choir-led service was marvellous, and a time for celebration. The strength of our community of Christians is a delight, and something that we should all celebrate.

Our Christmas services were joyful, the churches looking beautiful, and the ongoing work towards sustainable church working towards being carbon neutral was demonstrated by the tree at Bourton on the Hill.





Our parishes and the communities are thriving, despite the heavy weight of world-wide challenges. Global uncertainty is stressful, but I remain thankful for the resources within our community, and the joy of walking together with the Lord.

2023 brings the reordering projects to a fore. Bourton on the Hill's toilet will be in place by the end of the summer, and Blockley Church will close from November to May for the new heating, lighting, AV, servery, toilet and choir vestry. These are exciting times in the life of our churches. We will also begin to make a partnership with St Eadburgha's, Ebrington, who in time will become part of the southern group of the VaCE team, and under the care of the vicar at Blockley and Bourton on the Hill.

The Revd Canon Dana Delap

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

The accounts for 2022 are attached with the Independent Examiner's Report which has been signed by Alan Green. These accounts were approved by the PCC (subject to Independent Examination) at its meeting on 7th March, 2023. A copy of the accounts with 'live' signatures is available on request.

I would like to draw attention to the following points:

- As is shown near the bottom of page 2 (left hand column) there was a General Fund deficit of £8,688 before gains and losses. This compares with a surplus of £3,019 in 2021.
 - General Fund income increased by £6,170 from £56,968 to £63,138.
 - However, General Fund expenditure increased by £17,877 from £53,949 to £71,826. Three significant reasons for this increase were the one off costs of replacing the churchyard lighting (£6,166), the increase in energy costs (£4,211) and the increase in Parish Share (£3,098).
- Also as is shown near the bottom of page 2 (second column from the left) there was a deficit on Designated Funds before gains and losses of £67,839. This represents expenditure to date on the Reordering project less VAT reclaimed through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme and a proportion of interest and investment income.
- Details of the funds held in bank and investment accounts are shown on page 3.
- The notes to the accounts are shown on pages 4 and 5 and these include in Note 6 the decision taken by the PCC during 2022 to review the breakdown of its total funds. As a result of that review an amount of £190,709 was transferred to a Designated Fund for future work on the church. The amount of that Designated Fund was reduced by the year end to £119,341 as a result of net expenditure on the Reordering Project.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Philip Gee

Treasurer

Vale and Cotswold Edge Team

St Peter and St Paul

Blockley with Aston Magna

Annual Accounts 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

To the members and trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Blockley with Aston Magna.

This report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees of the charity and the examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the examiner's responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to the Examiner's attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
* to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Name A.R. GREEN

Date 7/ MAY / 2023

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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, BLOCKLEY WITH ASTON MAGNA
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted	2022	2021
	General Funds	Designated Funds		TOTAL	TOTAL
INCOME					
Giving					
Parish Giving Scheme	£24,380			£24,380	£20,841
Other giving and donations	£12,175		£576	£12,751	£12,102
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	£5,308			£5,308	£4,687
Church activities					
Father Brown income from BBC	£5,300			£5,300	£10,650
Father Brown income from merchandise sales	£2,989			£2,989	£1,545
The Voice - subscriptions	£2,379			£2,379	£2,402
- advertising	£1,068			£1,068	£1,080
- funding for 2023			£950		£0
Legacy	£500			£500	£2,000
Parochial Fees income	£7,277			£7,277	£5,308
Concerts in church	£746			£746	£0
Donations for use of church	£120			£120	£168
Sundry income	£117		£132	£249	£238
Investment income					
Interest & investment income	£329	£792	£310	£1,431	£3,204
Income from extraordinary activities					
Grant re VAT refund		£16,100		£16,100	£2,965
Donations from the Brownes	£450			£450	£0
Appeal for Save the Children	£0			£0	£1,070
Total incoming resources	£63,138	£16,892	£1,968	£81,998	£68,260
EXPENDITURE					
Outward Giving					
Donations	-£2,780		-£366	-£3,146	-£1,020
Running expenses					
Parish Share	-£33,375			-£33,375	-£30,277
Minor repairs & routine maintenance	-£4,403			-£4,403	-£5,020
Replacement of churchyard lighting	-£6,166			-£6,166	£0
Clergy expenses	-£2,109			-£2,109	-£2,734
Heating & lighting	-£6,917			-£6,917	-£2,706
The Voice costs	-£5,307			-£5,307	-£2,770
Father Brown merchandise costs	-£921			-£921	-£823
Insurance	-£2,505			-£2,505	-£2,416
Altar supplies	-£513			-£513	-£118
Music costs	-£306			-£306	-£690
Administration costs	-£753			-£753	-£646
Flowers	-£207			-£207	-£178
Youth work costs	-£1,817			-£1,817	-£3,339
Sundry costs	-£3,747			-£3,747	-£2,232
	-£71,826		-£366	-£72,192	-£54,969
Extraordinary expenditure					
Refund of donation from Abacus (Automaton)				£0	-£1,500
Reordering project		-£84,731		-£84,731	-£27,083
Total resources expended	-£71,826	-£84,731	-£366	-£156,923	-£83,552
Deficit (-)/surplus before gains & losses					
Transfers between funds	-£8,688	-£67,839	£1,602	-£74,925	-£15,292
Net outgoing resources before gains	-£500	£0	£500	£0	£0
Losses (-)/Gains on investment assets	-£9,188	-£67,839	£2,102	-£74,925	-£15,292
	-£1,468	-£3,529	-£1,380	-£6,377	£9,206
Net movement in funds					
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022	-£10,656	-£71,368	£722	-£81,302	-£6,086
Prior year adjustment to funds	£95,088		£202,761	£297,849	£303,935
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	-£35,088	£190,709	-£155,621	£0	£0
	£49,344	£119,341	£47,862	£216,547	£297,849

