

Annual Report of the Hanborough PCC 2023

1. RECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO 2023

2022-2023 has been the year in which we experienced the full annual cycle of in-person worship in our churches since Covid brought the shutting of our buildings for worship. As I look back on this year, and all the changes and challenges we have faced together, the thing which has struck me most is the outstanding kindness, grace, simple hard work, patience and joy of so many in our churches. And there is left a feeling in my heart of great hope for our Benefice – not for a moment to undermine or dismiss the struggles we have faced, and as builders together of the kingdom of God will continue to face – but I hope in what God is doing in answer to the prayers of so many. This hope for me has resonances with what Paul says in Romans 13:12: “the night is nearly over; the day is almost here”. I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard, so selflessly and with such Godly grace as partners in the gospel and “fellow workers in Christ Jesus”. One of the joys and blessings of working at Hanborough and Freeland is also sharing clergy ministry with others, and I want to thank Mike Madden – now Associate Rector – and Heather McCulloch, our curate since the summer, for their fellowship, prayer, wisdom, support and encouragement of me and to all across our Benefice.

As well as thanking our Mike and Heather, my thanks rightly goes also to our churchwardens for all of their hard work, lovingkindness and support. Our churchwardens are a very important and outstanding asset to the life of our churches, and I give great thanks for all they have done. I also want to give great thanks to our Area Leads: Alice Harden (youth and children); Julian Soanes (facilities and communication projects); Steven Young (music); Mike Madden (small groups); Heather McCulloch (pastoral care); and now Mands Stewart (prayer). Their oversight of different areas of church life has been a real blessing to us all.

Here is a flavour of what's been happening in our churches over the last 12 months: Continuing baptisms, weddings and funerals. Upgrading of audiovisual systems in our churches. A new carpet at Christ Church. Very encouraging growth in house group attendance. Continuing preaching team sessions with our excellent team of preachers and teachers of God's word. Continuing assemblies in the schools of the Benefice, together with the “Prayer Shack” at Freeland; continuing use of the old doctor's surgery for youth and children's work at Christ Church, and encouraging growth in youth and children's work at St Mary's, many visits from our schools to our church buildings, and the launch of a regular youth social in the Benefice. Continuing our series of traditional Choral Evensong, including both St Peter and St Paul and St Mary's. The joy of seeing so many musicians helping us worship God in songs of praise Sunday to Sunday and beyond. The incredible work of our treasurers Wendy Bayliss and Melanie McGregor. Alpha course at the Rectory. Huge numbers attending on Remembrance Sunday. Visits from missionary speakers to our services and other events. Regular prayer sessions for the Ukraine following the Russian invasion. Prayer walks and socials afterwards. Seeing hundreds of people come through our churches at a very wide range of Christmas events, and also our Light Events at the end of October. And so many enjoyable social

events, including Shrove Tuesday pancake socials, beer and curry evenings, Alpha away day, quiz evenings, excellent Limelight Drama group productions, celebrations and service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the ordination of Heather McCulloch at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. Tea and Cake at the Rectory, Mulled Wine and Nibbles at the Rectory, and even working parties at the churches (hard work but still social!). Many from our churches involved in the wonderful Hanborough fireworks. And, most lately, the Beer Festival at St Peter and St Paul which made well over £2500 for the Benefice and saw over 700 people come through the doors on the day! This is indeed just a flavour – much more happens in our churches both formally and informally within our fellowship.

Of course, we cannot forget in our memories of 2022 the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and it was a very special thing to be able to hold the service of praise and thanksgiving attended by so many in our local community to remember Her Majesty and give thanks to God for her life and reign.

Behind this long list of things is of course a long list of people: dear brothers and sisters in Christ devoted to humbly serving the Lord and each other in love. Thank you, every single one of you, for all that you have done and continue to do to bless us at Hanborough and Freeland.

Thanks to my dear children, who are so patient with a dad whose busyness so often divides his time and not always well. Thanks to my amazing wife Mands, who is a supporting rock, a woman of deep faith and love for the Lord, who loves, encourages, corrects and so often teaches me when I have ears to listen! Remember my family too in your prayers, please.

And finally, as we work our way through 1 Corinthians together across the Benefice, perhaps this word which is spoken to me is a word in season from the Lord to us all: Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). Do this, and who knows what wonders and blessings God has in store for us in the year to come!

With my prayers for us all, and with much love in Christ Jesus,
Steve

Rev Steve Stewart, Rector of Hanborough and Freeland, May 2023

2. AIM AND PURPOSES

Hanborough PCC is responsible for working with the Rector to promote the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has met four times since the last APCM, with attendance ranging between 72% and 100%. Minutes from the committees, and reports of other meetings were received and responded to as necessary.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship Jesus in our Parish of Hanborough. The PCC has an overview of the worship throughout the parish.

All services and worship in the parish seek to nurture faith through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. This is done when planning activities for the year, having consideration for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, teaching and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, as well as services for special occasions and providing help to those in need.

We are grateful for all the services provided by our clergy (Steve, Mike and Heather) and our retired clergy. It is also good to have many other members of our churches taking leading roles. In order to facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Church Hanborough, and Christ Church in Long Hanborough.

4. THE LIFE AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH:

4.1. Sunday services

One of the key changes in 2022 regarding our service patterns since lockdown has been the arrival of Rev Heather McCulloch as our curate to complement the work of all others who lead worship services at Hanborough and Freeland – both clergy and laity. We continue to enjoy also our Whole-Benefice worship services which remain well-attended. It is wonderful to have such a broad variety of preachers at Hanborough and Freeland (over a dozen at the last count), who proclaim God's word so faithfully Sunday by Sunday.

Hanborough and Freeland is blessed with a great number of gifted musicians (both vocalists and instrumentalists) to lead praise in our services. Of course, worship services do not happen simply because there is somebody there to lead and preach, but also because of the work of many in the background from youth and children's work to audiovisual set up, Bible readers, intercessors, and many more ministries besides, and we give great thanks to God for each one of you.

2022 saw the end of the 8:30 AM worship services at St Mary's, but we are pleased to say that we have also seen accompanying growth in the 10 AM services at St Mary's. Heather's arrival has meant that we have also been able to (for the most part) resource three communions per month at St Peter and St Paul, while the ministry of many at Christ Church in resourcing Sunday by Sunday 10 AM worship services.

4.2. Area - Youth and children

First Steps, Hanborough and Freeland Church's Baby and Toddler group, has now been operating in its current format at Christ Church for a year. The group takes place on a Wednesday morning and is run by a team from across the Benefice. As well as free play and activities, refreshments and song time, each session includes a Bible story. First Steps has seen numbers increase significantly over the past year. The average attendance in 2023 so far has been 26 children (18 families/childminders) per week compared to 17 children (13 families/childminders) per week in 2022.

It has been encouraging to see families from First Steps come along to other events run by Hanborough and Freeland Churches, such as the Light Parties and Carols on the Green, and to also see a few come along to Sunday services. At the First Steps Christmas party, we handed out a book to each child to take home which explained the Nativity story and its relevance to us.

Youth and Children's groups continued to run weekly in the surgery through the spring and summer term of 2022. From Autumn 2022 some families from Freeland committed to St Mary's church resulting in a change in requirements for the provision at Christ Church. Youth sessions have continued to run weekly as required, emphasis of children's ministry has shifted to the creche. A local team has formed to pray for and provide for this age group.

Partly in response to the shift in where people attend church and to allow friendships to develop across the churches, two Benefice wide initiatives have started approximately on a fortnightly and half termly basis. "Youth time" (now renamed Hitchhikers), a Sunday evening time of games, fellowship, snacks and a short Bible thought which has proved hugely popular for those at secondary school. "Monday Mischief", a tea time group for primary school aged children to include games, Bible teaching and sharing a meal together.

The back of Christ Church has been adapted to be more welcoming to parents and their young children in the services.

A light party was hosted at Christ Church to provide a positive witness to the community on Halloween. Thanks to the volunteers who organised a very well-received event and who provided a positive alternative to many of the Halloween customs.

4.3 Area – Music

Music for services in the parish has continued this year. There are organists for the services at Ss. Peter and Paul, Church Hanborough and musicians for the worship band at Christ Church. The rota for Church Hanborough is coordinated by Steven Young and musicians at Christ Church are organised by Simon Yates. The occasional choir for choral evensong, Exultate Justi is run by Sinead and Matt Andrews and evensong happens in both Ss. Peter and Paul and at St. Mary's in Freeland. Musicians from across the parish (and Benefice) contributed to music for Carols on the Green and Christmas Unwrapped, as well as to Benefice services on 5th Sundays through the year.