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
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2022	2021
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Total funds are represented by:

Lloyds Treasurers' account
Lloyds Instant Saver
Lloyds re Voice
CBF Investment Fund (accumulated income units) at Market Value.
CBF Investment Fund (income units) at Market Value.
Skipton Building Society
United Bank Trust
Unbanked cash and cheques at 31st December

£61,676	£88,906
£1,571	£5,080
£8,928	£4,231
£41,759	£45,946
£16,496	£18,686
£0	£50,000
£85,000	£85,000
£1,117	£0
£216,547	£297,849

Accounts approved at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 7th March, 2023.

Sarah Brazier (Churchwarden)

Anne Packer (Churchwarden)

Philip Gee (Treasurer)

ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, BLOCKLEY WITH ASTON MAGNA

Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis and are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.
2. Father Brown merchandise has been sold again this year, mainly through Blockley Shop. Sales were again higher than the previous year mainly as a result of the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions. We continue to be grateful to Sam and his staff; the Shop receives part of the proceeds of each item sold.
3. The churchyard lighting was replaced during the year with LED fittings at a cost of £6,166. This will result in a substantial saving in future electricity costs.
4. The parish continued to pay an administrator who works with Dana one day a week.
5. The amount of £84,731 relates to further expenditure on the installation of a new heating system for the church. This relates to part of the ongoing major refurbishment scheme for the church.
6. Restricted funds are those raised explicitly for specific purposes such as for the maintenance, repair and improvement of the church and its contents and for funds resulting from special appeals. These funds can only be used for these purposes.

During the year the PCC reviewed the breakdown of its total funds of £297,849 as shown in the accounts for 2021. After that review it was agreed that, for reasons that are not entirely clear, some years ago a significant amount was incorrectly allocated from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds.

It was agreed that the correct allocation of the total funds of £297,849 as shown at 31st December, 2021 was:

Restricted Funds:

Chancel	31,259	
Robinson Organ	5,971	
Automaton	4,528	
Bells	332	
Reordering	5,000	
Charity collection (paid over in 2022)	<u>50</u>	47,140

Unrestricted Funds

250,709

£297,849

It was then agreed by the PCC that £190,709 should be transferred to a Designated Fund for future refurbishment work on the church leaving £60,000 to be carried forward as General Funds as at 1st January, 2022.

The prior year adjustment shown at the end of the Receipts and Payments account reflects the above adjustments to funds. After the financial activity during 2022, the allocation of funds at 31st December, 2022 is:

Restricted Funds:

Chancel	30,558	
Robinson Organ	6,350	
Bells	454	
Reordering	9,315	
The Voice (specific donations for 2023)	950	
Charity collection (paid over in 2023)	<u>235</u>	47,862

Designated Fund:

Future refurbishment work	119,341
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Unrestricted Funds

49,344

£216,547

Each year £500 is credited to the Organ Fund. This is a donation from Doreen Robinson in lieu of notional payments that she would receive for playing the organ in regular services.