Thanks to all the musicians who contribute to the music for worship in the parish/Benefice.

Sing a new song to the Lord, play skilfully and shout for joy!

4.4 Area – Facilities and Communications projects

Communications – the website is up to date and I (Julian) will be looking to do a refresh of the site in the summer. It would be great to have new pictures especially of people within all our Churches rather than buildings. I try and scan the Church Suite diary for

external events for the what's on page, but if anyone has a specific event, they want posting, then please feel free to message me.

Projects – there have been no requests for projects from the Hanborough parish.

4.5 Area – Home groups and small groups

We currently host several home groups of various types and sizes across the three villages, which meet in people's homes and online and are attended by members from all three of our churches.. The following is a brief description of the groups that currently meet across our Benefice.

The Harden home group has continued to meet weekly during term time on Tuesday evenings to share fellowship, study God's Word and to pray for one another and the wider community. The group meets in person, rotating around group members houses as people wish and as is practical. Study series in the last year have included Mark, 1 Samuel and Psalms.

Rob and Alison Feast coordinate a home group of eleven people which meets on a Tuesday evening at 8pm. The evening begins with time to catch up over coffee, cake and biscuits, before looking at God's word and concluding with a time of prayer. They are currently looking at 'Embracing Justice', the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2022 and prior to that the group looked at John Mark Comer's series on the Sabbath.

Nigel and Sarah Knights Johnson's home group meets on Wednesday evenings at 8pm at various locations, three times a month for Bible study, prayer, coffee and tea and chat. The group are currently studying Proverbs and enjoying it. All is going well, though meeting up has been slightly disrupted for various reasons lately. The group enjoys the presence of little Nancy very much when Nelli and Benjamin are able to come!

Pam Berry hosts an online home group that currently consists of six members and meets fortnightly online via Zoom for an hour of Bible study, closing with prayer for one another. It focuses primarily on exegesis and has recently studied Hebrews and Lamentations.

Mike and Mandy Madden lead a home group that meets on alternate Wednesday nights at 8pm in members' homes in either Freeland or Church Hanborough. The group are currently studying Hebrews, aspire to be a place where members can study the Bible, pray, worship, support one another, reach out to others and eat cake!

The Open House Group is a new initiative started by Mandy Stewart and Heather McCulloch. It currently meets at 10.30am on Tuesdays in the Taunton Room at St Marys. It is open to anyone and everyone with a focus on prayer and discipleship. Over the months the group has quietly grown in both numbers and its heart for prayer.

As you can see from the above, there are a variety of home groups attended by people from across the Benefice. Our vision for our home groups is for them all to be a place of safety where we can study the Bible, pray, support one another, have fellowship and

fun. All our groups are open to new members, from all of our churches and beyond. If anyone would like to join a group, please contact Rev Mike Madden.

4.6 Prayer in the churches

The monthly Benefice prayer meetings have continued apace and regularly. There has been no month so far when the meeting has not happened. The numbers attending has diminished somewhat markedly in the last six months especially and it appears that some former 'regulars', and most 'irregulars' no longer attend, but the sense of powerful intercession continues.

The Open House Prayer Group started in September, meeting weekly in the Taunton Rm, at St Mary's Church. We have grown to eleven people who have a heart for Freeland and the surrounding villages. We enjoy fellowship, worship and praying for God's love, mercy and grace to be poured out on Freeland and the surrounding villages. We are also currently working through The Calvary Rd by Roy Hession.

In the summer we had three prayer walks to pray for Freeland, Long Hanborough and Church Hanborough. It was great to be able to pray for our Churches, pubs, schools, GP surgery, playgrounds and houses that we walked past, particularly asking for God's Kingdom to come here on earth.

It has been a privilege to meet via Zoom and pray for the Alpha course as it has been running week by week. We also had a few more people praying from their homes. Thank you to all those faithful prayer warriors who prayed.

4.7 Finances – Treasurer's Report

In the year to 31st December 2022 total income was £109,138 which is 1.5% down on the previous year, but, even with increased expenditure of £99,304, still resulted in an increase of funds of £9,834. The surplus is split with £13,271 more held in unrestricted funds and £3,437 less in the restricted funds. Unrestricted income was £97,934 against £97,325 in 2021, so a slight increase of £609. Unrestricted expenditure of £84,663 was slightly higher than 2021 which was £82,195.

Restricted income received was £11,204 which included monies in from insurance towards the cost of the works at St Peter and St Paul. The PCC designated fund to build up monies to help offset current and future building costs called the Quinquennial Fund has increased this year to £17,018. A full breakdown of income and expenditure for the restricted funds held is shown under note 4. Much of the expenditure is comparable to previous year with the parish share of £46,270 (slightly less than previous year) continuing to be by far the largest, most significant expenditure, and the second being our donations to missions and charities £9,394 from unrestricted and £2,113 to James Berry from the restricted fund which is now closed. Building costs were slightly higher than in the previous year. A full breakdown of the missions and charities donations is found under note 3. Note 4 shows the breakdown of our total funds at the end of 2022 totalling £108,627 which are split as follows - Restricted Funds - £21,724 Designated Funds - £17,018 and Unrestricted Funds - £69,885.

As usual I would like to thank you to everyone who gives so generously with special thanks to Hazel Bowman and Clive Berry for their assistance in financial matters and to Andrew Gower for carrying out the Independent Audit of the Accounts.

4.8 Alpha course

We have just concluded 10 weeks of Alpha in person in Hanborough (open to the whole Benefice). The final meeting was on Monday 20th March. We plan to have a reunion meal in a month or so and to invite the guests to try out some of our Home Groups, please look out for them and make them feel welcome. We had three guests who have journeyed together with our team of four. Each has made steps on their own personal journey towards Jesus. They have clearly appreciated the course and have talked of those they would like to bring to the next course. The Holy Spirit evening had a significant impact on them.

4.9 Pastoral care in the parish

Having finalised the role description for pastoral care, my (Heather McCulloch) next steps will include identifying a small number of people in each congregation to act as church pastors. These people will help identify needs, for example that someone has not been in church for a while, or there has been a significant family event, or sickness etc. The intention is to help the clergy team make sure that people are not slipping through the net unseen and that we are able to visit people, pray with them, or highlight needs to their home group leaders.

Pastoral care is part of what we all do naturally, and the everyday work of the clergy team regularly involves pastoral care. Pastoral care is not something that one person 'does' for everyone else, but my hope in overseeing it, is to help us all to think about how we can have helpful conversations and pray with others. Good pastoral care involves knowing when and how to signpost people to further help appropriately, as well as an awareness of safeguarding issues. These are things I want to gently inform or remind all of us of so that we feel equipped to love and serve one another well. I have had limited time to develop teams due to other parish commitments, but have begun to meet with some individuals. This will be on-going and develop further after Easter.

4.10 School's work

The Rector continues to prepare the rotas for local clergy to maintain a week-by-week pattern of services in both Hanborough Manor School and Freeland School. As well as providing assemblies, the Benefice engages with the schools through regular services, visits and festivals.

The "Prayer Shack" at Freeland school continues under the leadership of Mandy Cripps. One area in which it would be great to see further involvement from Hanborough and Freeland Benefice is provision of school governors to both Freeland and Hanborough Manor schools.

4.11 Supporting Ecumenical Relationships

Anglican and Methodist ministers continued to work closely together meeting regularly with Father Martin from the Catholic Church. Annually, the service for Remembrance Sunday is shared, alternating between the Methodist and Anglican Church when the church welcomes the local uniformed organizations before processing to the War Memorial for the two minutes silence. Remembrance Sunday this year was attended by some 300 people in all. Both the Platinum Jubilee and the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II also provided opportunity for ecumenical work. Also Carols on the Green were organised jointly.

Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic ministers have also taken the opportunity to share lunch together on a couple of occasions this year, sharing thoughts and ideas for the area. Also, in our house and prayer groups, there are some members from other local churches.

4.12 Weddings, baptisms, and funerals

Since the coronavirus pandemic, we have begun to see a rise in the number of weddings and funerals being taken in the Benefice.

In Hanborough parish in 2022, there were 7 weddings (up on just 2 from last year), 2 baptisms and 19 funerals (up on 7 from last year), 1 memorial service and 2 interments of ashes taken. Each provides a not insignificant pastoral and mission opportunity. We are grateful to all the ministers across the Benefice who serve these occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

4.13 Supporting mission in the U.K. and overseas

The Designated Mission and Charities Fund is calculated as 10% of the previous years unrestricted income under note 2a of the accounts. Of this money 80% is allocated equally between seven charities Church Mission Society, Innovista, J Abu Bakker, Open Doors, Salvation Army, The Besom and The Porch. The remaining 20% is discussed and donated by the PCC.

3. MISSIONS AND CHARITIES				2022		2021	
				£		£	
WORLDWIDE							
	Church Mission Society			1,074		883	
	Innovista			1,074		883	
	J Abu Bakker Christian School India			1,074		883	
	Open Doors			1,074		883	
	James Berry (Fund now closed)			2,113		6,000	
	TAFTEE					2,795	
	Arise			879			
	Pakistan Flood Relief			1,000			
NATIONAL							
	Salvation Army			1,073		883	
LOCAL							
	The Besom			1,073		884	
	The Porch			1,073		884	
TOTAL				11,507		14,978	

In 2022 the Missions and Charities Designated Fund was £9394 – 80% split across the seven charities mentioned above being £7515, so £268.40 paid each quarter by standing order to each of them. The remaining 20% of £1879 was allocated to Pakistan Flood Relief of £1000 and £879 to Arise for their conference fund to sponsor a place for woman unable to pay. The remainder of the restricted fund for the work of James Berry of £2113 was sent and this restricted fund is now closed.

Going forward in 2023 the Missions and Charities Designated Fund is £8818 , so 80% for the usual seven charities will mean they will receive £1008 each and the balance of £1763 is available for the PCC to decide upon the recipient(s) in due course.

4.14 Structure, Governance and Management: Administrative Information

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parish and Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Description of role	Name
Incumbent (Rector):	Rev Steve Stewart
Associate Rector:	Rev Mike Madden
Curate (from September 2022)	Rev Heather McCulloch
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mr Clive Berry
Elected members:	
Churchwarden:	Mr Clive Berry
Representative on Deanery Synod:	Mr Steven Young
Elected Members:	Mrs Amanda Madden
	Mrs Liz Whittle
	Mr Richard Wilkins
	Mr Tom Harden
	Mr Simon Gundry
Appointments by the PCC:	
Vice chair:	Rev Mike Madden
Treasurer:	Mrs Wendy Bayliss (co-opted)
Secretary:	Mrs Pam Berry (co-opted)

4.15 Committees

- i) Standing Committee – The functions of the Standing Committee have been carried out by the clergy and wardens who have met every 3-4 weeks. (Church Representation Rules M.31).
- ii) Christ Church Serving Team– this team was set up in June 2021 in order to ensure that the practicalities (e.g., rotas, unlocking, audiovisual, music, hospitality) required for reopening Christ Church for regular 10 AM Sunday worship were catered for. This team met monthly and proved a great blessing to the development of Sunday worship at Christ Church. In summer of 2022 the Christ Church Serving Team was superseded by the Christ Church Vision Group, which covered the same areas of practical church life, but also took on the role given it by the PCC to look at the “vision ...and mission of needs of Christ Church in any given season”, and to “serve, help fulfil, and shape the mission and vision of Christ Church”.

4.16 PCC Meetings

Items for PCC discussion (many of which are covered more fully elsewhere in this report), have included: the results of the questionnaire on patterns of services and response to them, maintenance of and repairs to St. Peter and St. Paul, enhancing the infrastructure for services at Christ Church and youth work provision and space once we do not have access to the old Surgery.

4.17 Electoral Roll Report

There are 73 people on the Electoral Roll, with two additions from last year and nine removals.

4.18 Others who serve in various ministries

With the exception of our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart, our Curate, Heather McCulloch, the Benefice Administrator and our organist and church cleaners, all the other people who minister and serve the churches, including our Associate Rector Rev. Mike Madden, work in a voluntary capacity. The PCC is very grateful to all these people who work in so many different ways to enable the mission of the church.

4.19 Churchwarden's report

St Peter and St Paul

Services at St Peter and St Paul have continued at 10am every Sunday. Initially there were two services of Holy Communion and two services of Morning Prayer per month. From September 2022, the pattern of services has changed to three services of Holy Communion and one Service of the Word per month. Although small, attendance is slowly growing. Christmas was celebrated with a midnight service of communion on Christmas Eve and communion with carols on Christmas Day. The Church Hanborough Beer Festival took place at St Peter and St Paul in February 2023 and was a great success.

Both churches have had a Quinquennial Inspection, with the reports showing relatively minor items need attention at Christ Church and potentially more significant ones at St. Peter and St. Paul. During the last year at St. Peter and St. Paul, heating work and repair of the floor has been completed with the costs covered by our insurance and the contingency building fund. The 5 year Electrical inspection has taken place and all remedial work completed. Other essential maintenance has included servicing the boiler and the lightning conductor and clearing the gutters.

Christ Church

At Christ Church services have continued to be held weekly at 10 a.m., with Communion once a month. There have also been two lunches, one to learn about the work of Innovista and the other to hear about the Christ Church Vision Group has been discussing and to get feedback on this and other ideas for going forward.

Broadband has been installed and the audio visual equipment upgraded to improve the sound system and projection facilities. To address the flooring problems carpet tiles have been laid. These have been appreciated by many, including First Steps. A faculty for an external power supply socket for use for outside activities such as the light party and Christmas lights is being applied for.

4.20 Occasional Festivals

A Service of Prayer and Praise upon the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held at St. Peter and St. Paul. Also, a book of condolence was made available for people to sign. This year the joint Remembrance Sunday service was held at the Methodist Church, Long Hanborough. A carol service for the village, "Christmas Unwrapped" was held at Christ Church. Also, in conjunction with the Methodists, we held a carol service round the Christmas tree in Hurdeswell.

4.21 Church Flowers

It has very much been a one/two-man band for the flower arranging at St Peter and Paul as I (Denise Parrott) have tried to keep fresh flowers in the church, when appropriate in the church calendar. A big thank you to Gill Hunt who has stepped in when I was not available. Thank you also to other members of the congregation who have helped out at festival times.

I was asked to do a flower arrangement, on behalf of the Benefice, at the Methodist Church celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne in June. I also arranged flowers in the Parish Church for the special service, following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth in September. Thank you for the generous donation given towards the flowers.

We were not asked to arrange any wedding flowers in church in 2022, but I was asked to do a pedestal arrangement for the memorial service of Christopher Aitchison. If you would like to help out with flowers at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me (Denise Parrott) on 01993881192.

4.22 Sacristans Report

St. Peter and St. Paul

Covid 19 is still around so care is taken to ensure that all the Holy Communion vessels are sterilized after each use before being carefully stored away. All Holy Communion altar linen is washed and ironed after every use and altar cloths are washed and ironed regularly. All altar linen is in good repair. Altar frontals are changed according to the liturgical season and all are in good repair.

Holy Communion wafers, both gluten and gluten free wafers and the Priest's wafers are obtained from the Community of St Clare, Freeland and hopefully sufficient Holy Communion wine for the year is already purchased.

Christ Church

All the Holy Communion vessels are thoroughly washed after each use before being carefully stored away. All Holy Communion altar linen and altar cloths are washed and ironed regularly. All altar linen is in good repair. Altar frontals are changed according to the liturgical season and all are in good repair. A gluten-free roll is used for Communion.

4.23 Annual Safeguarding Report for the Benefice of Hanborough

An important change is taking place across the Church of England, and impacting our own Benefice. The issue of Safeguarding is no longer an ad hoc matter left to Sunday

School teachers and concerned parents; it has now become an issue at the centre of church activities, and needs to be a part of everything we do as a body of believers here in Hanborough and Freeland. Through Safeguarding we are seeking to ensure that everyone who comes into contact with the church is valued and cared for, and those who are vulnerable for whatever reason are protected from risk of abuse. This means that anyone who has a role in church leadership, such as PCC or leading a home group, should expect to take part in Safeguarding Training, in the same way as all those who work with children and vulnerable adults expect to undergo a DBS check and training.

The PCC is committed to the Safeguarding Policy provided by the Diocese “Promoting a Safer Church”. A copy of this is available from the Parish Safeguarding Officer at any time. The PCC has recently re-affirmed its commitment to the Safeguarding Action Plan, through which the various aspects of the policy are worked out and monitored. In the Parish of Hanborough, the following DBS checks and training have been completed:

	Number of people with role requiring DBS/Training	Number of people complying
DBS Check	17	17
Safeguarding Training	25	20

The above numbers exclude members of the clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and those with Permission to Officiate (as their checks and training is managed from the Diocese). They include anyone else living in Hanborough or mainly worshipping at Christ Church or St Peter and St Paul.

Compliance means that someone has had a DBS check and correct level of training within last three years. Reasons for non-compliance are usually because the process is underway, and can take time to complete. Those with overall leadership of any Children and Young People’s work are notified who is fully compliant.

DBS checks are required by anyone volunteering or working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding Training is required by these people and members of PCC, Churchwardens, Housegroup Leaders, Area Leads, and anyone else regularly upfront in church.

4.24 Deanery Synod Annual Report 2022 – Stephanie Lacey, Deanery Synod Lay Chair *Deanery synod meetings*

We have had three meetings of the synod since the last APCM. All of these meetings were preceded by a short act of worship, which helped us to focus on God’s love and the work of the church in the deanery. In June Revd Jeremy Auld presented Bishop Steven’s address on climate change, given at the Diocesan Synod earlier in the month. We also had an update from Revd Dr Andrew Atherstone on General Synod matters. In November we welcomed Matt Bodinham, the chaplaincy team leader at the Marlborough CE School, Woodstock. Matt spoke about his work in the school. Currently this is partly funded by a diocesan grant, which will run out this year. We were asked

whether any parishes who send students to the Marlborough School would think about contributing to financing this post. In March we met at Stonesfield where Charles Chadwick, our Parish Development Adviser, led small groups in discussing the key issues that should be included in our deanery mission action plan. This is due to be presented to the Mission and Pastoral Committee this summer.

Comings and goings

In September, Judy French, our Archdeacon retired and some of us attended her farewell service in Dorchester Abbey. We are very pleased to report that our former Area Dean, David Tyler, has been appointed as our new Archdeacon. His collation was at Christ Church on Saturday 18 March at the 6.00pm Evensong service. David was formerly acting Archdeacon, having been Assistant Archdeacon to Judy French before then.

Other matters

We still have two Benefices in vacancy: Steeple Aston, North Aston and Tackley, and Wootton, Glympton and Kiddington. These posts are being advertised currently and we hope to appoint before Easter. We had a successful Winter Bash in January when Deanery Synod reps and church officers had the opportunity to meet together to celebrate Burns night. Deanery Synod reps are due for re-election this year.

HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER :

1183002

RECTOR

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TREASURER:

WENDY BAYLISS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

ANDREW GOWER

BANKERS:

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HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

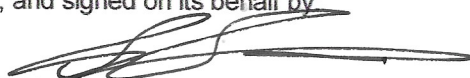
		Unrestricted	Restricted/ Designate	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2a	88,180	11,189	99,369	107,424
Activities for generating funds	2b	9,393	-	9,393	3,367
Investing activities		361	15	376	15
Total incoming resources		97,934	11,204	109,138	110,806
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish Share		46,270		46,270	47,361
Utilities	Peter & Paul	2,977		2,977	3,749
	Christ Church	2,772		2,772	1,617
Buildings costs	Peter & Paul		6,270	6,270	5,098
	Christ Church		857	857	836
Insurance	Peter & Paul	3,595		3,595	3,373
	Christ Church	876		876	978
Missions and charities	3	9,394	2,113	11,507	14,978
Gifts & Donations			1,885	1,885	1,641
Rector's expenses		2,099	300	2,399	1,985
Other ministers' expenses		1,090		1,090	338
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Stationery, Printing & Postage		910		910	369
Equipment		457		457	358
Young People's Ministry			649	649	576
Salaries	Organist	1,300		1,300	-
	Admin	4,433		4,433	2,249
Copyright licence fee		614		614	585
Sundry expenses:	Fees	3,579		3,579	1,253
	Miscellaneous	4,087	1,628	5,715	2,559
	PCC events	210		210	166
	First Steps 2c		939	939	-
Total resources used		84,663	14,641	99,304	90,069
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		13,271	- 3,437	9,834	20,737
Funds at 1 January		66,614	32,179	98,793	78,056
Funds at 31 December		79,885	28,742	108,627	98,793

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BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted	Restricted/ Designated	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Central Board of Finance	17,570	1,465	19,035	18,788
Debtors	15,146	852	15,998	15,709
Bank balances	51,378	26,589	77,967	66,084
Petty Cash		13	13	-
	<u>84,094</u>	<u>28,919</u>	<u>113,013</u>	<u>100,581</u>
Current liabilities				
Creditors	- 4,209	- 177	- 4,386	- 1,788
	<u>79,885</u>	<u>28,742</u>	<u>108,627</u>	<u>98,793</u>

These accounts were approved by the P.C.C. on
for presentation to the A.P.C.M., and signed on its behalf by:



REV. S. STEWART 27-3-2023

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the SORP 2015 on "Accounting and reporting by Charities" and the following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

(a) Donations and Charitable Grant income

Donated income without conditions attached, including that gifted under gift aid, is taken into account when received by the PCC. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to the HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax not yet reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs is shown within the PCC's debtors.

(b) Restricted and unrestricted funds

Restricted funds are those received for use on specified purposes. Expenditure which meets those criteria is allocated to that fund. Unrestricted funds are those received or generated that can be used for the general purposes of the PCC.

(c) Income and other expenditure

Interest income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure when incurred by the PCC, regardless of when payment is made.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

(a) Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Direct to bank	68,457	9,610	78,067	84,317
Envelopes	1,529		1,529	837
Collections and wall safes	1,088		1,088	900
Donations/Grants received	1,960		1,960	353
First Steps		847	847	4,000
Tax recoveries	15,146	732	15,878	17,017
	<u>88,180</u>	<u>11,189</u>	<u>99,369</u>	<u>107,424</u>

(b) Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Church lettings & land	930		930	400
Fees	6,903		6,903	2,967
Beer Festival	1,560		1,560	-
	<u>9,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,393</u>	<u>3,367</u>

(c) First Steps breakdown

	2022	2021
Donations (in 2a above)	847	
Tax recovery (in 2a above)	110	
Expenses	<u>-939</u>	<u>-</u>
Net surplus (loss)	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>

(d) Employee Emoluments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	1,300	
Wages	4,433	2,249
	<u>5,733</u>	<u>2,249</u>
Average No of employees:	2	2

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3. MISSIONS AND CHARITIES		2022	2021
		£	£
WORLDWIDE			
	Church Mission Society	1,074	883
	Innovista	1,074	883
	J Abu Bakker Christian School India	1,074	883
	Open Doors	1,074	883
	James Berry (Fund now closed)	2,113	6,000
	TAFTEE		2,795
	Arise	879	
	Pakistan Flood Relief	1,000	
NATIONAL			
	Salvation Army	1,073	883
LOCAL			
	The Besom	1,073	884
	The Porch	1,073	884
TOTAL		11,507	14,978

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4. DESIGNATED FUNDS, UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

Note	1 January 2022	Income	Transfers	Expenditure	31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds:					
Benchseat memorial	2,000			1,628	372
Churchyard	903	25			928
Ducker Bequest	254	4			258
First Steps	-	957		939	18
Holiday Club/Children Ministry	1,825	1		649	1,177
James Berry	1,063	1,050		2,113	-
Ministry Fund	5,344	2,987			8,331
Nepal Fund	4,721				4,721
Rector's Discretionary Fund	6,069	150		300	5,919
St Peter & Pauls Building Fund	-	4,145		4,145	-
Gifts & Donations	-	1,885		1,885	-
Total Restricted Funds	22,179	11,204	-	11,659	21,724
Designated Quinquennial Building Fund	10,000		10,000	2,982	17,018
Other unrestricted fund	66,614	97,934	- 10,000	84,663	69,885
Total Combined	98,793	109,138	-	99,304	108,627

The benchseat memorial is restricted funds from a legacy for the benchseat sited at Christ Church

The Churchyard Fund comprises capital of £500 & accumulated income after expenditures of £428 held in Trust by the Rector and Churchwardens. The accumulated income is to be used to keep the graveyard of Christ Church in good order and repair the graves and gravestones of F G and A Thompson, E H, A E and AL Jakeman and to keep the lettering thereon legible and to have the lettering recut from time to time.

The Ducker Bequest Fund is to be used for the Sanctuary at the Parish Church.

The Holiday Club Fund is to be used for children's ministry within the parish

The James Berry Fund is a restricted fund of donations given to support James - now closed

The Ministry Fund is a restricted fund towards ministry and/or curate costs.

The Nepal fund is giving towards cost of an operation for a young girl in Nepal.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is able to be used at the Rector's discretion to assist him in his work.

The St Peter & St Paul building fund is monies received toward building costs at this church inc insurance claim

Gifts & Donations are restricted funds received towards gifts and donations to specific people & paid out in 2022.

Designated Quinquennial Fund for annual building costs with an aim to build up the fund for future repairs.

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As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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- * follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act : and
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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